





ASTA Pepper Crop Report

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Vietnam Crop 2008

January-April

Dongnai 9,000 mt

Binh Phuoc 25,000 mt

Highlands 22,000 mt

Gialai 26,000 mt

Other 4,000 mt

Total 86,000 mt

Carryover January 1, 2008

CHINA VIETNAM VIENTIANE THAILAND

Indian Crop 2008

February- May

Karnataka region
Tamil Nadu region
Kerala region

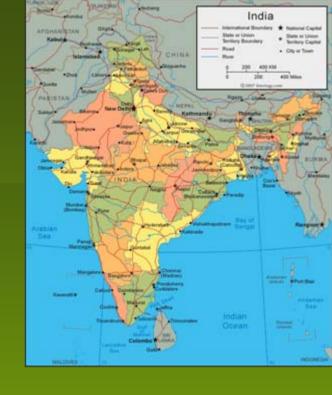
18,000 mt 6,000 mt 25,000 mt

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Total

49,000 mt

Carryover January 1, 2008



Brazilian Crop 2008

July-November

Venezuela

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French
Guiana

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Guiana

Fortaleza

Fortal

Para (North Brazil)

Espirto Santos (South Brazil)

31,000 mt 8,500 mt

39,500 mt

Total

Carryover January 1, 2008

Indonesian Crop 2008

June/August

Black Pepper 20,000 mt
White Pepper 6,000 mt

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Total 26,000 mt

Carryover January 1, 2008 including 1,000mt Lampung catch crop



Black 9,000 mt White 3,000 mt

Total 12,000 mt

Sarawak (Malaysia) Crop 2008

April-June

Black Pepper White Pepper

13,000 mt 4,000 mt

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Total

17,000 mt



Carryover January 1, 2008 (Black/White)

Miscellaneous Crops 2008 (Black & White)

Sri Lanka 9,000 mt

Madagascar 1,500 mt

Ecuador 1,800 mt

Cambodia 7,000 mt

China 20,000 mt

Thailand 3,000 mt



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Total 42,300 mt

Carryover January 1, 2008

World Production 2008



Crops 2008

Totals

Carryover January 1, 2008

85,000 mt

Vietna	am 86,000 mt	10,000 mt
India	49,000 mt	42,000 mt
Brasil	39,500 mt	12,000 mt
Indon	esia 26,000 mt	12,000 mt
Saraw	vak 17,000 mt	5,000 mt
Misc.	42,000 mt	4,000 mt
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Total Production 2008 + carryover as of January 1, 2008

259,500 mt

344,500 mt

Exports from Producing Countries

Jan-Feb-March 2008

Vietnam 13,000-14,000 mt

India 7,000-8,000 mt

Indonesia 7,000 mt

Brasil 7,000-8,000 mt

Misc. 4,000 mt

Total 38,000-41,000 mt

Consumption

Consuming countries:

- Consumption through the world consuming countries has been increasing approximately 3% per annum (compounded).
- In the year 2002/2003 it was generally accepted that consumption by consuming countries was around 180,000 metric tons.
- If we increase this number by compounded 3% growth over 5 years, we should expect consumption around 225,000 mt per annum or 18,750 mt per month.

Consumption

Producing countries:

- The estimated consumption in the producing countries is estimated at around 80,000 metric tons or 6,500 mt per month.
- Therefore world consumption both producing and consuming countries should be around:
 - 305,000 metric tons per annum
 - 25,400 metric tons per month

Statistics

Production 2008 259,000 mt

Carryover 2008 85,000 mt

Total 344,000 mt

Consumption 305,000 mt

Excess production vs. consumption 39,000 mt







Thank you!

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