



WEEKLY UPDATE ON ASEAN PLUS THREE RICE SITUATIONS

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Cambodia

Cambodia exports 153,688 tonnes of milled rice in the first quarter of 2021.

According to the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, Cambodia exported a total of 153,688 tonnes of milled rice to the international market from January to March 2021. The total amount of milled-rice export declined by 33 percent year-on-year. During the period, China remains the biggest market of Cambodian milled rice, absorbing 45,370 tonnes.

Source: Khmer Times. (2021, Apr 3). *Cambodia exported more than 150,000 tonnes of milled rice in Q1.*

Malaysia

The government urges the related agencies to develop the new high-quality fragrant rice varieties.

The Ministry of Agriculture and Food Industries is planning to develop more local fragrant rice varieties by getting relevant agencies, including the Malaysian Agriculture Research and Development Institute, to produce new seeds of better quality. Also, the plan is expected to raise farmer's income as well as ensure that the rice self-efficiency could reach up to 75 percent.

Source: Bernama. (2021, Apr 5). *MAFI to develop more fragrant rice varieties.*

Viet Nam

Viet Nam aims to reduce the greenhouse gas emission in the rice sector.

Last week, the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development held the first workshop on the implementation of Viet Nam's Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC) in collaboration with the International Rice Research Institute, the Climate Technology Center and Network, and the Climate and Clean Air Coalition. The workshop focused on the NDC implementation in the rice sector as well as highlighted the different NDC scenarios to reduce greenhouse gas emissions whereas gaining sustainability of economic, social, and environmental benefits.

Source: Vietnam News Agency. (2021, Apr 2). *Vietnam aims to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in rice sector.*

Viet Nam's rice export would benefit from decreasing rice export prices.

Prices of rice export as of 29 March 2021 have dropped sharply by 20 USD per tonne after reaching the highest price in the past nine years, according to the Viet Nam Food Association. Rates for Vietnamese 5 percent broken white rice, 25 percent broken white rice, and 100 percent broken white rice were quoted at 498-502 USD per tonne, 473-477 USD per tonne, and 428-432 USD per tonne, respectively. The declining of rice export prices would make rice sales easier as well as help Vietnamese rice compete better amid the high freight rate.

Source: Viet Nam News. (2021, Apr 5). *Lower prices will make it easier to sell rice: exporters.*

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