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Report Highlights:

This weekly report contains data on rice prices in the U.S., Thailand and the EU. It also lists current import duties and export subsidies in the EU. All information will be published as such in the weekly USDA publication "Rice Market News".

Includes PSD changes: No
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(1) MARKET SUMMARY

As anticipated, U.S. export prices have again increased from the previous week, owing to a lack of product offers in the market. U.S. rice exporters submitted bids for export certificates under the EU rice TRQ prior to the December 1 deadline. Although official results are not yet available, market sources report that the lowest accepted bid is substantially lower than recorded during the 2000 TRQ.

In Thailand, prices for high quality rice have strengthened based on large volumes of rice scheduled to be shipped to export markets in the near term. More price increases are expected in the light of potential demand from countries such as Malaysia and Indonesia. Due to recent flooding, large areas of rice fields have been destroyed in South East Asia.

Rice prices in the EU are stable at high levels reflecting the decrease in both quantity and quality of the 2000 harvest. In Italy, these crop results are already giving rise to speculation about the quantities offered into intervention as of April 2001. Given that the average quality of paddy rice has deteriorated substantially, a portion of Italian paddy will not qualify for intervention. Furthermore, rice which qualifies may be subject to reductions to the intervention price in order to correct for quality.

COMMISSION AWARDS UNDER OPEN MARKET EXPORT TENDERS, EU GRAIN MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING OF NOVEMBER 30, 2000.

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- 1) Wholly milled round grain rice to Zones I to VI (excl. Turkey and Hungary) and Zone VIII (excluding Guyana, Madagascar and Surinam), Comm. Reg.2281/2000: 646 MT of bids, 496 MT of licenses awarded at a maximum export subsidy of EUR 184/MT.
 - 2) Wholly milled MG and LG A rice to Bulgaria, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Czech Republic, Romania, Slovenia, and Slovakia, Comm. Reg 2282/2000: 280 MT of bids, 210 MT of licenses awarded at a maximum export subsidy of EUR 183/MT.
 - 3) Wholly milled MG and LG A rice to Zones I to VI (excl. East Europe and Turkey) and Zone VIII (excluding Guyana, Madagascar and Surinam), Comm. Reg.2283/2000: 4,008 MT of bids, 2,858 MT of licenses awarded at a maximum export subsidy of EUR 184/MT.
 - 4) Wholly milled LG rice to Zones I to VI (excl. Turkey and Hungary) and Zone VIII (excluding Guyana, Madagascar and Surinam), Comm. Reg.2284/2000: 3,425 MT of bids, 1,125 MT of licenses awarded at a maximum export subsidy of EUR 264/MT.
 - 5) Husked long grain rice to Reunion, Comm. Reg. 2285/2000: 500 MT of bids, 500 MT of licenses awarded at a maximum export subsidy of EUR 277/MT.

(2) LOWEST OFFERING PRICES BASIS C&F ARAG (UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED)

(A) WHOLE LONG-GRAIN

	US\$/MT	US\$/100 LBS
	Bulk	Bulk
UNITED STATES:		
2 Milled 4 pct *	286.59	13.00
2 Brown 4/73 pct	259.03	11.75
1 Brown parb 4/88 **	286.59	13.00
Medium Milled 2/4 *	270.05	12.25

* F.A.S. basis

** While nominal price quotes are for 1 BROWN PARB 4/88, these quotes in reality refer to rice that meets all U.S. No.1 requirements except for one or two categories. Current and historical trade practice is for rice shipped to the EU to be graded only as No.2 and to be further processed upon arrival.

