



WEEKLY UPDATE ON ASEAN PLUS THREE RICE SITUATIONS

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Cambodia

Rice export in the first month of 2020 decreased by about 15 percent.

According to the Cambodia Rice Federation (CRF), in January 2020, Cambodia exported 50,450 tonnes of rice worth 39 million USD, down 15.39 percent compared to the same period in 2018. Cambodian rice shipments to the European Union (EU) in the first month of this year decreased 5,269 tonnes, accounted for 22 percent year-on-year, due to the EU Commission introduced safeguard measures on rice imports. In the same period, rice shipments to China fell 3,664 tonnes, accounted for 20 percent year-on-year. However, the rice exports to the EU are set to increase in the coming months because taxes on rice import drop from 175 euro (190 USD) to 150 euro (160 USD) per tonne.

Source: Phnom Penh Post. (2020, Feb 9). *Cambodia's rice exports fall 15.39 percent in January.*

Thailand

Thai jasmine rice exports to Hong Kong is expected to increase.

According to the Department of International Trade Promotion (DITP), Thai jasmine rice exports to Hong Kong are ready for a big jump due to scarcity in the supermarkets and retail stores from the new corona outbreak. Regarding the matters, the trade promotion office in Hong Kong and Thai exporters have had a discussion with Hong Kong's rice importers about the demand for rice. There is a huge demand from Hong Kong and the DIPT has assured that the country will order more rice from Thailand.

Source: Nation Thailand. (2020, Feb 10). *Surge seen in jasmine rice exports to Hong Kong.*

Viet Nam

Viet Nam's rice exports sees growth in January 2020 and it is expected to expand in this year.

In the first month of this year, Viet Nam exported 560,000 tonnes of rice worth 270.3 million USD, an increase of 12 percent in volume and 39 percent in value month-on-month. Besides, Exports rose by 28.1 percent in volume and 38.4 percent in value year-on-year. This year, the Philippines is expected to maintain its import volume, while the African market is forecast to purchase 1 million tonnes, followed by Malaysia at 500,000 tonnes. Meanwhile, the country annual rice exports to Cuba at 300,000-400,000 tonnes, Iraq at 300,000 tonnes. In addition, China plans to buy 400,000 tonnes of rice from the country in every year, according to the General Department of Vietnam Customs (GDVC).

Source: Viet Nam News Agency. (2020, Feb 7). *Vietnam sees rice export growth in January.*

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