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Bean and Pulse Monthly Trade Report - September 2004

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Report Highlights:

Burmese bean and pulse exports in September 2004 decreased by 70 percent from the same period in 2003. Japan, a major buyer for Burmese Butter beans and other pulses, bought only 308 metric tons of Matpe and Bamboo beans. India took 84 percent of the total Burmese bean and pulse exports this month.

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Trade

Burma exported 30,748 metric tons (mt) of beans and pulses in September 2004, down 70 percent from the same period of 2003. These exports were also the lowest in 2004. Matpe accounted for 43 percent of total exports, followed by Toor Whole (21 percent), Chickpeas (14 percent), and Mung beans (13 percent), respectively. The major destination was India, accounting for 84 percent of the total bean and pulse exports, followed by Malaysia (5 percent).

Bangladesh - a total of 696 mt of beans and pulses exported:

497 mt of Black Matpe

199 mt of Mung beans

China - a total of 303 mt of beans and pulses exported:

303 mt of Mung beans

Dubai - a total of 552 mt of beans and pulses exported:

552 mt of Mung beans

Germany - a total of 46 mt of beans and pulses exported:

46 mt of Kidney beans

India - a total of 25,959 mt of beans and pulses exported:

10,877 mt of Matpe

2,467 mt of Mung beans

871 mt of Black eye beans

4,058 mt of Chickpeas

6,220 mt of Toor Whole (Pigeon pea)

1,466 mt of Kidney beans

Italy - a total of 23 mt of beans and pulses exported:

23 mt of Toor Whole (Pigeon pea)

Korea - a total of 60 mt of beans and pulses exported:

60 mt of Black eye beans

Japan - a total of 308 mt of beans and pulses exported:

266 mt of Matpe

42 mt of Bamboo beans

Malaysia - a total of 1,670 mt of beans and pulses exported:

1,262 mt of Matpe

387 mt of Mung beans

21 mt of Kidney beans

Netherlands – a total of 21 mt of beans and pulses exported:

21 mt of Kidney beans

Pakistan - a total of 230 mt of beans and pulses exported:

230 mt of Chickpeas

Philippines - a total of 47 mt of beans and pulses exported:

47 mt of Mung beans

Poland – a total of 23 mt of beans and pulses exported:
23 mt of Mung beans

Sri Lanka - a total of 140 mt of beans and pulses exported:
140 mt of Matpe

Singapore - a total of 246 mt of beans and pulses exported:
154 mt of Matpe
92 mt of Mung beans

Spain - a total of 42 mt of beans and pulses exported:
42 mt of Kidney beans

Saudi Arabia – a total of 161 mt of beans and pulses exported:
115 mt of Toor Whole (Pigeon pea)
46 mt of Mung beans

Thailand - a total of 173 mt of beans and pulses exported:
31 mt of Cowpea
22 mt of Mung beans
120 mt of Butter beans

United Arab Emirates - a total of 48 mt of beans and pulses exported:
48 mt of Black eye beans

Beans and Pulses Exports (mt)	2003	2004
January	43,885	59,450
February	65,471	82,143
March	70,011	131,179
April	88,772	129,001
May	51,591	139,895
June	100,893	98,906
July	107,520	68,992
August	87,198	47,786
September	100,575	30,748
October	99,008	
November	36,638	
December	38,493	
Grand Total	890,055	788,100

Prices

Export prices set for beans and pulses by the Price Appraisal Committee on September 2004 are:

FAQ= Fair Average Quality

SQ= Super Quality

Matpe (FAQ) US\$ 260

Black Matpe (SQ) US\$ 315

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

Toor Whole (Pigeon pea)(FAQ) US\$ 350

Note: Average exchange rate in August: one US\$=Kyat 930

Market situations

New bean and pulse crops are still entering the market. Trading activities are weak and most of the trading is done on credit. It should be noted that Burmese bean and pulse exports have dropped for the forth-consecutive month this year. Japan, an active buyer in the past, did not import any Butter beans in September. Most of the European buyers bought only Kidney beans. Bean and pulse exports to China and Thailand are mostly border trade deals.

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