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Grain and Feed

Rice Update

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Report Highlights:
Update PSD rice.

Includes PSD changes: Yes
Includes Trade Matrix: No
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PSD Table						
Country Thailand						
Commodity Rice, Milled (1000 HA)(1000 MT)						
	Revised	1998	Preliminary	1999	Forecast	2000
	Old	New	Old	New	Old	New
Market Year Begin		01/1999		01/2000		01/2001
Area Harvested	9833	9900	9840	10080	0	10048
Beginning Stocks	1051	1162	652	1176	2002	1776
Milled Production	15180	15589	15850	16500	0	16632
Rough Production	23000	23620	24015	25000	ERR	25200
MILLING RATE (.9999)	6600	6600	6600	6600	0	6600
TOTAL Imports	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jan-Dec Imports	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jan-Dec Import U.S.	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL SUPPLY	16231	16751	16502	17676	2002	18408
TOTAL Exports	6679	6675	5500	6300	0	6300
Jan-Dec Exports	6679	6675	5500	6300	0	6300
TOTAL Dom. Consumption	8900	8900	9000	9600	0	9990
Ending Stocks	652	1176	2002	1776	2002	2118
TOTAL DISTRIBUTION	16231	16751	16502	17676	2002	18408

Post revised 1998/99 and 1999/00 rice production up slightly to 23.62 million metric tons (18.62 mmt of main crop and 5.0 mmt of second crop) and 25.0 million tons (19.5 mmt of main crop and 5.5 mmt of second crop), respectively. The 2000/01 main rice crop output in the Northeast is expected to be better than last year's record production due to more seeded areas, early arrival and excellent rainfall, no pause in monsoon season and very minor pests and disease problems. Favorable dry weather conditions during harvesting also support the good quality grain, giving higher milling head yield. However, monsoon did result in heavy flooding in some lowland areas in the Northeast and Southern Thailand. Assuming stable production in the North and Central regions, the losses were more than offset by expanded transplanting and sowings in higher elevation and an increase in average field yields. As a result, current main crop rice should be up slightly to 19.7 mmt and second crop is forecast to be at least 5.5 mmt, adding total crop to be 25.2 mmt. Attractive fragrant paddy prices encouraged farmers to convert their land to plant more fragrant than glutinous rice this year. This gave an impact on offering higher long grain glutinous paddy at 5,150, compared with 4,000 baht/ton during the same period in late Nov'00. The cool dry weather resulted in a significant increase in fragrant rice head yield giving an extreme pressure on paddy prices. The price of fragrant Mali 105 paddy dropped from 8,000 in mid Nov'00 to 6,800-7,000 baht/ton in late Nov'00. Supplies of fragrant broken, in contrast, will be tighter, possibly discouraging utilization in feed and cross border sales into Cambodia.

Rice exports for 2000 are likely to reach 6.3 mmt, a drop of 6 percent from last year's record of 6.675 mmt due to strong overseas demand during the last quarter of this year. With a forecast of the same level of exports next year, carry-over stocks will exceed 2.0 mmt.