



# WEEKLY UPDATE ON ASEAN PLUS THREE RICE SITUATIONS

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## Cambodia

### ***Cambodia's rice sector seeks tactics to recover the country's milled-rice export.***

According to the Cambodia Rice Federation (CRF), in the first half of 2021, Cambodia exported 280,450 tonnes of milled rice worth 202.67 million USD, a drop of 29.47 percent in volume and 23.71 percent in value year-on-year. The country's milled-rice export remains fraught with major obstacles, such as rising freight costs, the container shortage, the drop of jasmine rice prices in the international markets, and the lack of miller's funds to buy paddy for stockpiling. Also, the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic has been hampering the milled-rice export target of 800,000 tonnes in 2021. Regarding this, the CRF will continue the discussion to find the solution with the government as well as ask all stakeholders of the Cambodian rice industry to brainstorm suitable solutions and make recommendations to the CRF. Meanwhile, exporters need to strengthen and improve competitiveness abroad together with deepening integration into regional and global value chains.

**Source:** Phnom Penh Post. (2021, Jul 15). *Rice sector revisits tactics as exports hit.*

## Indonesia

### ***The government will distribute 11,212 tonnes of rice assistance to help poor people.***

According to the Coordinating Ministry for Maritime and Investment Affairs, the government will distribute 11,212 tonnes of rice worth 117.7 billion rupiahs (8.1 million

USD) in form of social assistance during the Emergency Community Activity Restriction Enforcement period. The rice assistance will be allocated 10 kilogrammes for each family covering 1.21 million families or 4.4 million poor people in Java and Bali Islands and it is scheduled to be distributed before the second week of July 2021.

\*1 USD = 14,520 rupiahs

**Source:** Antara News. (2021, Jul 15). *Government to distribute 11,212 tons of rice during PPKM period.*

## Thailand

### ***Rates for Thai rice fell due to the baht weakening against the US dollar.***

Prices of Thai 5 percent broken rice dropped to the lowest level since December 2019 at 405-412 USD per tonne from 410-425 USD per tonne a week earlier. The baht depreciation against the US dollar continued to lower export prices, said local traders. In the first five months of 2021, Thailand exported around 1.78 million tonnes of rice, a drop of 31 percent compared with the same period last year.

**Source:** Reuters. (2021, Jul 8). *RPT-ASIA RICE-India rates grind to 16-month lows as supplies grow.*

## Viet Nam

### ***Prices of Vietnamese 5 percent broken rice are stable this week.***

Vietnamese 5 percent broken rice rates remained unchanged from last week at 465-470 USD per tonne, the lowest price since July 2020. Farmers have started harvesting the summer-autumn crop in most of the Mekong Delta but the sales to traders are slow due to the movement curbs during the Covid-19 pandemic. However, domestic prices of unhusked paddy may fall over the upcoming weeks as the new production increases, according to the traders.

**Source:** Reuters. (2021, Jul 8). *RPT-ASIA RICE-india rates grind to 16-month lows as supplies grow.*

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