

NEWS BRIEFING

"Vietnamese prefer Thailand's expensive rice to Vietnam's cheap rice"

Vietnam Breaking News : April 2, 2017

While Vietnam focuses on trying to export as much rice as possible, it cannot improve rice quality. The country mostly exports low-priced rice and has been relying on the Chinese market.

Explaining the current policy on rice exports, Pham Chi Lan, an economist, commented that food security problems in the past have left their mark. Vietnam tries to produce as much rice as possible, both in the past when it lacked food and now when it can export millions of tons of rice every year. [Read more...](#)



VietNamNet Bridge – Instead of buying Vietnam's rice at just VND10,000 per kilo, Vietnamese are willing to pay higher to buy rice from Thailand or Japan.

"Indonesia plan to export rice to Malaysia"



Illustrative image (Source: AFP/VNA)

Vietnamcolors : April 2, 2017

Indonesia will export between 15,000 and 50,000 tonnes of rice to Malaysia as part of efforts to meet the rice demand of the neighbouring country and show the growth of its agricultural sector.

According to Indonesian Minister of Agriculture Andi Amran Sulaiman, Malaysian Agriculture Minister expressed interest in importing Indonesian rice at a recent meeting. [Read more...](#)

"MAFF task force set to ban fungicide"

khmertimes : March 24, 2017

The Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (MAFF) set up a task force yesterday, just 72 hours after the European Commission announced that Cambodia's milled rice industry must eradicate the use of the fungicide Triclopytan by June or face import bans.

Hear Vanhan, director-general for the general directorate of agriculture at the ministry, told Khmer Times that the task force will comprise experts from his department and other sections of MAFF.

"They will work together to collect as much information as possible on the use of the fungicide by rice farmers and conduct tests with rice samples collected from local markets to detect the presence of Triclopytan," Mr. Vanhan said.

The strict new Maximum Result Limit, by the European Commission, will mean rice must not contain more than 0.01 milligram of the chemical per kilogram of the grain.

The limit was adopted by the commission in February and rice producers are now being set deadlines to comply.

The European Commission said on Monday that rice farmers in Cambodia must stop the use of Triclopytan by June. [Read more...](#)



"JA Zen-Noh to boost direct sales of farm items"

japan news : March 29, 2017

The National Federation of Agricultural Cooperative Associations, or JA Zen-Noh, will substantially expand direct sales of products made by member farmers, the group's business and reform plans showed on Tuesday.

According to the plans, the proportion of rice sold directly to retailers and restaurant chains will go up from the current 40 percent to 90 percent in fiscal 2024. The move comes with the aim of boosting the



Ministry bans Triclopytan imports

Khmer Times : 29 MARCH 2017

The Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (MAFF) on Monday announced it will ban all imports and agricultural pesticides containing the fungicide Triclopytan in response to the strict new Maximum Result Limit set by the European Commission.

The announcement comes a week after the ministry set up a task force to ban the fungicide, which came just days after the European Commission announced that Cambodia's milled rice industry must eradicate the use of the Triclopytan by June or face import bans. [Read more...](#)

profitability of farmers and increasing their income by avoiding the use of wholesalers. The group set a direct vegetable sales target of 55 percent for the year ending in March in 2025. [Read more...](#)

Exporters dubious of 5% target

bangkokpost : March 31, 2017

The value of Thai exports fell for the first time in four months in February, by 2% year-on-year to US\$18.5 billion, on weakening gold and aircraft-related exports. TNSC vice-president Vittayakorn said March export growth is expected in a range of zero to a contraction of 2%, stemming from the appreciation of the baht against major currencies.

To make matters worse, global gold prices have been steady through the first quarter and look to remain stagnant in the second, thus discouraging exporters from gold shipment and lowering export value.

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Containers sit in stacks at Bangkok port as shippers warn of lower-than-expected exports because of the stronger baht. (Bangkok Post file photo)



Rice-import delay threatens food security"

businessmirror : March 23, 2017

The National Food Authority (NFA) said on Thursday the government must import rice soon to replenish the food agency's thinning stockpiles, and ensure there will be enough food during the lean months. NFA Administrator Jason Laureano Y. Aquino said the NFA Council (NFC) has not yet decided on the food agency's request to import 250,000 metric tons (MT) of rice to beef up its buffer stock.

"Delaying further the approval for the government-to-government importation of the 250,000 MT balance could make it more difficult for the NFA to maintain the minimum levels of food-security rice requirements during normal times, more so during the lean months," Aquino said in a statement.

He said the NFA has sought the NFC's approval for the purchase of rice imports under a government-to-government deal as early as January. The NFA had planned to bring in the imports by April to prop up the stocks in calamity-prone areas. [Read more...](#)



In Photo: In this file photo, workers of the National Food Authority pile up sacks of rice in one of the food agency's warehouses.

non-basmati rice to African countries and premier basmati rice to the Middle East. Its rice production is likely to rise by 4.3 percent to a record high 108.86 million tonnes in 2016/17.

"African buyers are making inquiries but still demand is weak," said another exporter based at Kakinada. In Thailand, the world's second largest rice exporter, prices of the benchmark 5-percent broken rice rose to \$350-\$365 a tonne free-on-board (FOB) Bangkok from \$350-\$362 last week, as the baht appreciated against the U.S. dollar, but demand has been lackluster. [Read more...](#)

Indonesia looks to rice self-sufficiency by year 2020"

BANK Indonesia (BI) projects the country will achieve rice self-sufficiency by 2020 if paddy conversion stops and the government is consistent in its efforts to increase the size of paddy and develop irrigation infrastructure.



