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Thai Demand for Soy Protein Continues to Expand

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Report Highlights:

TH5136. Continued growth in Thailand livestock and poultry sectors is fueling larger-than-expected growth in soy protein demand.

Executive Summary:

Based upon actual Thai statistics, Thailand's soybean imports in MY 2014/15 were 2.411 million metric tons (MMT). As compared to 1.798 MMT in MY 2013/14, Thailand's soybean imports increased by 34 percent over the MY 2013/14's level. According to trade sources, this high growth is attributed to: 1) production of poultry, livestock, and aquaculture expanding, and 2) several feed mills have largely replaced soybean meal with full-fat soybeans in their feed rations for most of 2015. This is the result of a narrow price spread between soybeans and soybean meal. However, the U.S. market share of Thailand's soybean imports fell slightly in MY 2014/15, from 27 percent in MY 2013/14, to 25 percent.

Despite the substitution of soybeans for soybean meal, imports of soybean meal in MY 2014/15 also rose by 15 percent to 3.067 MMT from 2.665 MMT in MY 2013/14 in response to growing demand from poultry, livestock, and aquaculture sectors; and several feed mills's replacement of soybean meal for other oilseed meals especially rapeseed meal. The U.S. market share of Thailand's soybean meal imports increased in MY 2014/15 to 23 percent from only 14 percent in MY 2013/14. This came at the expense of India and Paraguay.

Thailand's Production of Poultry, Swine, and Shrimp from 2013-2015.

Source: The Office of Agricultural Economics, Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives.

	2012	2014	2015	%Δ (2015/2014)
Broiler (Million birds)	1,103.3	1,209.5	1,310.6	8.4
Layer (Million birds)	44.3	47.2	49.4	4.7
Swine (Million heads)	13.1	12.8	13.3	3.9
Cultured shrimp (MT)	319,849	274,705	284,367	3.5

It is anticipated that livestock and poultry sectors will continue to grow in MY 2015/16. This will lead to an increase in domestic feed consumption but at a slower pace than in MY 2014/15.

Table 2 Thailand's PS&D Table for Soybean Meal

Meal, Soybean Market Begin Year Thailand	2013/2014			2014/2015			2015/2016			(Units)
	Sep 2013			Sep 2014			Sep 2015			
	USDA Official	Old Post	New Post	USDA Official	Old Post	New Post	USDA Official	Old Post	New Post	
Crush	1500	1500	1500	1750	1600	1700	1825	1700	1750	(1000 MT)
Extr. Rate, 999.9999	0.7867	0.7867	0.7867	0.7857	0.7813	0.7765	0.7863	0.7824	0.7771	(PERCENT)
Beginning Stocks	199	99	99	64	64	64	159	114	161	(1000 MT)
Production	1180	1180	1180	1375	1250	1320	1435	1330	1360	(1000 MT)
MY Imports	2665	2665	2665	3000	2900	3067	3050	2900	3100	(1000 MT)
MY Imp. from U.S.	400	369	369	250	200	701	250	200	550	(1000 MT)
MY Imp. from EU	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(1000 MT)
Total Supply	4044	3944	3944	4439	4214	4451	4644	4344	4621	(1000 MT)
MY Exports	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(1000 MT)
MY Exp. to EU	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(1000 MT)
Industrial Dom. Cons.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(1000 MT)
Food Use Dom. Cons.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(1000 MT)
Feed Waste Dom. Cons.	3980	3880	3880	4280	4100	4290	4510	4200	4500	(1000 MT)
Total Dom. Cons.	3980	3880	3880	4280	4100	4290	4510	4200	4500	(1000 MT)
Ending Stocks	64	64	64	159	114	161	134	144	121	(1000 MT)
Total Distribution	4044	3944	3944	4439	4214	4451	4644	4344	4621	(1000 MT)
CY Imports	2890	2890	2890	2950	3000	3300	3000	2900	3000	(1000 MT)
CY Imp. from U.S.	418	418	418	250	250	500	250	200	350	(1000 MT)
CY Exports	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(1000 MT)
CY Exp. to U.S.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(1000 MT)
SME	3980	3880	0	4280	4100	0	4510	4200	0	(1000 MT)