



WEEKLY UPDATE ON ASEAN PLUS THREE RICE SITUATIONS

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Indonesia

Indonesia allocates over 7 billion USD to strengthen food security in 2025.

According to the Ministry of Finance, the government has approved a budget of 118 trillion IDR (7.1 billion USD) to support food security in 2025. The Ministry of State-Owned Enterprises stated that this act is enforced because food security is the national priority. Furthermore, the government prioritises supporting state enterprises for rice purchasing. The countries with surplus rice place domestic demand over exports, posing a challenge to Indonesia's import strategy. The Coordinating Minister for Food Affairs stated that Bulog set 16.6 trillion IDR (1 billion USD) in funds to purchase 3 million tonnes of rice, including unprocessed rice, by April 2025.

Source: VietnamPlus. (2025, Mar 27). *Indonesia approves 7 billion USD budget for food security in 2025.*

Myanmar

The Myanmar earthquake does not impact global rice supply.

Myanmar ranked top in exporting rice to the global market. According to the Myanmar Rice Federation, the country earned around 4.5 billion MYR (1 billion USD) from exporting rice and broken rice from April 2024 to February 2025. Nonetheless, there will be minimal impact on the global rice market after the earthquake in Myanmar because there is an oversupply of rice at present. Besides, India has excessive stocks and good crops to handle the unexpected situation.

Source: Bernama. (2025, Apr 1). *Global rice supply stable despite Myanmar Earthquake.*

Philippines

RCEF boosts rice farming for six more years with 30 billion PHP funding.

The government extended the Rice Competitiveness Enhancement Fund (RCEF) to 30 billion PHP (525.93 million USD) up to 2031 under the amended Rice Tariffication Law. This act followed six years since 2019 of RCEF to ensure high-quality seeds, modern machinery, affordable credit, and appropriate training programmes for rice farmers.

*1 USD = 57.04 PHP

Source: Philippine Rice Research Institute. (2025, Apr 1). *RCEF to energize rice farming for six years more.*

Viet Nam

Inspection team oversight on rice export to ensure transparency.

According to the Ministry of Industry and Trade, the inter-agency inspections team oversaw rice export business activities in the Mekong Delta region. This project has been in process from September 2024 to the end of February 2025. The actual inspection took place from 25 to 28 March 2025. The team focused on law enforcement related to rice-exporting businesses, addressing violations while examining demand and supply in the market, and investigating pricing conditions. The aim is to ensure transparency, maintain market stability, and protect rice producers' interests amid domestic and international volatility.

Source: Viet Nam News. (2025, Mar 28). *Inspection team in rice export oversight.*

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