

**Voluntary Report** – Voluntary - Public Distribution

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**Report Name:** Government of Indonesia Orders the Importation of 2 MMT of Rice to Replenish Emergency Stocks

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**Report Highlights:**

This report modifies the rice consumption, trade, and stocks analysis of the 2023 Grain and Feed Annual for Indonesia in light of new official information. The Government of Indonesia recently announced it would import 2 million metric tons (MMT) of rice by December 2023 in order to fulfil its ongoing distribution program and replenish its emergency stocks in case of natural disasters and other needs. Post revises up 2022/23 rice imports to 1.75 MMT and 2023/24 forecasted rice imports to 800,000 MT.

**RICE**

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## **Consumption**

Since 2022, the GOI (Government of Indonesia) has authorized Indonesia's national logistics agency BULOG to distribute rice under the Rice Food Price and Supply Stabilization Program (*SPHP, Stabilisasi Pasokan dan Harga Pangan*). Under this program, BULOG has been tasked with distributing a total of 300,000 metric tons (MT) of rice to over 21 million vulnerable families across Indonesia between March and May 2023. Each family is to receive a total of 10 kg of rice per month. As of March 28, 2023, BULOG's warehouse stocks amount to a total of 227,000 MT. Since BULOG still needs to distribute 210,000 MT by the end of May 2023, BULOG's stocks will be deficient by 17,000 MT just to fulfill its SPHP mandate, let alone maintain sufficient emergency stocks in case of natural disasters and other needs. Domestic procurement to date has only managed to secure a total of 55,000 MT of rice from Indonesian farmers.

## **Trade**

Recognizing the imminent depletion of BULOG's rice stocks, President Jokowi held an inter-ministerial meeting on March 24, 2023, and delegated the head of the National Food Agency (NFA) to issue Letter No. B2/2023 assigning BULOG to import a total of 2 million metric tons (MMT) of rice by the end of December 2023. The first tranche of 500,000 MT must arrive in Indonesia as soon as possible in order for BULOG to continue distributing rice through the SPHP program without disruption.

In light of BULOG's new orders, Post revises up its estimates for 2022/23 imports to 1.75 MMT from 750,000 MT. Assuming the last tranche of 500,000 MT out of the total 2 MMT authorized for import will arrive before the 2023/24 main harvest, Post revises up its forecast for 2023/24 imports to 800,000 MT from its previous forecast of 500,000 MT.

## **Stocks**

In line with increased imports, 2022/23 ending stocks are revised up to 3.36 MMT from the previous estimate of 2.36 MMT. Assuming an increase of imported specialty rice by the private sector and the completion of BULOG's import mandate, 2023/24 ending stocks are revised up to 3.41 MMT from the previous forecast of 2.11 MMT.

**PSD: RICE, MILLED**

<b>Rice, Milled</b>	<b>2021/2022</b>		<b>2022/2023</b>		<b>2023/2024</b>	
<b>Market Begin Year</b>	<b>Jan 2021</b>		<b>Jan 2022</b>		<b>Jan 2023</b>	
<b>Indonesia</b>	<b>USDA Official</b>	<b>New Post</b>	<b>USDA Official</b>	<b>New Post</b>	<b>USDA Official</b>	<b>New Post</b>
<b>Area Harvested</b>	11600	11600	11650	11550	0	11600
<b>Beginning Stocks</b>	3060	3060	2810	2810	0	3360
<b>Milled Production</b>	34400	34400	34600	34000	0	34450
<b>Rough Production</b>	54173	54173	54488	53543	0	54252
<b>Milling Rate (.9999)</b>	6350	6350	6350	6350	0	6350
<b>MY Imports</b>	650	650	750	1750	0	800
<b>TY Imports</b>	650	650	750	1750	0	800
<b>TY Imp. from U.S.</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Supply</b>	38110	38110	38160	38560	0	38610
<b>MY Exports</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>TY Exports</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Consumption and Residual</b>	35300	35300	35200	35200	0	35200
<b>Ending Stocks</b>	2810	2810	2960	3360	0	3410
<b>Total Distribution</b>	38110	38110	38160	38560	0	38610
<b>Yield (Rough)</b>	4.6701	4.6701	4.6771	4.6358	0	4.6769

**Note:** Figures in the "New Post" columns are not USDA Official figures

**Attachments:**

No Attachments.