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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

No comments.

COMMISSION AWARDS UNDER OPEN MARKET EXPORT TENDERS, EU GRAIN MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING OF MARCH 8, 2001.

- 1) Wholly milled round grain rice to Zones I to VI (excl. Turkey and Hungary) and Zone VIII (excluding Guyana, Madagascar and Surinam), Comm. Reg.2281/2000: 3,300 MT of bids, 1,850 MT of licenses awarded at a maximum export subsidy of EUR 222/MT.
- 2) Wholly milled MG and LG A rice to Bulgaria, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Czech Republic, Romania, Slovenia, and Slovakia, Comm. Reg 2282/2000: 150 MT of bids, no licenses awarded, hence no subsidy set.
- 3) Wholly milled MG and LG A rice to Zones I to VI (excl. East Europe and Turkey) and Zone VIII (excluding Guyana, Madagascar and Surinam), Comm. Reg.2283/2000: 3,800 MT of bids, 1,600 MT of licenses awarded at a maximum export subsidy of EUR 241/MT.
- 4) Wholly milled LG rice to Zones I to VI (excl. Turkey and Hungary) and Zone VIII (excluding Guyana, Madagascar and Surinam), Comm. Reg.2284/2000: 2,000 MT of bids, no licenses awarded, hence no subsidy set.
- 5) Husked LG rice to Reunion, Comm. Reg. 2285/2000: no bids, hence no licenses awarded.

(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 *	275.56	12.50
2 Brown 4/73 pct	253.52	11.50
1 Brown parb 4/88 **	286.59	13.00
Medium Milled 2/4 *	259.03	11.75

* 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:		
TWR 100% B	235.00 C&F	10.66
Parb LZ 4-88%	242.00 C&F	10.98
Loonzain 100% B	220.00 C&F	9.98
A1 Super	181.00 C&F	8.21
Fragrant WR 100%	450.00 C&F	20.41
Fragrant LZ Super	395.00 C&F	17.92
Fragrant LZ Supreme	415.00 C&F	18.83

	Lira/kg	US\$/MT	US\$/100 LBS
	Bulk	Bulk	Bulk
EUROPEAN UNION *:			
Milled LG 5 Pct **	955	457.70	20.76
Milled parb LG **	1160	555.95	25.22

(B) WHOLE RMG

	Lira/kg	US\$/MT	US\$/100 LBS
	Bulk	Bulk	Bulk
ITALY*:			
Milled Medium **	1055	505.63	22.94
Camolino 5 Pct (FOB)***	N/A	N/A	N/A

*U.S / Lira exchange 03/13/01 \$1= 2086.50

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

*** export price

(3) IMPORT LEVIES ARE CHANGED SINCE 03/01/01

	EUR/MT	EUR/MT	US\$/MT	US\$/MT
	General	ACP	General	ACP
Brown RG+MG Regul + Parb	264.00	88.06	244.78	81.65
Brown LG Regul + Parb	219.29	72.41	203.33	67.14
Milled RG Regul + Parb	416.00	133.21	385.72	123.51
Milled MG + LG Regul + Parb	416.00	133.21	385.72	123.51
Brokens	128.00	41.18	118.68	38.18

EURO/US\$ exchange rate 03/13/01 0.9272

(4) EXPORT SUBSIDIES ON RICE, effective 03/01/2001

	EUR/MT	US\$/MT
Brown RG+MG+LG Reg, RG+MG+LG Parb, to Switzerland, Liechtenstein, Livigno and Campione d'Italia (R01)	178.00	165.04
Semi-milled RG+MG+LG Reg, RG+MG+LG Parb to Switzerland, Liechtenstein, Livigno and Campione d'Italia (R01)	178.00	165.04
Milled RG+MG+LG Reg, RG+MG+LG Parb, to Switzerland, Liechtenstein, Livigno and Campione d'Italia (R01)	223.00	206.77
Milled RG+MG+LG Reg, RG+MG+LG Parb, to destinations R02 (see below)	226.00	209.55
Milled RG+MG+LG Reg, RG+MG+LG Parb, to destinations R03 (see below)	231.00	214.18
Wholly milled rice RG+MG+LG, to Ceuta and Melilla (Destinat. 021 and 023)	226.00	209.55
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.) (Destination A97)	226.00	209.55

The issue of export licenses with advance fixing of the refund is suspended except for:

Destination R01: 2,054 MT

Destinations R02, R03: 2,850 MT

Destinations 021 and 023: 420 MT

Destination 064: 8,495 MT

Destination A97: 300 MT.

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

R02: 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, Faroe 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.

R03: 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.