



## WEEKLY UPDATE ON ASEAN PLUS THREE RICE SITUATIONS

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### Indonesia

***Indonesia's rice production in the first 10 months of 2025 surpassed the rice production from the same period of 2024.***

According to the country's statistics bureau, Indonesia is expected to produce 31.04 million tonnes of rice from January to October 2025, representing a 12.16 percent increase from the same period in 2024.

**Source:** Brecorder. (2025, September 1). *Indonesia's rice output seen up 12.2% yr/yr in January to October.*

### Malaysia

***The government were asked to reinstate the subsidy on local rice amid concerns about living costs.***

The government has been urged to reinstate the subsidy policy for local white rice, known as Beres Putih Tempatan: BPT, which ended on August 31, 2025. The subsidy policy operated from March 1 to August 31, 2025, to gradually release 24 million subsidised 10-kilogramme packs of BPT to the market. According to the National Action Council on Cost of Living (NACCOL), the government must reconsider the subsidy policy to help support people's living costs. They also concerned that if the policy is removed, the price of BPT will no longer be controllable. But it is maintained the subsidy could keep prices between 26-30 MYR (6.15-7.09 USD) per 10-kilogramme pack. In addition, the imported rice from Pakistan costs around 1,400 MYR (331.01 USD) per tonne.

NACCOL argued that the subsidy policy remains economically viable.

\*1 USD = 4.23 MYR

**Source:** The Vibes. (2025, September 1). *Call for government to reinstate local white rice subsidy amid cost-of-living concerns.*

### Myanmar

***The Rice Export Zone is planned on 300,000 acres (121,405.69 hectares) in 100 townships.***

The Myanmar Rice Federation (MRF) plans to establish rice export zones covering 300,000 acres (121,405.69 hectares) across 100 townships. According to MRF, the project aims to stabilise rice prices and supports farmers by providing financial assistance, agricultural loans and improved farmland. The initiative is not only benefits farmers but also supports exporters through financing and management of export zones. Furthermore, the work coordination meeting on the implementation of rice export zones emphasised increasing exports, boosting productivity and developing rice export zones to strengthen the supply chain. The attendees consist of the presence of MRF's president, vice presidents, general secretary, management committee members and exporters.

\*1 acre = 0.405 hectares

1 hectare = 2.47 acres

**Source:** The Global New Light of Myanmar. (2025, August 30). *300,000-acre rice export zone planned in 100 townships.*

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