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Rice Price - Weekly

Weekly Rice Price Update

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Report Highlights:

Rice export prices further increased 3 percent due mainly to strong export demand for new-crop white rice to Malaysia. The government is likely to replace the Paddy Rice Pledging Program with the Paddy Rice Price Guarantee Program.

Commodities:

Rice, Milled

Market Tone

Quality	Exporter Observations							Period Average	
	#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	#6	#7	CUR.	PRV
FWR 100 B	1,180	-	-	1,175	1,170	1,180	-	1,176	1,146
WR 100 B	430	-	433	433	430	431	432	432	419
PB 100%	430	-	433	433	432	431	432	432	417
PB 5%	425	-	428	428	427	426	427	427	413
WR 5%	420	-	423	423	420	421	422	422	409
WR 10%	417	-	-	420	-	418	-	418	405
WR 15%	414	-	-	-	-	415	-	415	402
WR 25%	412	-	-	-	-	413	-	413	400
WR 35%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
A1 SUP	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
A1 SPEC	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Exchange rate: 30.66 baht = U.S. \$1.00

Source: Average actual prices received from exporters

Rice export prices further increased around 3 percent from the previous week due to strong export demand for white rice, particularly to Malaysia. Large exporters are reportedly securing new-crop white rice supplies to fulfill contracted shipments with the Malaysian government. These contracted shipments which will take place in the latter half of August have put upward pressure on the domestic price of white rice.

The government is proposing for cabinet approval this week to replace the Paddy Rice Pledging program with the Paddy Rice Price Guarantee program for MY2019/20 main crop rice. The government previously implemented this program during MY2009/2010 - MY2010/11. This year the proposed guarantee prices of white paddy rice are approximately 30 percent above current market prices (Table 2). Meanwhile, the proposed guarantee prices of other rice varieties are mostly lower than current market prices. The eligible tonnage will vary by rice varieties based on the average yield of paddy rice production from a maximum acreage of 40 rai (6.4 hectares) per household. Farmers will directly receive this compensation when market prices are lower than the guarantee prices.

Table 2: Proposed Guarantee Prices of Paddy Rice

Paddy Rice Varieties	Guarantee Price (Baht/Metric Ton)	Eligible Tonnage (Metric Ton)	Current Market Price (Baht/Metric Ton)
White Paddy Rice	10,000	30	7,600 - 7,700
Fragrant Paddy Rice (Homali)	15,000	14	15,100 - 17,000
Pathumthani Fragrant Paddy Rice	11,000	25	9,700 - 10,700
Provincial Fragrant Paddy Rice	14,000	16	N.A.
Glutinous Paddy Rice	12,000	16	11,670 - 17,000

Rice Export Update

Unofficial and preliminary rice exports (excluding fragrant rice) for August 5-11, 2019, totaled 106,088 metric tons, up 42,496 metric tons from the previous week and up 16,783 metric tons from the four weeks moving average of 89,305 metric tons (Table 3). Rice exports from January 1 – August 11, 2019, totaled 3,940,199 metric tons, down 31 percent from the same period last year.

WEEK ENDING	QUANTITY (MT)	4-WK AVG (MT)	YEAR TO DATE (TMT)	YEAR AGO (TMT)	% Growth from Last Year (%)
Jun 16, 2019	127,144	114,642	3,159	4,213	-25.0
Jun 23, 2019	114,413	112,569	3,273	4,403	-25.7
Jun 30, 2019	100,146	115,463	3,737	4,550	-25.9
Jul 7, 2019	70,733	103,109	3,444	4,712	-26.9
Jul 14, 2019	138,883	106,044	3,583	4,893	-26.8
Jul 21, 2019	77,789	96,888	3,661	5,068	-27.8
Jul 28, 2019	109,750	99,289	3,771	5,269	-28.4
Aug 4, 2019	63,592	97,503	3,834	5,465	-29.8
Aug 11, 2019	106,088	89,305	3,940	5,737	-31.3

Note on data: Export figures since March 22, 2002, do not include fragrant rice. In addition, during May 1, 2013 - December 18, 2016, export data did not include 25% - 100% grade white rice exports as 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 export data. FAS/BKK reports only the official export numbers available from the Board of Trade of Thailand. The reader should bear in mind these differences when comparing historical data with current data.

Source: Board of Trade of Thailand

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