	US\$/MT	US\$/100 LBS
	Bulk-Rotterdam	Bulk
THAILAND:		
TWR 100% B	240.00 C&F	10.89
Parb LZ 4-88%	245.00 C&F	11.11
Loonzain 100% B	225.00 C&F	10.21
A1 Super	178.00 C&F	8.07
Fragrant WR 100%	490.00 C&F	22.23
Fragrant LZ Super	440.00 C&F	19.96
Fragrant LZ Supreme	460.00 C&F	20.87

	Lira/kg	US\$/MT	US\$/100 LBS
	Bulk	Bulk	Bulk
EUROPEAN UNION *:			
Milled LG 5 Pct **	920	422.16	19.15
Milled parb LG **	1080	495.58	22.48

(B) WHOLE RMG

	Lira/kg	US\$/MT	US\$/100 LBS
	Bulk	Bulk	Bulk
ITALY*:			
Milled Medium **	960	440.52	19.98
Camolino 5 Pct (FOB)***	N/A	N/A	N/A

*U.S / Lira exchange 12/05/00 \$1= 2179.26

** Domestic prices, converted into \$ from quotations in ITL/kg

*** export price

(3) IMPORT LEVIES ARE CHANGED SINCE 11/23/00
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	EUR/MT	EUR/MT	US\$/MT	US\$/MT
	General	ACP	General	ACP
Brown RG+MG Regul + Parb	264.00	88.06	235.17	78.44
Brown LG Regul + Parb	199.47	65.48	177.69	58.33
Milled RG Regul + Parb	416.00	133.21	370.57	118.66
Milled MG + LG Regul + Parb	416.00	133.21	370.57	118.66
Brokens	128.00	41.18	114.02	36.68

EURO/US\$ exchange rate 12/05/00 = 0.8908

(4) EXPORT SUBSIDIES ON RICE, effective 12/01/2000
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	EUR/MT	US\$/MT
Brown RG+MG+LG Reg, RG+MG+LG Parb, to Switzerland, Liechtenstein, Livigno and Campione d'Italia (R01)	135.00	120.26
Semi-milled RG+MG+LG Reg, RG+MG+LG Parb to Switzerland, Liechtenstein, Livigno and Campione d'Italia (R01)	135.00	120.26
Milled RG+MG+LG Reg, RG+MG+LG Parb, to Switzerland, Liechtenstein, Livigno and Campione d'Italia (R01)	169.00	150.55
Milled RG+MG+LG Reg, RG+MG+LG Parb, to destinations R02 (see below)	174.00	155.00

Milled RG+MG+LG Reg, RG+MG+LG Parb, to destinations R03 (see below)	179.00	159.45
Wholly milled rice RG+MG+LG, to Ceuta and Melilla (Destinat. 021 and 023)	174.00	155.00
Milled RG+MG+LG Reg, RG+MG+LG Parb, to destinations mentioned in Art. 34 of amended Comm. Reg. 3665/87 (=Supplies to internat. organiz. established in the EU, supplies to armed forces etc.) (Destination A97)	174.00	155.00

The issue of export licenses with advance fixing of the refund is suspended except for:

Destination R01: 3,320 MT

Destinations R02, R03: 1,750 MT

Destinations 021 and 023: 440 MT

Destination 064: 9,500 MT

Destination A97: 300 MT.

R01: Switzerland, Liechtenstein, communes of Livigno and Campione d'Italia

R02: Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia, Malta, Egypt, Israel, Lebanon, Syria, Ex-Spanish Sahara, Cyprus, Jordan, Iraq, Iran, Yemen, Kuwait, United Arab Emirates, Oman, Bahrain, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, West Bank/Gaza Strip, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Czech Republic, Slovenia, Slovakia, Norway, Faroe Island, Iceland, Russia, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Yugoslavia, former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Albania, Romania, Bulgaria, Georgia, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Moldova, Ukraine, Kazakhstan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan.

R03: Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, Bolivia, Chile, Argentina, Uruguay, Paraguay, Brazil, Venezuela, Canada, Mexico, Guatemala, Honduras, El Salvador, Nicaragua, Costa Rica, Panama, Cuba, Bermuda, South Africa, Australia, New Zealand, Hong Kong SAR, A40, A11 except Suriname, Guyana and Madagascar.