



# WEEKLY UPDATE ON ASEAN PLUS THREE RICE SITUATIONS

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## Indonesia

### ***Indonesia builds 100 warehouses to improve the absorption of rice production.***

According to the Government, the President has ordered the construction of 100 new Bulog warehouses to improve the absorption of rice and corn from local farmers. These new warehouses are planned to respond to declining warehouse and storage facilities shortages in major food-producing regions. In the past, the number of Bulog warehouses tended to go down. In addition, the additional warehouses are essential as Indonesia's rice production is projected to increase by 13 percent, from 30 million tonnes in 2024 to 34.77 million tonnes in 2025. The government has allocated 5 trillion IDR (300 million USD) to support finance initiatives, which aim at boosting the absorption of rice and corn from local farmers.

\*1 USD = 16,666.67 IDR

**Source:** ANTARA News. (2025, November 11). *Indonesia to build 100 warehouses to boost rice, corn absorption.*

## The Philippines

### ***The Philippines will resume importing rice in January 2026.***

According to the Department of Agriculture (DA), the Philippines will resume rice importation in January 2025 with the new tariff rate to ensure sufficient buffer stocks for the next harvest. The tariffs were previously lowered until 2028 from 35 percent to 15 percent under Executive Order 62 in June 2024. Meanwhile, the Economic Development Council, chaired by the President, adopted

the Tariff and Related Matters Committee's (TRMC) recommendation for a more gradual and flexible tariff adjustment of five percentage points per 5 percent change in international rice prices, subject to a minimum rate of 15 percent and a maximum rate of 35 percent, starting January 1, 2026. The rate of tariff will depend on shifts in global rice prices. Agriculture Secretary Francisco Tiu Laurel Jr. said that once rice importation resumes in January next year, "one thing is for sure, it will not be 15 percent." The deadline to determine what the right tariff come January 1, 2026, would be by December 15.

**Source:** GMA Network. (2025, November 6). Philippines to start rice importation by January 2026 with new tariff rates.

## Japan

### ***Japan encourages the use of rice coupons in upcoming economic measures.***

According to the government sources, Japan is preparing to include a proposal for rice coupons in the upcoming economic measures. The plan originally aims to ease the burden of low-income and child-rearing households affected by persistently high rice prices. The program would allow local governments to flexibly use their funds on rising energy and rice prices. The rice coupons would be added as an eligible use in the program. Some local governments have already distributed such coupons, and the central government would be seeking to broaden such efforts. In addition, the Prime Minister, who has made curbing inflation her top priority, told the Budget Committee of the House of Representatives that the government is considering to add rice coupons to the list of recommended projects under the priority support local grant programme.

**Source:** Nation Thailand. (2025, November 10). *Japan plans to promote rice coupons in economic package.*

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