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Bean and Pulse Monthly Trade Report-August 2004

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Report Highlights:

India took 79 percent and China took 12 percent of the total Burmese beans and pulses exports. Exports to China and Thailand are mostly border trade deals. The Burmese and Thai governments reportedly agreed to cooperate in a joint research on soybean production.

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Trade

During August, Burma exported 47,786 metric tons (mt) of beans and pulses. Black Matpe comprised 49 percent, Toor Whole (Pigeon pea) 19 percent, and Mung beans 19 percent of the total bean and pulse exports. The major destination was India who took 79 percent of the total bean and pulse exports. August's exports decreased 45 percent from the previous August in 2003.

Bangladesh - a total of 28 mt of beans and pulses exported:

3 mt of Black Matpe
25 mt of various beans

Belgium – a total of 20 mt of beans and pulses exported:

20 mt of Toor Whole (Pigeon pea)

China – a total of 5,681 mt of beans and pulses exported:

4,707 mt of Mung beans
974 mt of various beans

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

23 mt of Kidney beans

India - a total of 37,202 of beans and pulses exported:

20,925 mt of Black Matpe
3,992 mt of Mung beans
966 mt of Black Eye beans
1,299 mt of Chickpeas
8,990 mt of Toor Whole (Pigeon pea)
1,030 mt of Kidney beans

Japan - a total of 1,613 mt of beans and pulses exported:

563 mt of Black Matpe
1,030 mt of Butter beans (Lima beans)
20 mt of Kidney beans

Malaysia - a total of 646 mt of beans and pulses exported:

365 mt of Black Matpe
258 mt of Mung beans
23 mt of Butter beans

Pakistan - a total of 1,421 mt of beans and pulses exported:

847 mt of Black Matpe
574 mt of Chickpeas

Philippines - a total of 138 mt of beans and pulses exported:

115 mt of Black Matpe
23 mt of Black Eye beans

Sri Lanka - a total of 158 mt of beans and pulses exported:

158 mt of Black Matpe

Singapore - a total of 245 mt of beans and pulses exported:

154 mt of Black Matpe

47 mt of Mung beans
44 mt of Black eye beans

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

Thailand - a total of 295 mt of beans and pulses exported:
108 mt of Black Matpe
187 mt of Cowpea

UAE - a total of 274 mt of beans and pulses exported:
184 mt of Black Matpe
90 mt of Mung 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	
October	99,008	
November	36,638	
December	38,493	
Total	890,055	757,352

Prices

Export prices for beans and pulses set by the Price Appraisal Committee on August 16, 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: US\$ 1.0 = Kyat 950

Market Situations

New bean and pulse crops are still entering the market. Except for Black Matpe, trading activities for other beans and pulses are weak. The Burmese and Thai governments

reportedly agreed to cooperate in a joint research on soybean production. Under the agreement, Thailand will provide training to Burmese officials and seedlings for field trial in Burma. It is also projected to build a soybean oil refinery plant using advanced technology. A portion of soybean oil production from this plant will be exported to the world market. As usual, India was the largest buyer of the total beans and pulses in August (79 percent), followed by China (12 percent). Bean and pulse exports to China and Thailand are mostly border trade deals.

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