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Report Highlights:

TH9094 Domestic and export prices increased due to tight exportable supplies following the delay in the government stock release. The new tender or renegotiation of the suspended stock release of around 2.6 million tons is unlikely before the end of July.

General Information:

Indicative Prices (Week Ending Jun. 22):

Thailand: Export (FOB) Prices for various grades of rice (USD/MT)

Quality	Exporter Observations							Period Average	
	#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	#6	#7	CUR.	PRV.
F WR 100 B	885	-	890	-	860	855	-	873	877
WR 100 B	600	-	630	-	575	590	595	598	598
FB 5%	600	-	650	-	570	595	620	607	616
WR 5%	575	-	620	-	550	560	580	577	579
WR 10%	570	-	-	-	545	555	-	557	553
WR 15%	525	-	-	-	-	530	-	528	520
WR 25%	475	-	-	-	-	475	-	475	468
WR 35%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
A1 SUP	320	-	330	-	325	320	-	324	318
A1 SPEC	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Exchange rate: 34.0 baht/U.S. \$

Source: Average actual prices received from exporters

Market Tone

Domestic and export prices continued to increase due to ongoing tight exportable supplies following the delay in the government stock release [1]. The new tender or renegotiation of the suspended stock release of 2.6 million tons is unlikely before the end of July as the Department of Foreign Trade, Ministry of Commerce, is still reviewing new release guidelines. Exporters who won the last tender of May 6 called for the release of a portion of the contracts which have been paid in the amount of approximately 120,000 tons, and the contracts that exporters have concluded deals with foreign buyers of around 1.0 million tons. Further increases in export prices are unlikely as export prices of premium white rice have surged for four straight weeks and are now \$150/MT higher than Vietnamese rice. Also, exporters are presently hesitant to offer quotations under current price fluctuation.

The MY 2008/09 second-crop intervention program has absorbed 4.1 million tons of paddy, valued at 46 billion baht (\$1.4 billion). The Government expects the current intervention program will likely reach only 4.5 – 5.0 million tons by the end of the program (July 31), as compared to the

target of 6.0 million tons, as current daily absorption reportedly slowed to 2,000 tons, as compared to 90,000 – 100,000 tons during the peak but could increase as Thailand moves into the third crop.

The following are the reported rice exports (as is basis):

WEEK ENDING	QUANTITY	4-WK AVG	YEAR TO DATE	YEAR AGO	YEAR TO DATE AS % OF LAST YEAR
	(MT)	(MT)	(TMT)	(TMT)	(%)
Apr 19	55,543	82,969	1,502	2,736	-45.1
Apr 26	144,559	97,581	1,647	2,906	-43.3
May 3	142,632	106,980	1,789	3,042	-41.2
May 10	130,197	118,240	1,920	3,178	-39.6
May 17	138,960	139,094	2,059	3,363	-38.8
May 24	174,201	146,497	2,233	3,539	-36.9
May 31	132,053	143,853	2,365	3,748	-36.9
Jun 7	134,312	144,811	2,500	3,944	-36.6
Jun 8	134,312	144,811	2,500	3,944	-36.6
Jun 14	149,198	147,441	2,649	4,120	-35.7
Jun 21	118,359	133,481	2,767	4,291	-35.5

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/BKK 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.

Unofficial exports (excluding fragrant rice) for Jun. 15-21, 2009 totaled 118,359 tons, down 30,839 tons from the previous week, and down 15,121 tons from the four-week moving average of 133,481 tons. Exports during Jan. 1 – Jun. 21 totaled 2,767,186 tons, as compared with 4,291,089 tons in the previous year.

According to the Department of Foreign Trade, Ministry of Commerce, total rice exports (including fragrant rice) during Jan. 1- Jun. 19, 2009, amounted to 4,103,898 tons, down 27.0 percent from 5,620,118 tons in the previous year.

Weekly Rice Sales

Private registered rice export sales for the period of Jun. 1-5, Jun. 8-12, and Jun. 15-19, 2009 are as follows:

Movement (MT)	Jun. 1-5	Jun. 8-12	Jun. 15-19
Weekly sales	112,140	126,303	175,228
4 week sum	609,802	561,011	578,447

4 week mov. avg.	152,451	140,253	144,612
Total weekly sales	2,909,823	3,036,126	3,211,354

[1] Please see “[Thailand Postpones Rice Stock Release: TH9080](#)”

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