



WEEKLY UPDATE ON ASEAN PLUS THREE RICE SITUATIONS

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Cambodia

Over 50 tonnes of rice are allocated to 2,688 IDPoor households in Banteay Srei district under the social rice field programme.

Last week, officials in Banteay Srei district of Siem Reap province have distributed over 50 tonnes of milled-rice to 2,688 impoverished and vulnerable households who hold the IDPoor card, receiving 20 kilogrammes of rice per household. Most of the beneficiaries had been affected by the disaster in 2020, particularly the Covid-19 pandemic and floods. This rice distribution is under the Social rice field programme. The programme has received supports, including seeds, expenses and volunteer labour, from the agriculture department, and philanthropists and volunteer from the Union of Youth Federations of Cambodia.

Source: Phnom Penh Post. (2021, Feb 24). *IDPoor household in Siem Reap receive 50 tonnes of rice.*

Myanmar

The crop insurance system is planned to use for mitigating the impact of climate changes on farmers.

The Meteorology and Hydrology Department warned the people, especially farmer, about the expected thundershowers in March and April 2020, accompanied by the strong wind, hails, thunder and lighting. The last unseasonal rains and hailstorms damaged winter-planted crops and caused production

loss for farmers. Besides, the lack of crop insurance has been leading farmers in a debt trap. Regarding this, the government plans to help farmers by using the crop insurance system, covering crops, cattle, and tractors.

Source: Global New Light of Myanmar. (2021, Mar 2). *Weather-based insurance key to easing impact of climate change on farmers.*

More Myanmar's rice exporters get licenses to export rice to China in 2021.

On 26 February 2021, China customs granted export licenses to more Myanmar companies to legally export rice to China via Muse border trade. Regarding this, the number of authorised rice export companies this year increased by three times higher than in 2020. However, the permitted rice export volume this year has not been confirmed yet but it is expected to rise.

Source: Global New Light of Myanmar. (2021, Mar 2). *China grant licenses to more Myanmar companies for rice export this year.*

Viet Nam

Rice farmers in the Mekong Delta get bumper winter-spring harvest and enjoy high rice prices in 2021.

Farmers in the Mekong Delta are having a bumper winter-spring harvest and getting higher prices for their crops compared with last year. Additionally, traders have been buying at the rice field at 8,600 VND (0.37 USD) per kilogramme, up 1,900-2,000 VND (0.1 USD) from the last year, and farmers are earning nearly 32 million VND (1,390 USD) per hectare, up 13.3 million VND (578 USD) year-on-year.

*1 USD = 23,025 VND

Source: Viet Nam News. (2021, Feb 27). *Mekong Delta farmers get bumper harvest, high prices for winter-spring rice.*

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