



WEEKLY UPDATE ON ASEAN PLUS THREE RICE SITUATIONS

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Myanmar

Myanmar Rice Exports Decline in Early FY2026–27

Myanmar exported 529,534 tonnes of rice and broken rice in the first three months of fiscal year 2026–27 (April 2026 – June 2027), generating about 167 million USD, according to the Myanmar Rice Federation. Export volumes were lower than the more than 600,000 tonnes shipped during the same period a year earlier.

Source: Xinhua. (2026, July 4). *Myanmar exports over 520,000 tonnes of rice in first 3 months of FY2026-27*

Thailand

Thailand Raises 2026 Export Growth Forecast to 8 – 10 percent

Thailand's exports are now expected to grow 8 – 10 percent in 2026, up from the earlier forecast of 2 – 4 percent, according to the Thai National Shippers' Council (TNSC). Exports reached 62 billion USD in the first five months of the year, up 17 percent compared to 2025, while imports rose 35.6 percent to 87 billion USD, resulting in a 25.2 billion USD trade deficit. The TNSC expects exports to strengthen in the second half of 2026, driven by easing Middle East tensions, strong global demand, and a favourable exchange rate. Electronics, electrical appliances, and rice will lead growth, with rice exports projected at 7 million tonnes, while automotive exports are expected to remain stable at 950,000 units.

Despite the improved outlook, the TNSC warned that high production costs, expensive electricity, limited financing, climate-related impacts, and global economic uncertainty continue to pose risks to exports. It urged the government to keep the policy rate at 1 percent and support exporters by reducing regulations, stabilising the exchange rate, lowering logistics and energy costs, and promoting greater use of local content.

Source: Bangkok Post. (2026, July 4). *Thai exports on course for double-digit growth.*

Japan

Japan Rice Industry Expects Prices to Continue Falling

Expectations for lower rice prices in Japan are strengthening, according to an industry survey released on Monday. The rice price outlook index for the next three months fell to 19 in June—matching its lowest level on record—reflecting growing expectations of further price declines. The survey also showed improving supply conditions, with the supply-demand outlook index rising slightly to 20. More than half of respondents said inventory levels were a key factor in assessing prices, indicating that ample rice stocks are weighing on the market. The survey gathered responses from 135 rice producers, wholesalers, retailers, and other industry participants.

Source: The Japan Times. (2026, July 7). *Japan's rice prices likely to fall in coming months.*

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