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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

Unscheduled Report

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(1) MARKET SUMMARY

Day-to-day rice business is slow in the U.S., but rice futures and paddy prices have increased compared to the previous week. Rice mills are busy executing large volume contracts under food aid programs. U.S. rice prices are expected to remain strong for the remainder of this calendar year.

In Thailand, prices for non-fragrant rice continue the rising trend which was set in last week. Demand has picked up from China, while the recent sales of 300,000 MT of white rice to Korea and 90,000 MT to Iran have pushed prices upward. Prices are also supported by the confirmed crop damage due to flooding in North and Central Eastern production areas.

Again no changes are to be reported in the EU rice sector. The EU Grain Management Committee of September 28 adopted regulations for the opening of 2000/01 free market tenders for exports of rice to third countries. Initial tender quantities amount to 10,000 MT each, and first tender bids will be considered on October 26, 2000. It is expected that no representative export price quotes will be available until free market tenders are open for bidding. Moreover, Italian rice suppliers are hesitant to conclude any sizeable contracts because they expect prices to rise in view of disappointing yield results of the new crop.

COMMISSION AWARDS UNDER OPEN MARKET EXPORT TENDERS

No awards, as bidding under 2000/01 open market tenders for rice will only commence on October 26.

(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 *	281.07	12.75
2 Brown 4/73 pct	249.11	11.30
1 Brown parb 4/88 **	273.36	12.40

Medium Milled 2/4 *	253.52	11.50
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* 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	240.00 C&F	10.89
Parb LZ 4-88%	256.00 C&F	11.61
Loonzain 100% B	229.00 C&F	10.39
A1 Super	192.00 C&F	8.71
Fragrant WR 100%	550.00 C&F	24.95
Fragrant LZ Super	500.00 C&F	22.68
Fragrant LZ Supreme	520.00 C&F	23.59

	Lira/kg	US\$/MT	US\$/100 LBS
	Bulk	Bulk	Bulk
EUROPEAN UNION *:			
Milled LG 5 Pct **	910	399.01	18.10
Milled parb LG **	1200	526.17	23.87

(B) WHOLE RMG

	Lira/kg	US\$/MT	US\$/100 LBS
	Bulk	Bulk	Bulk

ITALY*:			
Milled Medium ***	930	407.78	18.50
Camolino 5 Pct (FOB)	N/A	N/A	N/A

*U.S / Lira exchange 10/17/00 2280.65

\$1=

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

*** export prices, FOT basis

(3) IMPORT LEVIES ARE CHANGED SINCE 10/05/00

	EUR/MT	EUR/MT	US\$/MT	US\$/MT
	General	ACP	General	ACP
Brown RG+MG Regul + Parb	165.71	53.66	141.04	45.67
Brown LG Regul + Parb	211.75	69.77	180.22	59.38
Milled RG Regul + Parb	416.00	133.21	354.06	113.38
Milled MG + LG Regul + Parb	416.00	133.21	354.06	113.38
Brokens	128.00	41.18	108.94	35.05

EURO/US\$ exchange rate 10/17/00 0.8511

(4) EXPORT SUBSIDIES ON RICE, effective 10/01/2000

	EUR/MT	US\$/MT
Brown RG+MG+LG Reg, RG+MG+LG Parb, to Switzerland, Liechtenstein, Livigno and Campione d'Italia (R01)	105.00	89.37
Semi-milled RG+MG+LG Reg, RG+MG+LG Parb to Switzerland, Liechtenstein, Livigno and Campione d'Italia (R01)	105.00	89.37
Milled RG+MG+LG Reg, RG+MG+LG Parb, to Switzerland, Liechtenstein, Livigno and Campione d'Italia (R01)	131.00	111.49
Milled RG+MG+LG Reg, RG+MG+LG Parb, to destinations R02 (see below)	137.00	116.60
Milled RG+MG+LG Reg, RG+MG+LG Parb, to destinations R03 (see below)	142.00	120.86

Wholly milled rice RG+MG+LG, to Ceuta and Melilla (Destinat. 021 and 023)	137.00	116.60
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)	137.00	116.60

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

Destination R01: 5,000 MT

Destinations R02, R03: 5,000 MT

Destinations 021 and 023: 1,000 MT

Destination 064: 10,000 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.