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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. rice prices did not change from the previous week, the market remaining very quiet. Given that this year's long grain rice crop is both smaller and of lesser quality than last year, it is generally expected that U.S. parboiled rice prices may strengthen as of January. Some buyers of U.S. rice may then turn to alternative supply sources in other parts of the world.

In Thailand, prices did not increase from last week, indicating that sales contracts ahead of the holiday period and the Chinese New Year have not yet been concluded.

In the EU, it looks like market operators have already entered the holiday period with very little business taking place and prices remaining stable. Following small export license awards during last week's Grain Management Committee meeting, December 21 will be the last opportunity this calendar year for EU rice exporters to bid for free market licenses. Discussion on policy issues affecting the rice sector (reform of the Common Market Organization, the Everything but Arms Initiative) will be shifted to the first half of 2001, under the Swedish Presidency of the EU Council.

COMMISSION AWARDS UNDER OPEN MARKET EXPORT TENDERS, EU GRAIN MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING OF DECEMBER 14, 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: 714 MT of bids, 110 MT of licenses awarded at a maximum export subsidy of EUR 195/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: 150 MT of bids, 50 MT of licenses awarded at a maximum export subsidy of EUR 190/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: 2,715 MT of bids, 1,015 MT of licenses awarded at a maximum export subsidy of EUR 197/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: 2,250 MT of bids, 550 MT of licenses awarded at a maximum export subsidy of EUR 275/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	256.82	11.65
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	239.00 C&F	10.84
Parb LZ 4-88%	245.00 C&F	11.11
Loonzain 100% B	225.00 C&F	10.21
A1 Super	176.00 C&F	7.98
Fragrant WR 100%	475.00 C&F	21.55
Fragrant LZ Super	425.00 C&F	19.28
Fragrant LZ Supreme	445.00 C&F	20.19

	Lira/kg	US\$/MT	US\$/100 LBS
	Bulk	Bulk	Bulk
EUROPEAN UNION *:			
Milled LG 5 Pct **	940	433.52	19.67
Milled parb LG **	1100	507.31	23.01

(B) WHOLE RMG

	Lira/kg	US\$/MT	US\$/100 LBS
	Bulk	Bulk	Bulk
ITALY*:			
Milled Medium **	1000	461.20	20.92
Camolino 5 Pct (FOB)***	N/A	N/A	N/A

*U.S / Lira exchange 12/19/00 \$1= 2168.28

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

*** export price

(3) IMPORT LEVIES ARE CHANGED SINCE 12/07/00

	EUR/MT	EUR/MT	US\$/MT	US\$/MT
	General	ACP	General	ACP
Brown RG+MG Regul + Parb	264.00	88.06	236.70	78.95
Brown LG Regul + Parb	205.88	67.72	184.59	60.72
Milled RG Regul + Parb	416.00	133.21	372.99	119.44
Milled MG + LG Regul + Parb	416.00	133.21	372.99	119.44
Brokens	128.00	41.18	114.76	36.92

EURO/US\$ exchange rate 12/19/00 = 0.8966

(4) EXPORT SUBSIDIES ON RICE, effective 12/01/2000

	EUR/MT	US\$/MT
Brown RG+MG+LG Reg, RG+MG+LG Parb, to Switzerland, Liechtenstein, Livigno and Campione d'Italia (R01)	135.00	121.04
Semi-milled RG+MG+LG Reg, RG+MG+LG Parb to Switzerland, Liechtenstein, Livigno and Campione d'Italia (R01)	135.00	121.04
Milled RG+MG+LG Reg, RG+MG+LG Parb, to Switzerland, Liechtenstein, Livigno and Campione d'Italia (R01)	169.00	151.53
Milled RG+MG+LG Reg, RG+MG+LG Parb, to destinations R02 (see below)	174.00	156.01
Milled RG+MG+LG Reg, RG+MG+LG Parb, to destinations R03 (see below)	179.00	160.49
Wholly milled rice RG+MG+LG, to Ceuta and Melilla (Destinat. 021 and 023)	174.00	156.01

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	156.01
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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.