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Rice Price - Weekly

Weekly Rice Price Update

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Report Highlights:

TH4049 – Export prices increased 1 to 2 percent due to the slowdown of the sales of government rice stocks as the military government expedited overdue payments under the pledging program using loans from the state agricultural bank and other financial institutions.

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Table 1: Export Prices (FOB) for various grades of Thai rice (USD/MT), Week ending June 2, 2014

Quality	Exporter Observations							Period Average	
	=1	=2	=3	=4	=5	=6	=7	CUR.	PRV
FWR 100 B	945	-	975	-	970	945	-	959	956
WR 100 B	400	-	400	-	400	400	400	400	400
PB 100%	410	-	410	-	410	425	410	413	408
PB 5%	405	-	405	-	405	420	405	408	403
WR 5%	375	-	385	-	385	385	380	382	379
WR 10%	-	-	-	-	-	377	-	377	377
WR 15%	-	-	-	-	-	372	-	372	373
WR 25%	-	-	-	-	-	357	-	357	360
WR 35%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
A1 SUP	310	-	-	-	310	315	-	312	307
A1 SPEC	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Exchange rate: 32.5 baht U.S.\$

Source: Average actual prices received from exporters

Export prices increased 1 to 2 percent from the previous week as the Ministry of Commerce announced it will slow down the sales of rice stocks which it had been using to generate revenue of 8-10 billion baht (\$0.3 billion) per month to finance the MY2013/14 Main-Crop Rice Paddy Pledging program over the past five months. The next tenders are unlikely to be finalized until the military government finishes the inspection of the government rice stocks nationwide which may take approximately two months. In the meantime, the military government which calls itself the National Council for Peace and Order (NCPO) is seeking loans of approximately 90 billion baht (\$2.8) for the Bank for Agriculture and Agricultural Cooperatives (BAAC) to expedite the overdue payments under the MY2013/14 Main-Crop Rice Paddy Pledging Program. Around 40 billion baht (\$1.3 billion) of the loans will be from the BAAC and the balance will be from other financial institutions. The BAAC expects that all farmers will be paid by the middle of June 2014.

As of June 1, 2014, the government reportedly received approximately 11.6 million metric tons of main-crop rice paddy (7.7 million metric milled equivalent – Table 2) under the MY2013/14 Main-Crop Rice Paddy Pledging Program that costs around 192 billion baht (\$6 billion). The BAAC has reportedly paid approximately 139 billion baht (\$4.3 billion) in loans to 1.1 million rice farmers for 8.5 million metric tons of pledges (5.6 million metric tons milled equivalent).

Table 2: Results of the MY2013/14 Paddy Pledging Program (Main Crop: October 1, 2013 - February 28, 2014), as of June 1, 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
Total	1.9	3.7	0.5	0.1	6.8	0.6	11.6

Source: Ministry of Commerce

Rice Export Update

Preliminary unofficial rice exports (excluding premium white and fragrant rice) for May 26 – June 1, 2014 totaled 145,846 metric tons, up 129 metric tons from the previous week and up 26,394 metric tons from the four- week moving average of 119,452 metric tons (Table 3). Rice exports from January 1 – June 1, 2014 totaled 1,779,854 metric tons, up 16 percent from the same period last year.

WEEK ENDING	QUANTITY	4-WK AVG	YEAR TO DATE	YEAR AGO	YEAR TO DATE AS % OF LAST YEAR
	(MT)	(MT)	(TMT)	(TMT)	(%)
Mar 30	89,319	73,620	842	1,062	-20.7
Apr 6	91,380	80,753	934	1,137	-17.9
Apr 13	89,767	86,670	1,024	1,199	-14.6
Apr 20	34,389	76,214	1,058	1,262	-16.1
Apr 27	132,081	86,904	1,190	1,335	-10.9
May 4	111,935	92,043	1,302	1,380	-5.6
May 11	97,162	93,892	1,399	1,405	-0.4
May 18	89,085	107,566	1,488	1,457	2.1
May 25	145,717	110,975	1,634	1,490	9.6
Jun 1	145,846	119,452	1,780	1,532	16.2

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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