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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 weekly USDA publication "Rice Market News".

Includes PSD changes: No

Includes Trade Matrix: No

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(1) MARKET SUMMARY

In the United States, the prices of brown rice decreased slightly, with end December being the first possible shipment date on new contracts. Parboiled brown rice continues to strengthen in price, this week's price increase being triggered by substantial demand from South Africa.

In Thailand, domestic prices remained nearly constant, notwithstanding the strengthening of the Baht against the U.S. dollar. Availabilities of new crop supplies seem to be lower than originally expected, caused in part by bad weather conditions.

The second week of bidding under the free market tenders for exports of EU rice showed a different picture than in the first round. A higher percentage of bids was awarded (5,360 MT out of 15,060 MT), but the average subsidy level went down. This week saw the first awards of export licenses for brown LG rice to Reunion. On the domestic markets, prices for LG rice have strengthened a little from last week. The selling pressure typically seen immediately after new crop supplies are available, is gradually diminishing. Current domestic market prices are, however, still below last year's levels.

COMMISSION AWARDS UNDER OPEN MARKET EXPORT TENDERS, GRAIN MANAGEMENT MEETING November 4, 1999

- 1) Wholly milled rice to Zones I to VI (excl. Turkey) and Zone VIII (excluding Guyana, Madagascar and Surinam), Comm. Reg. 2176/1999: 3,860 MT of bids, licenses awarded for 60 MT at a maximum export subsidy of EUR 213/MT.
- 2) Husked long grain rice to Reunion, Comm. Reg. 2177/1999: 5,000 MT of bids, licenses awarded for 5,000 MT at a maximum export subsidy of EUR 265/MT.
- 3) Wholly milled MG and LG A rice to Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Poland, and Slovenia, Comm. Reg. 2178/1999: 1,400 MT of bids, licenses awarded for 50 MT at a maximum export subsidy of EUR 120/MT.
- 4) Wholly milled MG and LG A rice to Zones I to VI (excl. East Europe) and Zone VIII (excluding Guyana, Madagascar and Surinam), Comm. Reg. 2179/1999: 2,750 MT of bids, licenses awarded for 200 MT at a maximum export subsidy of EUR 107/MT.
- 5) Wholly milled RG rice to Zones I to VI (excl. Turkey) and Zone VIII (excluding Guyana, Madagascar and Surinam), Comm. Reg. 2180/1999: 2,050 MT of bids, licenses awarded for 50 MT at a maximum export subsidy of EUR 98/MT.

(2) LOWEST OFFERING PRICES BASIS C&F ARAG (UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED)

(A) WHOLE LONG-GRAIN

	US\$/MT	US\$/100 LBS
	Bulk	Bulk
UNITED STATES:		
2 Milled 4 pct *	297.61	13.50
2 Brown 4/73 pct	264.54	12.00
1 Brown parb 4/88 ** October shipment	358.23	16.25
Medium Milled 2/4 *	286.59	13.00

* 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	Bulk
SURINAM:		
Brown 4/72 Pct Grade A *	N.Q.	N.Q.
Brown 6/70 Pct Grade B **	N.Q.	N.Q.
GUYANA:		
Brown 6/70 Pct Grade B **	N.Q.	N.Q.
SURINAM/GUYANA Semi-Milled:		
70-75 Pct Guyana	N.Q.	N.Q.
70-75 Pct Surinam	N.Q.	N.Q.

* C&F Liner out Rotterdam

** C&F F/O Rotterdam

	US\$/MT	US\$/100 LBS
	Bulk-Rotterdam	Bulk
THAILAND:		
TWR 100% B	275.00 C&F	12.47
Parb LZ 4-88%	330.00 C&F	14.97
Loonzain 100% B	275.00 C&F	12.47
A1 Super	225.00 C&F	10.21
Fragrant WR 100%	630.00 C&F	28.58
Fragrant LZ Super	450.00 C&F	20.41
Fragrant LZ Supreme	470.00 C&F	21.32

	Lira/kg	US\$/MT	US\$/100 LBS
	Bulk	Bulk	Bulk
EUROPEAN UNION *:			
Milled LG 5 Pct **	920	492.24	22.33
Milled parb LG **	1030	551.10	25.00

(B) WHOLE RMG

	Lira/kg	US\$/MT	US\$/100 LBS
	Bulk	Bulk	Bulk
ITALY*:			
Milled Medium ***	920	492.24	22.33
Camolino 5 Pct (FOB)	N/A	N/A	N/A

*U.S / Lira exchange 11/09/99 \$1= 1868.99

** Domestic prices, converted into \$ from quotations in ITL/kg

*** export prices, FOT basis

(3) IMPORT LEVIES ARE CHANGED SINCE 10/28/99

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	EUR/MT	EUR/MT	US\$/MT	US\$/MT
	General	ACP	General	ACP
Brown RG+MG Regul + Parb	250.55	83.35	260.70	86.73
Brown LG Regul + Parb	215.00	70.91	223.71	73.78
Milled RG Regul + Parb	455.00	146.86	473.43	152.81
Milled MG + LG Regul + Parb	455.00	146.86	473.43	152.81
Brokens	140.00	45.38	145.67	47.22

EURO/US\$ exchange rate 11/09/99 1.0405

(4) EXPORT SUBSIDIES ON RICE, effective 11/01/99

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	EUR/MT	US\$/MT
Brown RG+MG+LG Reg, RG+MG+LG Parb, to Switzerland, Liechtenstein, Livigno and Campione d'Italia (1)	80.00	83.24
Semi-milled RG+MG+LG Reg, RG+MG+LG Parb to Switzerland, Liechtenstein, Livigno and Campione d'Italia (1)	80.00	83.24
Milled RG+MG+LG Reg, RG+MG+LG Parb, to Switzerland, Liechtenstein, Livigno and Campione d'Italia (1)	100.00	104.05
Milled RG+MG+LG Reg, RG+MG+LG Parb, to Zones I, II, III, VI excluding Turkey (2)	106.00	110.29
Milled RG+MG+LG Reg, RG+MG+LG Parb, to Zones IV, V, VII (C), Canada, Zone VIII, with the exception of Surinam, Guyana and Madagascar (3)	111.00	115.50
Wholly milled rice RG+MG+LG, to Ceuta and Melilla (4)	106.00	110.29
Milled RG+MG+LG Reg, RG+MG+LG Parb, to destinations mentioned in Art. 34 of amended Comm. Reg. 3665/87 (=Supplies to internat. organiz. established in the EU, supplies to armed forces etc.)	-	-

(1): in respect of a total quantity of 4,618 MT of wholly milled rice equivalent

(2) and (3): in respect of a total quantity of 2,433 MT

(4): in respect of a total quantity of 777 MT.