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Report Highlights:

Rice export prices further increased 1-2 percent as exporters had to cover their exchange rate risk from the strengthening of the Thai baht.

Market Tone

Table 1: Export Prices (FOB) for various grades of Thai rice (USD/MT), Week ending June 15, 2020

| Quality | Exporter Observations | | | | | | | Period Average | |
|------------|-----------------------|----|-----|-------|-------|-------|-----|----------------|-------|
| | #1 | #2 | #3 | #4 | #5 | #6 | #7 | CUR. | PRV |
| F WR 100 B | 1,060 | - | - | 1,060 | 1,040 | 1,060 | - | 1,055 | 1,055 |
| WR 100 B | 520 | - | 522 | 520 | 515 | 521 | 525 | 521 | 516 |
| PB 100% | 515 | - | 517 | 515 | 510 | 516 | 520 | 516 | 507 |
| PB 5% | 510 | - | 512 | 510 | 505 | 511 | 515 | 511 | 502 |
| WR 5% | 510 | - | 512 | 510 | 505 | 511 | 515 | 511 | 506 |
| WR 10% | 507 | - | - | 507 | - | 508 | - | 507 | 502 |
| WR 15% | 504 | - | - | - | - | 505 | - | 505 | 500 |
| WR 25% | 502 | - | - | - | - | 503 | - | 503 | 498 |
| WR 35% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| A1 SUP | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| A1 SPEC | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |

Exchange rate: 30.85 baht = U.S. \$1.00

Source: Average actual prices received from exporters

Rice export prices further increased 1-2 percent due to the strengthening of the Thai baht from 31.33 baht/U.S. \$1.00 in the previous week to 30.85 baht/U.S. \$1.00 as exporters had to cover their exchange rate risk. Additionally, large exporters continued to fulfil large contracted shipments of white and parboiled rice, particularly to African countries. Meanwhile, the Philippines government finalized the June 8, 2020 tender for the government-to-government contracts to purchase 189,000 metric tons out of the 300,000 metric ton tender for 25% grade white rice with India (96,000 metric tons at U.S. \$485 – 487/MT), Myanmar (33,000 metric tons at around U.S. \$489/MT) and Vietnam (60,000 metric tons at around U.S. \$497/MT) as the bids were below the reference prices, which were set at around U.S. \$498/M (CIF). The delivery will take place in July and August 2020. Thai rice was uncompetitive in this tender as Thailand's bid (U.S. \$541/MT) was far above the reference prices.

Rice Export Update

Unofficial and preliminary rice exports (excluding Hom Mali fragrant rice) for June 1-7, 2020, totaled 41,253 metric tons, down 21,530 metric tons from the previous week and down 24,781 metric tons from the four weeks moving average of 66,034 metric tons (Table 2). Rice exports from January 1 – June 7, 2020, totaled 1,842,597 metric tons, down 39 percent from the same period last year.

Table 2: Weekly Rice Exports (Excluding Hom Mali Fragrant Rice)

| WEEK ENDING | QUANTITY | 4-WK AVG | YEAR TO DATE | YEAR AGO | % Growth from Last Year |
|--------------|----------|----------|--------------|----------|-------------------------|
| | (MT) | (MT) | (TMT) | (TMT) | (%) |
| Apr 5, 2020 | 74,676 | 84,774 | 1,148 | 2,012 | -42.9 |
| Apr 12, 2020 | 57,944 | 72,270 | 1,216 | 2,176 | -44.1 |
| Apr 19, 2020 | 109,870 | 79,555 | 1,316 | 2,201 | -40.2 |
| Apr 26, 2020 | 109,487 | 87,995 | 1,426 | 2,332 | -38.9 |
| May 3, 2020 | 74,671 | 87,993 | 1,500 | 2,426 | -38.2 |
| May 10, 2020 | 78,264 | 93,073 | 1,578 | 2,548 | -38.0 |
| May 17, 2020 | 91,858 | 88,570 | 1,670 | 2,689 | -37.9 |
| May 24, 2020 | 68,243 | 78,259 | 1,784 | 2,865 | -39.3 |
| May 31, 2020 | 62,783 | 75,287 | 1,801 | 2,893 | -37.7 |
| Jun 7, 2020 | 41,253 | 66,034 | 1,843 | 3,002 | 38.6 |

Note on data: Export figures since March 22, 2002, do not include fragrant rice. In addition, during May 1, 2013 - December 18, 2016, export data did not include 25% - 100% grade white rice exports as the reporting authority was moved from the Thai Board of Trade to the Ministry of Commerce's Office of Commodity Standards, which does not release official export data. FAS/BKK reports only the official export numbers available from the Board of Trade of Thailand. The reader should bear in mind these differences when comparing historical data with current data.

Source: Board of Trade of Thailand

End of Report.

Attachments:

No Attachments