



WEEKLY UPDATE ON ASEAN PLUS THREE RICE SITUATIONS

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Cambodia

Each flood-hit farmer families will receive 100 kilogrammes of rice seed.

The Royal Government of Cambodia will distribute 100 kilogrammes of rice seed to each flood-affected farmer families. According to the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, and Fisheries, the ministry is planning to prior allot seeds in three provinces, which are Battambang, Banteay Meanchey, and Pursat, starting by next week. The Prime Minister also ordered local authorities to assess the total amount of damaged rice fields before giving the rice seed. Besides, the government has decided to purchase an additional 2,000 tonnes of rice seed for distribution to farmers when the floodwater receded.

Source: Khmer Times. (2020, Oct 25). *Each flood-stricken farming family of receive 100kg of rice seed.*

The Cambodia Rice Federation (CRF) assures that floods will not impact the country's rice exports in 2020.

According to the CRF, some farmers have already harvested mostly of their paddy before flooding and the production would be enough for processing. The floods could bring the last batch of yield slightly down, which is small compared with the total cultivation area of 2 million hectares. Therefore, the CRF ensure that the rice exports will not hurt from floods this year. Currently, rice millers are buying paddy from farmers continually even though some areas are blocked from the flooded roads.

Source: Khmer Times. (2020, Oct 21). *Rice exports 'unaffected by rain'.*

Viet Nam

Rates for Vietnamese rice increase slightly this week due to the rains along with the uptick in market demand.

Rates for Vietnamese 5 percent broken rice this week edged up to 485-495 USD per tonne from 485-490 USD per tonne last week. Prices of rice increased because the recent rain in the Mekong Delta has hampered an ongoing harvest there, affecting domestic supplies as well as the quality of the autumn-winter crops, and demand in the market has started to increase.

Source: Reuters. (2020, Oct 22). *Flood hamper rice harvest in major Asian hubs, hit supply.*

China

The Chinese researchers discover one-time fertiliser method for rice to reduce production costs and pollution.

The researchers from the Nanjing Agricultural University have successfully applied single-dose fertiliser in mechanised rice cultivation. The traditional method is spreading fertiliser over the rice fields, causing high loss and pollution. Regarding this, the research team adjusted the ratio of slow-release and controlled-release fertiliser to decrease frequent of putting fertiliser from four or five times to once and the nutrient release is in the peak period of rice uptake. With the new method, the fertiliser bags are thrown into the soil during rice planting to provide nutrition throughout the growth cycle. Currently, many provinces, including Jiangsu, Zhejiang, Anhui, and Heilongjiang, have applied the one-time fertiliser method and it could save 20 percent of fertiliser using for the rice-planting machine.

Source: Xinhua. (2020, Oct 26). *Simplified fertilization fulfills nutrition needs of rice growth.*

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