



WEEKLY UPDATE ON ASEAN PLUS THREE RICE SITUATIONS

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Cambodia

Cambodia receives 15 tonnes of rice assistance to help people affected by the Covid-19 pandemic.

On 14 May 2021, Mr. Dai Nghia, a Vietnamese celebrity and a representative of the Vietnam Young Entrepreneurs Association handed over 15 tonnes of rice to the Consulate General of Cambodia in Ho Chi Minh City, in an attempt to support Cambodian people during the Covid-19 pandemic. Regarding this, the 15 tonnes of rice will be delivered to the Phnom Penh Red Cross Society to help vulnerable people in the spreading areas through the four rice automated teller machines.

Source: Khmer Times. (2021, May 17). *Vietnamese artist, association donate 15 tons of rice to support Cambodian people.*

Indonesia

Indonesia has sufficient rice stocks and will not import rice in 2021.

According to the Indonesian Bureau of Logistic (Bulog), the organisation will not import rice this year as the government's rice reserve in the Bulog's warehouses is sufficient for sales, price stabilisation, market operations, and emergency assistance for disaster. As of 17 May 2021, rice stocks in the Bulog's warehouses reached nearly 1.4

million tonnes. Besides, the Bulogs may receive rice until June because there is some ongoing rice harvest in May, driving the amount of rice in stocks up continually.

Source: Bernama. (2021, May 18). *Indonesia not to import rice this year*; and Vietnam Plus. (2021, May 18). *Indonesia not to import rice this year.*

Philippines

The country's rice import increases slightly in the first four months of 2021.

The Philippines's rice imports from January to April 2021 reached 780,068.53 tonnes, slightly higher than a record of 778,969.397 tonnes in the same period last year, according to the Bureau of Plant Industry. The report from the Business Mirror showed that about 656,132 tonnes or 84 percent of total rice volume were imported from Viet Nam.

Source: Business Mirror. (2021, May 1). *PHL rice imports inch up in January-April-BPI.*

Viet Nam

Rates for Vietnamese rice is steady this week and Viet Nam earns 362 million USD from rice exports in April 2021.

Prices of Vietnamese 5 percent broken rice remained unchanged from last week at 490-495 USD per tonne due to the low supplies. Traders are waiting for the new output from the upcoming summer-autumn harvest rice. Besides, the volume of rice exported in April 2021 is estimated at 700,000 tonnes with a value of 362 million USD. The figure brought the total volume and value in the first four months of this year to 1.9 million tonnes and 1.01 billion USD, respectively.

Source: Vietnam Plus. (2021, May 17). *Vietnam earns 362 million USD from rice export in April*; and Reuters. (2021, May 13). *RPT-ASIA RICE-Export rates dip as Covid-hit India releases warehouse stock.*

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