



## WEEKLY UPDATE ON ASEAN PLUS THREE RICE SITUATIONS

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### Indonesia

**The government targets 1 million tonnes of rice from the Central Kalimantan expansion.**

The Ministry of Agriculture plans to expand rice fields in Central Kalimantan by 75,000 hectares. The aim is to produce 1 million tonnes to boost national food security. According to the preliminary data, 63,222 hectares of rice fields have already been contracted, 7,541 hectares are in the contract process, and 4,273 hectares are in a preparing phase. The Minister of Agriculture expressed confidence that the programme would be beneficial for local farmers and strengthen the regional economy.

**Source:** Jakarta Globe. (2025, Mar 20). *Government Aims for 1 Million Tons of Rice from Central Kalimantan Expansion.*

### Philippines

**Rice imports dropped almost half in the first quarter of 2025.**

The total of rice imports on 13 March 2025 dropped to 641,000 tonnes, which decreased from the same period of 1.2 million tonnes in 2024. According to the Assistant Secretary of the Department of Agriculture, the Philippines can import less in 2025 due to the expected good harvest. Besides, in 2024, the El Niño phenomenon impacted the local rice production, while the agency's measure to stabilize rice prices, along with India's restrictions on rice exports, led to a decline in rice imports.

**Source:** ABS-CBN. (2025, Mar 19). *Rice imports down by almost half in first quarter.*

### Thailand

**In February 2025, rice exports dropped 31 percent.**

According to the Ministry of Commerce, Thai rice exports decreased by an annual 33.1 percent in February 2025. Thailand is the world's second-largest rice exporter after India. On the other hand, Thailand is expected to export 7.5 million tonnes in 2025, which decreases from 9.95 million tonnes in 2024.

**Source:** Bangkok Post. (2025, Mar 21). *Thai February exports jump 14%, beating forecast.*

### Viet Nam

**Vietnam's rice export prices are starting to show signs of recovery.**

According to the Vietnam Food Association, Viet Nam's rice prices are showing signs of recovery after a prolonged period of decline. The price of 5 percent broken rice up by 2 USD per tonne, 25 percent broken rice risen by 1 USD per tonne, and 100 percent broken rice increase by 3 USD per tonne.

**Source:** VietnamPlus. (2025, Mar 21). *Vietnam's rice export prices show signs of recovery.*

**The impacts of India's rice return to the global market affect Viet Nam temporarily.**

According to the Vietnam Food Association data, there is 80 percent high-quality rice out of 1.1 million tonnes of rice exports in the first two months of 2025. The industry leaders stated that the impact of India's lifting its export ban, especially focusing on lower-grade rice, will be temporary.

**Source:** VietnamPlus. (2025, Mar 21). *Vietnam's rice export prices show signs of recovery.*

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