



WEEKLY UPDATE ON ASEAN PLUS THREE RICE SITUATIONS

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Cambodia

Cambodia earns \$491 million from milled rice exports in 2024.

According to the Cambodia Rice Federation, Cambodia had exported 651,522 tonnes of milled rice in 2024, making a total of 491 million USD. In fact, 57 companies exported milled rice to 68 countries and regions, with China being the main buyer of the commodity. Additionally, about 76.15 percent of the exported milled rice was fragrant rice, 18.7 percent was white rice, 3.1 percent was parboiled rice, 1.78 percent was organic rice, and 0.27 percent was other types of rice.

Source: Khmer Times. (2025, Jan 12). *Cambodia earns \$491 mln from milled rice export in 2024.*

Cambodia will host WRC this year.

Cambodia will host the World Rice Conference (WRC) in 2025 after the country's fragrant rice, Malys Angkor, won the World's Best Rice title last year. The President of The Rice Trader, who is also the founder of WRC, expressed support for Cambodia as the country rapidly developed in the rice sector. The Prime Minister of Cambodia also emphasised the importance of rice production for the country's long-term agricultural goal. The government's main policies aimed to boost Cambodia's rice production, enhance competitiveness, develop infrastructure and logistics to facilitate transportation, and reduce costs.

Source: Khmer Times. (2025, Jan 10). *Cambodia will host World Rice Conference this year.*

Philippines

DA and DTI work in a collaborative effort to reduce rice prices.

The Department of Agriculture (DA) and Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) are cooperating to reduce rice prices to the affordable level of Filipino customers' financial burden. By determining a maximum suggested retail price for rice on imported rice to address spiking rice prices, the goal is to allow both retailers and importers to operate profitably. Along with ensuring that customers are not subjected to the excessively high price. Meanwhile, the DTI will review the existing regulations for the sale and labeling of manufactured goods and adapt them for agricultural commodities, especially rice. Besides, DA is considering declaring a national food security emergency to enable the Secretary of the Department of Agriculture to release rice stocks held in reserve. This action would help increase supply and bring down retail prices.

Source: The Department of Agriculture. (2025, Jan 8). *DA, DTI collaborate to address rising rice prices.*

Thailand

MOC eager to boost rice exports.

The Ministry of Commerce (MOC) aims to expedite the rice trade liberalisation meeting on January 17, 2025. The goal is to help small businesses become rice exporters, with the target to achieve tangible results in the first quarter of 2025. The meeting is expected to explore measures such as reducing a stockpile from 500 tonnes and lowering export fees from 50,000 baht (1,437.19 USD) to cut exporters' costs. In the second phase, MOC plans to simplify the registration process for rice trade and export businesses.

**1 USD = 34.80 baht*

Source: Bangkok Post. (2025, Jan 13). *Commerce Ministry eager to beef up rice exports.*

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