



WEEKLY UPDATE ON ASEAN PLUS THREE RICE SITUATIONS

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Thailand

Thailand targets 10 million rai for low-carbon rice production

Thailand's Rice Department has joined Terranexx (Thailand) Co., Ltd. in a programme to expand low-carbon rice production to 10 million rai (1.6 million hectares), about one-seventh of the country's total rice-growing area. The programme will initially cover 1 million rai (0.16 million hectares) of irrigated paddy fields, producing certified low-carbon rice under the Thailand Greenhouse Gas Management Organization's (TGO) Premium T-VER methodology. It will then expand to 9 million rai (1.44 million hectares) of rain-fed rice areas, selected based on soil suitability. The initiative aims to improve rice yields and grain quality while reducing production costs and carbon emissions. Farmers will use GreenCalSi, a mineral soil conditioner made from locally sourced Thai diatomite and calcium sulphate, applied once at planting without changing existing cultivation or water-management practices.

*1 hectare = 6.25 rai

1 rai = 0.16 hectare

Source: Nation Thailand. (2026, September 17). *Department of Rice and Terranexx Join Hands to Scale Thailand's Low-Carbon Rice to 10 million Rai, Elevating Thai Farmers to the Global Premium Market.*

Viet Nam

Vietnam to host International Rice Festival in November 2026

Vietnam's Can Tho city will host the second Vietnam International Rice Festival on November 23–26, 2026. The festival will promote green, low-emission rice production, innovation, and higher-quality and higher-value Vietnamese rice, with exhibitions, while strengthening the global competitiveness of the country's rice sector. IRRI and the Vietnam Rice Industry Association have also proposed an additional workshop on November 24.

Source: VietnamPlus. (2026, September 19). *Can Tho gears up for second Vietnam International Rice Festival.*

P.R. China

P.R. China's Guizhou begins paddy rice harvest season

A total of 118,500 mu (about 7,900 hectares) of paddy rice in Changshun County, southwest P.R. China's Guizhou Province, has entered the harvest season. Farmers in Zhongtang Village and surrounding areas are taking advantage of favorable weather to speed up harvesting across the county's terraced fields. Activities include harvesting and threshing newly harvested paddy rice, with farmers working to complete the harvest while weather conditions remain suitable. The harvest highlights the ongoing rice production season in Guizhou, where terraced fields play an important role in the local agricultural landscape.

*1 hectare = 15 mu

1 mu = 0.067 hectare

Source: Xinhua. (2026, September 18). *Paddy rice enters harvest season in county of China's Guizhou.*

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