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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 USDA publication "Rice Market News".

Includes PSD Changes: No Includes Trade Matrix: No Unscheduled Report Brussels USEU [BE2]

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COMMISSION AWARDS UNDER OPEN MARKET EXPORT TENDERS,

EU Grain Management Committee Meeting of December 18, 2003

Under Regulation 1875/03: Offers for 3,600 MT, 2,250 MT granted with a restitution of €148/MT.

Under Regulation 1876/03: Offers for 10,184, 4,060 MT accepted with a restitution of €148.10/MT

Under Regulation 1877/03: Offers for 7,750 MT, 2,500 MT accepted, with a restitution of €287/MT

Under Regulation 1878/03 (Reunion): Offers for 2,500 MT, none accepted.

LOWEST OFFERING PRICES Basis C&F ARAG (unless otherwise stated)

Whole Long-Grain

	US\$/MT	US\$/100 LBS	
	Bulk	Bulk	
UNITED STATES			
2 Milled 4 pct *	347.23	15.75	
2 Brown 4/73 pct	319.67	14.50	
Medium Milled 2/4 *	462.97	21.00	
1 Brown parb 4/88 **	314.16	14.25	

^{*} 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		
Parb LZ 4-88%	260	11.79
Loonzain 100% B	245	11.11
A1 Super	210	9.53
Fragrant LZ Super	505	22.91
Fragrant LZ Supreme	495	22.45

All Thai prices on a C&F basis

	EUR/MT	US\$/MT	US\$/100 LBS
	Bulk	Bulk	Bulk
EUROPEAN UNION			
Milled LG 5 Pct			
Milled LG parboiled 5 Pct			

IMPORT LEVIES, from 12/11/03

	EUR/MT	EUR/MT	US\$/MT	US\$/MT
		ACP	General	ACP
Brown RG+MG Regul + Parb	189.71	62.06	235.64	77.08
Brown LG Reg + PB LW ratio 2>3*	189.71	62.06	235.64	77.08
Brown LG Reg + PB LW ratio +=3**	264.00	88.06	327.91	109.38
Milled RG Regul + Parb + MG	360.14	113.66	447.33	141.18
Milled LG Regul + Parb ***	416	133.21	516.71	165.46
Brokens	128	41.18	158.99	51.15

- * CN codes 1006 20 15 and 1006 20 96
- ** CN codes 1006 20 17 and 1006 20 98
- *** CN codes 1006 30 27, 1006 30 48, 1006 3067, 1006 3098

REFERENCES PRICES used to calculate EU duties, 12/10/2003

	Indica R	Indica Rice		Rice
EUR/MT	Husked	Milled	Husked	Milled
ARAG cif price	264.19	189.04	371.19	436.45
fob price			346.72	411.98
Sea Freight			24.47	24.47

ARAG refers to the ports of Amsterdam, Rotterdam, Antwerp and Gent. The Reference Prices given by the European Commission refer to the following qualities of rice:

- Indica Husked: US long grain 2/4/73 and/or US long grain parboiled 1/4/88.
- Indica Milled: Thai 100% B
- Japonica Husked: US Gulf Medium Grain
- Japonica Milled: US Gulf Medium Grain

All references prices are for ARAG cif loose.

The two latter references use US Gulf prices so the estimated shipping costs are added.

Full details are set out in EC 1503/96.

EXPORT SUBSIDIES ON RICE effective 12/18/2003

The procedure laid down in article 7(4) of regulation (EC) No 1162/95 applies to licenses applied for under that regulation for quantities according to the destinations:

RO1: 2,000 Mt

RO2 and RO3: 2,000 Mt. 021 and 023: 500 Mt. 064 and 066: 4,000 Mt.

A97: 300 Mt.

	EUR/MT	US\$/MT
Brown RG+MG+LG Reg, RG+MG+LG Parb, to Switzerland, Liechtenstein, Livigno and Campione d'Italia (R01)	98	121.73
Semi-milled RG+MG+LG Reg, RG+MG+LG Parb to Switzerland, Liechtenstein, Livigno and Campione d'Italia (R01)		0.00
Milled RG+MG+LG Reg, RG+MG+LG Parb, to Switzerland, Liechtenstein, Livigno and Campione d'Italia (R01)	122	151.54
Milled RG+MG+LG Reg, RG+MG+LG Parb, to destinations R02 (see below)	128	158.99
Milled RG+MG+LG Reg, RG+MG+LG Parb, to destinations R03 (see below)	133	165.20
Milled RG+MG+LG Reg, RG+MG+LG Parb, to Destination 064+066	148	183.83
Milled RG+MG+LG Reg, RG+MG+LG Parb, to destinations mentioned in Art. 34 of amended Comm. Reg. 3665/87 (Supplies to international organization established in the EU, supplies to armed forces etc.) (Destination A97)	128	158.99

R01: Switzerland, Liechtenstein, communes of Livigno and Campione d'Italia

RO2: 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, Faeroe 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.

RO3: 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.