



WEEKLY UPDATE ON ASEAN PLUS THREE RICE SITUATIONS

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Myanmar

Myanmar Rice Exports Fall to 972,000 MT in First Six Months of Fiscal Year 2026-27

Myanmar exported 971,662 MT of rice and broken rice worth 338 million USD in the first six months of fiscal year 2026-27, which began in April, 2026. Exports declined from more than 1.2 million MT in the same period in the last fiscal year. Shipments were delivered to more than 30 countries and regions.

Source: Xinhua. (2026, October 7). *Myanmar exports over 970,000 tonnes of rice in past 6 months.*

Japan

Japan Forecasts 7.4 million MT of Rice in 2026 as Prices Face Further Pressure

Japan's 2026 staple rice harvest is forecast at 7.40 million MT, down 0.8 percent from 7.47 million MT in 2025, according to the agriculture ministry. Despite concerns over prolonged rain and limited sunshine in September 2026, the forecast remains relatively high, raising expectations that rice supply will continue to exceed demand and put further downward pressure on prices. The forecast was based on harvest data and grain counts as of Sept. 25 2026, when around 60 percent of this year's rice crop had been harvested. However, prolonged rainfall delayed harvest surveys in

some areas, and the full impact of adverse weather conditions has yet to be assessed. The ministry is scheduled to release an updated harvest estimate in mid-November, 2026, based on data as of 25 October 2026. Japan's rice production exceeded 7 million MT for the first time in four years in 2025.

Source: nippon.com. (2026, October 13). *Japan's 2026 Rice Harvest Projected to Fall 1 Pct*

Republic of Korea

South Korea's Rice Output to Fall to 3.51 million MT in 2026

According to the Ministry of Data and Statistics, South Korea's rice production is forecast to decline 0.6 percent to 3.51 million MT in 2026, from 3.53 million MT a year earlier. The decrease is attributed to a 1.1 percent reduction in rice cultivation area to 670,000 hectares, reflecting government efforts to adjust production by encouraging farmers to switch to other crops. In addition, South Jeolla Province and Gwangju are expected to produce a combined 738,000 MT, followed by South Chungcheong Province with 689,000 MT and North Jeolla Province with 533,000 MT. Meanwhile, domestic rice consumption continues to decline amid changing dietary habits and growing preferences for alternatives such as wheat-based foods. The ministry is scheduled to release final production figures in November 2026.

Source: The Korea Times. (2026, October 8). *Korea's rice production projected to fall 0.6% in 2026: data ministry.*

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