



WEEKLY UPDATE ON ASEAN PLUS THREE RICE SITUATIONS

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Cambodia

Drought damaged fewer rice fields in 2021 due to the prevalence of flash floods.

Effects of drought on rice production in 2021 were less than 2020 as flash floods brought enough water to irrigate rice fields, even though some were inundated for too long and destroyed. According to the report of Ratanakiri province, there were no rice production losses by drought. Nevertheless, the province reported 505 hectares of rice fields destroyed by flash floods and another 4,081 hectares of rice fields suffered some damage from flooding.

Source: Khmer Times. (2022, Jan 11). *Effects of natural disasters on rice production assessed.*

Philippines

Department of Agriculture (DA) pushes for clustered hybrid rice farms.

The DA has promulgated a policy on the establishment of clustered hybrid rice farms to improve rice production as well as showcase hybrid rice production to promote farmers' adoption of new technology. The provincial hybrid rice cluster farms would be implemented in 15 provinces at the beginning of the 2021-2022 dry season and would continue every cropping season. Each cluster farm site would be allocated at least 100 hectares. According to the agriculture advisor for the hybrid rice programme, more than 1

million hectares of land have been cultivated hybrid rice since 2019. Also, hybrid rice cultivation areas are expected to reach 1.1 million hectares nationwide in 2022.

Source: Philippine Daily Inquirer. (2022, Jan 7). *Agriculture department pushing for clustered hybrid rice farms.*

Thailand

Thai rice export prices hit the highest level in nearly three months.

Rates for Thai 5 percent broken rice rose to 390-402 USD per tonne, the highest level since mid-October 2021, versus 387-396 USD per tonne last week. The traders expect more demand from the overseas market this year, so, some exporters have started to build up their rice stockpiles.

Source: Reuters. (2022, Jan 6). *Asia RICE-Thai trades bank on high overseas demand; strong rupee lifts India rates.*

Viet Nam

Prices of Vietnamese rice are stable this week amid the tight domestic supply.

Vietnamese 5 percent broken rice prices remained unchanged at 395-400 USD per tonne. Trading activities are still warming up after the holidays, according to a trader based in Ho Chi Minh City. Domestic rice prices are increasing because of the low domestic supplies, while many exporters are increasing their rice purchases to fulfil the export contracts they have signed before.

Source: Reuters. (2022, Jan 6). *Asia Rice-Thai trades bank on high overseas demand; strong rupee lifts India rates.*

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