



WEEKLY UPDATE ON ASEAN PLUS THREE RICE SITUATIONS

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Philippines

Negros Occidental Purchases 171 Million PHP Worth of Rice Cover About 126,000 poor Households

The Negros Occidental provincial government has purchased about 171 million PHP (2.77 million USD) worth of rice to provide food assistance to 125,735 poor and near poor households in all 19 municipalities and 12 cities which using the Local Government Support Fund-Financial Assistance (LGSF-FA). Under the national government's financial assistance program each beneficiary household will receive a 10-kg sack of rice per quarter during the third and fourth quarters of 2026. The provincial government will use official beneficiary data and coordinate with local authorities to ensure equitable distribution and avoid duplicating assistance already provided through other government programs.

*1 USD = 61.76 PHP

Source: Philippines News Agency. (2026, August 21). *NegOcc buys P171-M rice for 125K poor households.*

Thailand

Thailand's Rice Exports to the Philippines Surge Over 110 percent in First Half of 2026

Thailand's rice exports to the Philippines surged by more than 110 percent year on year to nearly 300,000 MT in the first half of 2026,

with white rice accounting for almost all shipments. The Department of Foreign Trade (DFT) expects exports to the Philippines to exceed 600,000 MT in 2026, supported by growing demand for high-quality and distinctive rice varieties, particularly in urban areas and among restaurants and hotels. A Thai delegation recently visited Manila to promote Thai rice and strengthen trade cooperation with Philippine rice industry stakeholders, while discussing market developments, food security and logistics.

Source: Thai PBS World. (2026, August 23). *Philippines remains major importer of Thai rice.*

China

China's Summer Grain Purchases Peak as Wheat Procurement Exceeds 90 Million MT

According to The National Food and Strategic Reserves Administration (NAFRA) China's summer grain procurement has entered its peak season, with more than 90 million MT of wheat purchased nationwide. Wheat purchases are progressing smoothly, while early-season indica rice is entering the market in large volumes in southern China. To support farmers and stabilize prices, authorities have activated minimum purchase price programs for wheat in Henan and early indica rice in Jiangxi and Hunan. The government will also strengthen grain drying and storage facilities, reduce post-harvest losses, and improve coordination between producing and consuming regions to ensure smooth grain sales.

Source: China Daily. (2026, August 24). *China boosts grain buying with minimum price programs to support farmers and market.*

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