



WEEKLY UPDATE ON ASEAN PLUS THREE RICE SITUATIONS

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Cambodia

Cambodia Rice Exports Surge 68 percent in First Seven Months of 2026

Cambodia exported 707,471 MT of milled rice in the first seven months of 2026, up 68 percent from 2025, generating 415.1 million USD in revenue, a 34.3 percent increase. The Cambodia Rice Federation expects the country to achieve the government's 1-million-MT annual export target, which would be a first for Cambodia. A total of 61 companies exported rice to 66 countries and regions, with ASEAN, China and the EU as the main markets. Premium fragrant rice accounted for the largest share at 59.2 percent, followed by white rice (23.6 percent) and broken rice (13.7 percent).

Source: Xinhua. (2026, August 5). *Cambodia's milled rice exports set to hit historic 1 mln ton milestone in 2026*.

Malaysia

Malaysia Maintains Rice Reserves, Boosts Domestic Production

On August 4, Deputy Agriculture and Food Security Minister Chan Foong Hin said Malaysia would maintain a stable rice reserve while strengthening support for domestic farmers. According to the country currently holds 1.237 million MT of rice, including 200,000 MT of national buffer stock and 1.037 million MT of commercial reserves, enough to

meet domestic demand for at least six months. The government is also using subsidies to regulate local white rice prices and aims to raise rice self-sufficiency to 80 percent by 2030 through drought-resistant varieties. In addition, the ministry was also implementing a five-season rice cultivation project over two years in areas under the Muda Agricultural Development Authority, alongside upgrades to irrigation systems.

Source: Vietnam Plus. (2026, August 6). *Malaysia intensifies efforts to strengthen rice supply, production*.

Philippines

Philippines to Maintain Rice Imports Amid El Niño Risk

According to the country's Department of Agriculture, the Philippines will not ban rice imports this year as the country prepares for the potential impact of a strong El Niño, which could decrease domestic paddy rice production by about 750,000 MT and raise the risk of supply shortages. As of August 3 2026, the country had imported 3.3 million MT of rice to mitigate the impact of continued imports on local rice farmers, while the government plans to maintain sufficient reserves and has instructed the National Food Authority to procure 500,000 MT of paddy rice from local farmers. The decision is expected to support steady demand for Vietnamese rice, particularly fragrant varieties, with the Philippines remaining Viet Nam's largest rice export market, accounting for 45 percent of its exports in the first seven months of 2026.

Source: VnExpress. (2026, August 6). *Philippines not to halt rice imports amid shortage fears*.

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