



WEEKLY UPDATE ON ASEAN PLUS THREE RICE SITUATIONS

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Lao PDR

Modern rice breeding infrastructure project has been launched by Lao PDR and Republic of Korea

Lao PDR and Republic of Korea officially opening of rice breeding infrastructure under the Project for Establishing the Foundation for Modern Rice Production in the Lao PDR. The ceremony took place in Makheo Village, Pakngum District, Vientiane Capital. According to project's progress. This project is five-year programmes from 2023 to 2027, covers the village of Naxa, Makheo and Maknao-Nuea with total budget of 3.85 million USD. 693 households will directly benefit from the project. The key feature is the consolidation of small, rainfed rice field into larger, more efficient plot. To date, around 80 percent of the 904-hectare target have been consolidated.

Source: ASEAN Laos 2024. (2025, July 1). *Lao-Korea Project Launches Infrastructure for Modern Rice Breeding.*

Thailand

Thailand's rice export will reach a target of 7.5 million tonnes of rice

According to the head of the Department of Foreign Trade from Ministry of Commerce, Thailand's rice export will reach a target of 7.5 million tonnes in 2025 as Thai rice is still in demand. But tensions in the Middle East are a concern as Thailand exports a lot of rice to Iraq.

Source: Brecorder. (2025, June 27). *Thai rice exports to reach 7.5 million tons target this year, official says.*

Thailand's rice prices fall down.

Thailand's 5 percent broken rice fall to a range of 385-390 USD per tonne from 397 USD per tonne quoted last week. According to trader, the decline was due to quiet demand, more supply and the possibility of further prices declining.

Source: INQUIRER.net. (2025, June 27). *Rice price in India edge higher on rupee strength despite weak demand.*

Viet Nam

Prolonged rains in Mekong Delta affect Viet Nam's rice prices fall down.

According to Vietnam Food Association, Viet Nam's 5 percent broken rice prices is 383 USD per tonne from 387 USD per tonne a week ago. The reason is strong global supplies, especially from India. Moreover, rice quality of the ongoing summer-autumn harvest has been affected by prolonged rains in the Mekong Delta over the recent day, Ho Chi Minh based traders said.

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Japan

Japan's private-sector rice imports rocketed higher in May.

Some 10,600 tonnes of rice were imported by private-sector companies despite high levies in May 2025. It represents huge growth from the 3,004 tonnes imported for the entire last financial year that ended in March 2024. To address the problem, Japan's government began releasing stockpiled rice directly to retailers from late May 2025, allowing some customers to purchase 5 kilogrammes of rice for about 2,000 JPY (13.90 USD), which is less than half of average supermarket prices.

*1 USD = 143.87 JPY

Source: CNA. (2025, June 27). *Japan private-sector rice imports soar in May.*

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