



WEEKLY UPDATE ON ASEAN PLUS THREE RICE SITUATIONS

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Indonesia

Indonesia set to achieve rice production record high at 13.95 million tonnes in early 2025.

According to the Central Statistics Agency (BPS), rice production is expected to amount to 13.95 million tonnes from January to April 2025. Besides, this is the highest level of production that has ever been seen in the same period since 2019. Moreover, the monthly rice production would reach 5.48 million tonnes in March 2025 before falling to 4.97 million tonnes in April 2025.

Source: Jakarta Globe. (2025, Mar 3). *Indonesia's Rice Production to Hit Record High at 13.95 Million Tons in Early 2025.*

The Coordinating Minister for Food is confident that Indonesia will not import rice in 2025.

According to the Coordinating Minister for Food, the government is focusing on irrigation development, in which the national rice production could reach 33 million to 34 million tonnes. Meanwhile, the average national rice needs are 31 million tonnes per year. This is one of the solutions that the government focuses on to build national food self-sufficiency. Therefore, with the optimistic expectation, Indonesia will not need to import rice in 2025.

Source: ANTARA News. (2025, Feb 26). *Optimistic Indonesia will not import rice in 2025: minister.*

Thailand

Rice exports are projected to drop 33 percent in the first quarter.

According to the Thai Rice Exporters Association, Thai rice exports are expected to drop by 33 percent year-on-year in the first quarter of 2025. The main reasons are India resuming white rice exports after the two-year hiatus and the global increase of 10 million tonnes of rice production compared to 2024. Besides, Thai rice exports are projected to tally 7.5 million tonnes, decreasing 24.2 percent from 9.94 million tonnes in 2024. Additionally, Thailand exported a total of 1.1 million tonnes of rice in the first two months of 2025, which was 32 percent lower than the previous year.

Source: Bangkok Post. (2025, Feb 27). *Rice exports projected to dip 33% in Q1.*

Japan

Japanese government to auction stockpiled rice on 10 March 2025.

According to the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, the government will auction some part of the rice stockpiles on 10 March 2025. This action is likely to sell on the store shelves at least by the end of the month. The government has released information about the locations of the storage warehouse, years of harvest, places of origin, and brands in the first set of rice stockpiles for auction. The aim is to curb rice prices in the country.

Source: The Japan Times. (2025, Mar 3). *Japanese government to auction stockpiled rice on March 10.*

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