THE JAKARTA POST : April 01, 2017

The central bank predicts rice production will reach more than 50 million tonnes in 2020, while consumption will be less than 43 million tonnes.

Each Indonesian is assumed to consume 144 kilograms of rice per year, while the population is expected to reach 300 million people in 2020. Rice is used for direct consumption, animal feed and industrial use.

In 2015, rice production reached 43.9 million tonnes, from 75.4 million tonnes of paddy. The government aims to produce 80 million tonnes of paddy this year.

The Agriculture Ministry aims to open another 80,000 hectares of new paddy and 500 water deposits after opening 128,441 ha and 1,714 water deposits last year. Dody said land-use conversion put pressure on the projections. [Read more...](#)

China donates over 12,000 tonnes of rice to Zimbabwe"



Illustrative image (www.newzimbabwe.com)

ECNS News : April 04, 2017

On Monday China have donated 12,173 tonnes of rice to Zimbabwe to assist vulnerable people that were affected by drought which wreaked havoc last year.

Public Service, Labor and Social Welfare Minister Priscilla Mupfumira said the donation, which follows Zimbabwe's international food aid appeal in 2016, would also be distributed to families that were affected by floods in February this year.

Speaking at the signing ceremony with the Chinese Embassy, Mupfumira said the rice was expected in the country by June.

In response to the appeal, China in 2016 already donated 19,000 tonnes of rice which had been distributed to the needy throughout the country. [Read more...](#)



Illustrative image (Google image)

Rise prices rise in India, Thailand on stronger currencies"



MONEY NEWS : March 30, 2017

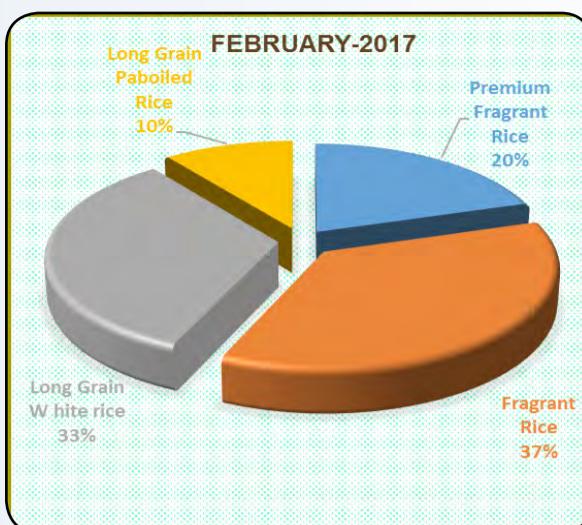
Rice prices firmed in Thailand and India on stronger local currencies, while prices weakened in Vietnam as the country entered its peak harvest season, traders said on Thursday.

India's 5 percent broken parboiled rice prices rose by \$2 per tonne to \$373 to \$378 a tonne this week, as gains in the rupee led exporters to raise prices. The rupee was near its highest level in about 18 months. "In dollar terms we have raised prices due to a rising rupee. Our realisation in rupee terms is still down compared with last month," said an exporter based at Kakinada in the southern state of Andhra Pradesh.

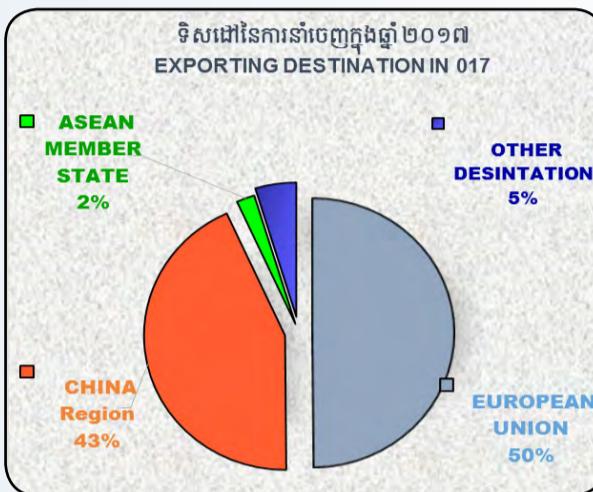
India, the world's biggest rice exporter, mainly exports

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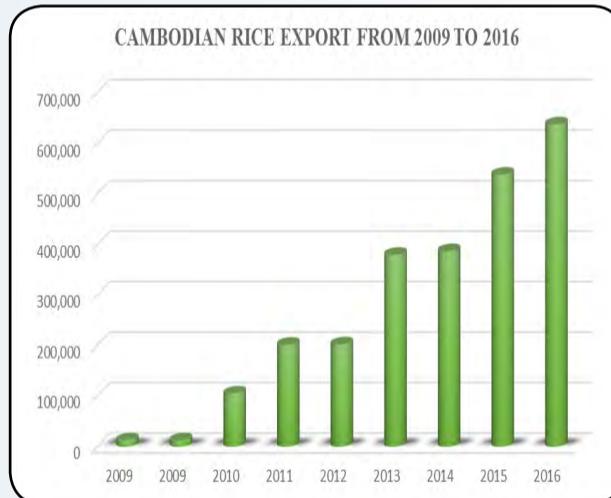
Quantities of Cambodian Rice Export by Rice Grade, in Tons



Cambodian Rice Export to Four Destination Regions in 2017



Cambodian Rice Export Statistics from 2009 to 2016



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Cambodian Weekly FOB Indication Price in March, 2017

