



WEEKLY UPDATE ON ASEAN PLUS THREE RICE SITUATIONS

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Indonesia

Indonesia's rice stock is expected to reach 3 million tonnes by the end of April 2025.

Due to the fertiliser programme, agricultural machinery, streamlined regulations, and the availability of high-quality seeds, the rice absorption rose by 2,000 percent between January and March 2025. Therefore, according to the Minister of Agriculture, Indonesia's national rice stock is projected to achieve 3 million tonnes by the end of April 2025, which is the highest level since 2005.

Source: The Peninsula. (2025, Apr 7). *Indonesia's rice stock projected to hit 3 mln tons by end of April.*

Philippines

March 2025 rice stock year-on-year increases, contrary to the month-on-month drop.

According to the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA), the National rice inventory reached 1.61 million tonnes as of 1 March 2025, increasing about 18 percent from 1.37 million tonnes in the same period of 2024. However, the PSA stated that the latest stock level decreased from 2.01 million tonnes in February 2025.

Source: The Philippine Star. (2025, Apr 7). *March rice stocks fall to one-year low.*

Thailand

Thai organic rice exporting has a chance to glow in the global market.

Thailand sees opportunities in exporting organic rice to the global market, especially Europe, due to the increasing healthy food demand in the world. The value is expected to reach 12 billion USD in 2034. According to the Ministry of Commerce (MOC), Thai organic rice shipments overseas were over 22,300 tonnes in 2024, which were valued at a total of 31.1 million USD. Therefore, the MOC suggested local farmers develop and introduce their "brand story" of organic rice in order to gain domestic and international sales.

Source: VietnamPlus. (2025, Apr 5). *Thailand sees long-term opportunities for organic rice exports.*

Viet Nam

Approved over 1,450 tonnes of rice to help three localities in the lean season.

Due to the lean season in 2025, more than 1,450 tonnes of rice from the national reserves were approved to allocate for local people in three northern provinces. Under Decision 693/QD-TTg, Lang Son province will get over 219 tonnes of rice, Lai Chau 387 tonnes, and Dien Bien 846 tonnes. Besides, the Ministry of Finance and Health has been tasked with rice allocation and providing reports on the process.

Source: VietnamPlus. (2025, Apr 2). *Rice aid approved for three localities during lean season.*

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