



WEEKLY UPDATE ON ASEAN PLUS THREE RICE SITUATIONS

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Cambodia

Drought threatens about 460 hectares of rice fields in Kampong Speu province.

According to the governor of Kampong Speu province, about 460 hectares of rice fields in two districts of the province, which are Samraong Tong district and Chbar Mon city, have been affected by drought. The rice fields have yet been completely damaged, and hopefully could be recovered and harvested. During the dry season, the Department of Water Resources Meteorology often installs pumps to help farmers easier access to the water and irrigate their fields. For farmers who lack access, the department also provides them with fuel for their pumps. However, the department was urged to dig and rehabilitate the main canals as well as small and large lakes to store more rainwater for emergency usage. Also, the expansion of canal systems to existing communes and districts is deemed necessary for farmers to expand their crops without relying on rain.

Source: Khmer Times. (2021, Aug 10). *Drought affects 460 hectares of rice in Kampong Speu province.*

Thailand

The Rice price guarantee scheme and parallel measures will be extended.

According to the Ministry of Commerce, the National Rice Policy Subcommittee agreed to

extend the rice price guarantee scheme for the 2021-2022 season, using the same criteria and price stability measures as the previous season. The budget is set at 88 billion baht (2.6 billion USD), allocating 80 billion baht (2.4 billion USD) to the price guarantee scheme and the remaining 8 billion baht (0.2 billion USD) to rice price stability measures. The scheme covers five types of paddies and a maximum of 40 rai (6.4 hectares) of the acreage per household. The guarantee prices are set at 15,000 baht (446 USD) per tonne for Hom Mali rice, limited to 14 tonnes; 10,000 baht (297 USD) per tonne for white rice, limited to 30 tonnes; 11,000 baht (327 USD) per tonne for Pathum Thani fragrant rice, limited to 25 tonnes; 12,000 baht (357 USD) per tonne for glutinous rice, limited to 16 tonnes; and 14,000 baht (416 USD) per tonne for provincial fragrant rice, limited to 16 tonnes. Farmers will be offered compensation if market prices fall below the benchmark. The proposal will be submitted to the National Rice Policy Committee and then sent for cabinet approval. Once approved, the scheme will be implemented from October 2021 to February 2022.

*1 USD = 33.65 baht

**1 hectare = 6.25 rai

1 rice = 0.16 hectare

Source: Bangkok Post. (2021, Aug 7). State to extend rice price scheme.

Rates for Thai rice sees a slight increase but export prospects remain dim.

Prices of Thai 5 percent broken rice slightly rose to 385-410 USD per tonne from 385-408 USD per tonne last week. Supplies remained unchanged with the low prices but the high shipping costs have been hampering rice export prospects, said a local trader. Prices of Thai rice are currently fluctuating due mainly to the exchange rate.

Source: Reuters. (2021, Jul 29). *ASIA RICE-India rates hit 4-1/2-year low on weak demand, ship shortage.*

Viet Nam

Prices of Vietnamese rice sees unchanged, while the summer-autumn crop is maintaining the domestic supply.

Vietnamese 5 percent broken rice prices were unchanged at 390 USD per tonne. Domestic supplies are building up amid the summer-autumn harvest season in the Mekong Delta region. However, the transportations remain slow due to the restrictions on movement in the area. Farmers are struggling to sell their newly harvested rice and many of them hesitate to continue their next crops, according to a trader based in Ho Chi Minh City.

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