



WEEKLY UPDATE ON ASEAN PLUS THREE RICE SITUATIONS

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Cambodia

Flood affects about 3,000 hectares of rice fields in Mongkul Borei District. According to the Governor of Mongkul Borei District, about 3,000 hectares of rice cultivation areas in the district was subsequently inundated by flood due to the consecutive days of heavy rainfall. The flood might recede without causing damage to the rice fields if there will be no rain over the next days or water flow from other areas.

Source: Khmer Times. (2021, Sep 22). *About 3,000 hectares of rice fields in Banteay Meanchey flooded.*

Philippines

Hybrid rice production is expected to boost the country's food security in 2021. Hybrid rice production has largely supported the government's goal to further improve the country's food security level in 2021. More than 600,000 hectares of farmlands were harvested hybrid rice during the dry cropping season this year with an average yield of 6.07 tonnes per hectare or 33 percent higher than the inbred certified seeds of 4.55 tonnes per hectare. According to the data from the Philippines Statistics Authority, in the 2021 dry cropping season, hybrid rice paddy reached 3.67 million tonnes, accounted for 37 percent of the total paddy production. For 2021, the government targeted to produce 20.47 million tonnes of paddy from 4.74 million hectares of

farmlands, increasing from a record 19.44 million tonnes harvested in 2020.

Source: Philippines News Agency. (2021, Sep 15). *Hybrid rice production helps boost food security.*

Thailand

A Thai rice exporter will export 40,000 tonnes of white rice to Iraq. Tanasan Rice Plc., a major Thai rice exporter, has recently signed a contract with Iraqi importers to supply 40,000 tonnes of 100 percent white rice. According to the Thai Rice Mills Association, this will be the second lot of rice that Iraq has bought from Thailand in 2021 after the first lot of 44,000 tonnes had been delivered on 18 August this year. The transaction marks a historic moment for Thai rice export as Iraq has boycotted rice from Thailand for seven years over quality concerns. The association is urging all exporters to give rice quality top priority to strengthen customer confidence and secure more orders in the future.

Source: The Nation Thailand. (2021, Sep 18). *After 7-year ban, Iraq to import second lot of Thai rice.*

Viet Nam

Prices of Vietnamese rice increase slightly as demand lifts this week. Rates for Vietnamese 5 percent broken rice rose to 410-420 USD per tonne from 400 USD per tonne last week, as demand picked up. However, the supplies were still facing hurdles due to a container shortage and the movement restrictions, said a local trader. Many rice exporters are facing labour shortages to handle rice transports and shipments.

Source: Business Recorder. (2021, Sep 16). *Asia Rice: India loses out on some orders as prices near 2-month high.*

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