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## **Thailand**

### **Rice Price - Weekly**

#### **Weekly Rice Price Update**

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**Report Highlights:**

TH4023 – Domestic and export prices declined 1-2 percent due to sales from government rice stocks and new supplies from off-season rice production. Also, the government will issue another two tenders of around 0.5 million metric tons via Thailand's futures exchange this month.

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**Table 1: Export Prices (FOB) for various grades of Thai rice (USD/MT), Week ending March 11, 2014**

Quality	Exporter Observations							Period Average	
	=1	=2	=3	=4	=5	=6	=7	CUR.	PRV
FWR 100 B	950	-	990	-	990	965	-	974	983
WR 100 B	445	-	430	-	400	400	430	421	427
PB 100%	455	-	455	-	435	430	450	445	455
PB 5%	450	-	450	-	430	425	445	440	450
WR 5%	435	-	410	-	385	390	410	406	412
WR 10%	-	-	-	-	-	385	-	385	385
WR 15%	-	-	-	-	-	380	-	380	380
WR 25%	-	-	-	-	-	365	-	365	365
WR 35%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
A1 SUP	-	-	-	-	310	320	-	315	315
A1 SPEC	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Exchange rate: 32.0 baht U.S.\$

Source: Average actual prices received from exporters

Domestic and export prices declined 1 – 2 percent from the previous week due to sales from government rice stocks and new supplies from off-season rice production. On March 10, 2014 the government conducted a tender of 517,654 metric tons of white rice and fragrant rice, of which around 60 percent are rice stocks of the MY2013/14 Main-Crop Rice Paddy Pledging Program (Table 2). Thirty eight traders reportedly participated in the tender. Five of them are large rice exporters and the remainders are rice millers. The bids have not been finalized yet. Also, the government plans to issue additional tenders for white and fragrant rice of 244,454 metric tons on March 12, and approximately 247,000 metric tons on March 26, through the Agricultural Futures Exchange of Thailand (AFET). The revenues will be provided to the Bank for Agricultural and Agricultural Cooperatives (BAAC) to finance the MY2013/14 Main-Crop Rice Paddy Pledging Program. Meanwhile, the current MY2013/14 Off-Season Rice Paddy Pledging Program (March 1 – September 30, 2014) has been suspended due to limited financial resources. The uncertainties of the program resulted in a sharp reduction of current domestic prices for the off-season rice paddy production which is now coming into the market.

**Table 2: Tender of Government Rice Stocks on March 10, 2014**

Quality	MY2011/12	MY2012/13	MY2013/14	Total
Fragrant Rice (100 B grade)	12,795	2,786	98,871	114,452
Provincial Fragrant Rice	-	-	27,060	27,060
Prathumthani Fragrant Rice	6,811	47	-	6,857
Glutinous Rice (10% grade)	-	-	-	-
Broken Fragrant Rice	-	-	-	-
Broken Provincial Fragrant Rice	-	-	-	-
Broken Prathumthani Fragrant Rice	-	-	-	-
Broken White Rice (A1 Super grade)	27,362	57,679	-	85,041
White Rice (5% grade)	41,792	74,128	168,323	284,243
<b>Total</b>	<b>88,760</b>	<b>134,640</b>	<b>294,254</b>	<b>517,654</b>

Source: Department of Foreign Trade, Ministry of Commerce

As of March 9, 2014, the government has reportedly received approximately 11.6 million metric tons of main-crop rice paddy (7.7 million metric milled equivalent – Table 3) under the MY2013/14 Main-Crop Rice Paddy Pledging Program. The BAAC has reportedly paid approximately 69 billion baht (\$2.2 billion) in loans to 0.6 million rice farm households. The program is being financed through the revenue generated from the sales of government rice stocks.

**Table 3: Results of the MY2013/14 Paddy Pledging Program (Main Crop: October 1, 2013 - February 28, 2014), as of March 9, 2014**

Region	Number of Farmers (Million)	Amount of Rice Paddy (Million Metric Ton)					
		Fragrant Rice			White Rice	Glutinous Rice	Total
		Homali	Provincial	Pathumthani			
North	0.6	0.4	0.4	0.0	3.6	0.4	4.8
Northeast	1.0	3.3	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.2	3.7
Central Plain	0.3	0.0	0.1	0.1	3.0	0.0	3.2
South	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>3.7</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>6.8</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>11.6</b>

Source: Ministry of Commerce

### Rice Export Update

Unofficial rice exports (excluding premium white rice and fragrant rice) for March 3-9, 2014 totaled 62,847 metric tons, down 20,764 metric tons from the previous week and down 9,592 metric tons from the four-week moving average of 72,439 metric tons (Table 4). Rice exports from January 1 – March 9, 2014 totaled 610,858 metric tons, down 28 percent from 847,263 metric tons in the same period last year.

According to the Thai Custom Department, the official rice exports in January 2014 totaled 696,558 metric tons, up significantly 20 percent from the same period last year due to an increase in white and parboiled rice exports.

**Table 4: Weekly rice exports (excluding fragrant rice)**

WEEK ENDING	QUANTITY	4-WK AVG	YEAR TO DATE	YEAR AGO	YEAR TO DATE AS % OF LAST YEAR
	(MT)	(MT)	(TMT)	(TMT)	(%)
Dec 31, 2013	65,866	82,639	3,351	5,000	-33.0
Jan 5, 2014	22,031	63,878	22	53	-58.4
Jan 12	49,727	58,367	72	141	-49.2
Jan 19	67,805	51,357	140	232	-39.8
Jan 26	47,038	46,650	187	338	-44.7
Feb 2	65,878	57,612	252	416	-39.4
Feb 9	68,623	62,336	321	509	-36.9
Feb 16	63,400	61,235	385	578	-33.5
Feb 23	79,897	69,450	464	673	-31.0
Mar 2	83,611	73,883	548	766	-28.5
Mar 9	62,847	72,439	611	847	-27.9

*Note on data: \* Export figures since March 22, 2002, do not include fragrant rice. In addition, starting May 1, 2013, the data will not include 100% - 25% grade white rice exports. The reporting authority was moved from the Thai Board of Trade to the Ministry of Commerce's Office of Commodity Standards, which does not release official fragrant rice and white rice (100%-25% grades) export data. FAS/BKK will report only official export numbers available from the Board of Trade of Thailand. The reader should bear in mind the difference between the data.*

Source: Board of Trade of Thailand

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