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Beans and Pulses Monthly Trade Report

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Report Highlights:

Burma exported 49,477 mt of beans and pulses in November, with most of them going to India. Mung, Black Matpe, and Pigeon Pea comprised almost 90 percent of the total.

Includes PSD changes: No
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TRADE

During the month of November, Burma exported 47,475 metric tons of beans and pulses and 2,002 metric tons of beans and pulses via border trade for a total of 49,477 metric tons. In November Mung beans comprised 36 percent, Black Matpe 32 percent, and Toor Whole(Pigeon pea)22 percent of the total beans and pulses export. The major destination was India, taking 92 percent of the total exports.

DESTINATIONS

Germany - a total of 21 mt of beans and pulses exported:
21 mt of Kidney beans.

India - a total of 45,780 mt of beans and pulses exported:
13,055 mt of Black Matpe
3,790 mt of Chick peas
268 mt of Kidney beans
17,602 mt of Mung beans
11,022 mt of Toor whole
43 mt of Various beans.

Japan - a total of 372 mt of beans and pulses exported:
311 mt of Black Matpe
61 mt of Butter beans (Lima beans):

Korea - a total of 100 mt of beans and pulses exported:
100 mt of Butter beans beans.

Malaysia - a total of 131 mt of beans and pulses exported:
131 mt of Black Matpe.

Netherlands - a total of 20 mt of beans and pulses exported:
5 mt of Black Matpe
5 mt of Brown beans
10 mt of Mung beans

Philippines - a total of 45 mt of beans and pulses exported:
45 mt of Black Matpe

Portugal- a total of 108 mt of beans and pulses exported:
108 mt of Toor whole

Singapore - a total of 442 mt of beans and pulses exported:

203 mt of Black Matpe
115 mt of Mung beans
124 mt of Bamboo beans

Sri Lanka - a total of 413 mt of beans and pulses exported:

413 mt of Black Matpe.

Thailand - a total of 1,960 mt of beans and pulses exported:

1,792 mt of Matpe
168 mt of Cow peas

UAE - a total of 85 mt of beans and pulses exported:

85 mt of Black eye beans.

Beans and Pulses Exports(mt)	2001	2002
January	36,599	56,238
February	54,094	71,161
March	89,479	89,864
April	74,704	110,323
May	77,893	127,052
June	113,784	87,163
July	92,535	102,306
August	85,935	80,651
September	36,632	94,296
October	72,264	81,810
November	47,795	49,477
December	43,453	
TOTAL	825,167	950,341
Others*	160,365	----
GRAND TOTAL	985,532	

*=export shipments not covered elsewhere

PRICES

Export prices set for beans and prices by Price Appraisal Committee that met on November 11, 2002 are: FAQ = Fair Average Quality SQ = Standard Quality

Matpe (FAQ) US\$ 225

Matpe (SQ) US\$ 265

Mung beans (Pedesein) (FAQ) US\$ 275

Butter beans (Lima beans) (FAQ) US\$ 270

Toor whole (Pesingon) (FAQ) US\$ 240

BORDER TRADE

The government has introduced a new payment system for border transactions of beans and pulses. Under the change which took effect in November, the international payment system was being implemented for trade in beans and pulses. The system requires traders across the border to pay for transactions through either letters of credit or telegraphic transfers. This new system will initially be applied only to the beans and pulses but was also likely to extend to cover fishery products.

An official from the Border Trade Department, an agency under the Ministry of Commerce, disclosed that border trade in FY 2001/02 (April-March) accounted to US\$500 million or about 10 percent of the total foreign trade volume of US\$ 5.3 billion. GOB levies a tax of 10 percent on exports and allows traders to spend 80 percent of their export earnings on imports regarded by GOB as essential. Traders are allowed to spend their remaining 20 percent of their earnings on non-essential imports.

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