



WEEKLY UPDATE ON ASEAN PLUS THREE RICE SITUATIONS

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Cambodia

Release emergency water supply to help over 1,000 hectares of rice fields in Siem Reap.

Farmers were concerned about the prolonged dry condition, which they attributed to the decreasing river water levels. The crisis had a significant effect on crop losses, but the local authorities intervention has enabled water to reach the fields gradually. Therefore, authorities in Siem Reap province released an emergency water operation to irrigate a total of 1,354 hectares of dry-season rice fields, 1,010 hectares in Siem Reap commune and 344 hectares in Sangkat Chreav, starting from February 3, 2025.

Source: Khmer Times. (2025, Feb 5). *Over 1,000 hectares of rice fields rescued with emergency water supply in Siem Reap.*

Philippines

Philippine rice importers delay 350,000 tonnes of Vietnamese cargoes.

In late 2024, Philippine rice importers had signed the deals of purchasing Vietnamese rice at around 620 USD per tonnes free on board. However, now the price has decreased to around 500 USD per tonnes as India eased restrictions on overseas sales. Therefore, the rice importers have delayed purchasing 350,000 tonnes of rice from Viet Nam and have been renegotiating deals.

Source: Reuters. (2025, Feb 7). *Exclusive: Philippine rice buyers delay 350,000 tons of Vietnamese cargoes, sources say.*

Viet Nam

Viet Nam rice imports exceed 4.5 million tonnes in 2024.

According to the Vietnam Food Association's activity report and 2025 orientation, the total rice imports reached 4.52 million tonnes in 2024, including 3.8 million tonnes of paddy rice, with the remainder consisting of various types of rice, and glutinous rice remaining. Viet Nam's main rice imports were from Cambodia and India. 2.73 million tonnes of paddy rice from Cambodia were mainly processed and used for re-export. At the same time, 576,000 tonnes of lower-grade rice from India were utilized for noodle production, animal feed, and consumption for industrial park workers. Besides, Viet Nam also sourced rice from Lao PDR, Myanmar, Thailand, and other countries.

Source: The Saigon Times. (2025, Feb 7). *Vietnam's 2024 rice imports exceed 4.5 million tons.*

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Viet Nam's rice exports hit the highest record in 2024. The country exported 9.03 million tonnes of rice worth nearly 5.67 billion USD, which increase of 11.1 percent in volume and 21.18 percent in value compared to the previous year. The top four export markets were the Philippines, Indonesia, Malaysia, and Ghana. Besides, the average export price in 2024 was 627.19 USD per tonne, increasing by 13.43 percent year-on-year. Vietnam's rice industry in 2024 marks the highest export since the country entered the global market in 1989.

Source: The Saigon Times. (2025, Feb 7). *Vietnam's 2024 rice imports exceed 4.5 million tons.*

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