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Rice Price - Weekly

Weekly Rice Price Update

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Report Highlights:

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Table 1: Export Prices (FOB) for various grades of Thai rice (USD/MT), Week ending April 1, 2013

Quality	Exporter Observations							Period Average	
	#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	#6	#7	CUR.	PRV.
F WR 100 B	1,180	-	1,100	-	1,080	1,145	-	1,126	1,125
WR 100 B	585	-	575	-	575	550	560	571	571
PB 100%	550	-	570	-	560	555	560	559	568
PB 5%	545	-	565	-	555	550	555	554	562
WR 5%	570	-	565	-	565	540	550	558	558
WR 10%	-	-	-	-	-	537	-	537	537
WR 15%	-	-	-	-	-	536	-	536	536
WR 25%	-	-	-	-	-	535	-	535	535
WR 35%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
A1 SUP	-	-	-	-	530	530	-	530	530
A1 SPEC	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Exchange rate: 29.2 baht/U.S.\$

Source: Average actual prices received from exporters

Domestic and export prices remain unchanged from the previous week, except for parboiled rice, which declined approximately 1 to 2 percent due to a lack of new inquiries. On March 30, 2013, the Thai Cabinet approved the MY2012/13 Off-Season Rice Paddy Pledging Program worth 105 billion baht (\$3.5 billion). The program has a pledging target of 7 million metric tons of rice paddy.

The Thai Cabinet kept intervention prices unchanged at 13,800 baht/MT to 15,000 baht/MT (\$460/MT to \$500/MT), which is 30 to 40 percent above the current farm gate prices. The program will be financed by the unused loan balance of the MY2012/13 Main-Crop Rice Paddy Pledging Program (approximately 40 billion baht or \$1.3 billion) and the sale of government stocks, which has been paid to the Bank for Agriculture and Agricultural Cooperatives (BAAC) totaling approximately 85 to 90 billion baht (\$2.8 – 3.0 billion).

The current MY2012/13 Main-Crop Paddy Pledging Program has preliminarily received pledges of

approximately 11.1 million metric tons (7.3 million metric tons milled equivalent, as of March 14, 2013), which increased 60 percent from the same period last year. The pledges consist of 6.6 million metric tons of white rice paddy, 3.8 million metric tons of fragrant rice paddy, and 0.7 million metric tons of glutinous rice paddy. The BAAC has already provided loans to farmers totaling an estimated 179 billion baht (\$6.0 billion).

Rice Export Update

Unofficial rice exports (excluding fragrant rice) for March 25-31, 2013 totaled 71,921 metric tons, down 5,280 metric tons from the previous week, and down 1,624 metric tons from the four- week moving average of 73,544 metric tons. Exports of white and parboiled rice from January 1 through March 31, 2013 totaled 1,064,342 metric tons, down 11.7 percent (1,204,938 metric tons) from the same period last year.

Total rice exports (including fragrant rice) from January 1 through February 28, 2013 amounted to 1,050,573 metric tons, down 0.5 percent from the same period last year.

Table 2: 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)	(%)
Jan 13	94,996	-	148	150	-1.1
Jan 20	87,672	-	236	204	15.8
Jan 27	102,573	84,670	339	272	24.7
Feb 3	94,707	94,987	422	341	23.6
Feb 10	88,695	93,412	510	446	14.5
Feb 17	72,171	89,537	583	561	3.9
Feb 24	97,713	88,322	680	697	-2.4
Mar 3	89,843	87,105	770	784	-1.7
Mar 10	77,429	84,289	848	869	-2.5
Mar 17	67,626	83,153	915	980	-6.6
Mar 24	77,201	78,025	992	1,089	-8.9
Mar 31	71,921	73,544	1,064	1,205	-11.7
<i>Note on data: Export figures since March 22, 2002, do not include fragrant rice. The authority to report fragrant rice exports 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 export data. FAS/REK will report only official export numbers from the Board of Trade for non-fragrant and from the Office of Commodity Standards for fragrant rice when available, but the reader should bear in mind the difference between the data.</i>					
Source: Board of Trade of Thailand					

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