

ASTA Pepper Crop Report

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Vietnam Crop 2008

January-April

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| Dongnai | 9,000 mt |
| Binh Phuoc | 25,000 mt |
| Highlands | 22,000 mt |
| Gialai | 26,000 mt |
| Other | 4,000 mt |

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Total **86,000 mt**

Carryover January 1, 2008 **10,000 mt**



Indian Crop 2008

February- May

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| Karnataka region | 18,000 mt |
| Tamil Nadu region | 6,000 mt |
| Kerala region | 25,000 mt |



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| Total | 49,000 mt |
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| Carryover January 1, 2008 | 42,000 mt |
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Brazilian Crop 2008

July-November



Para (North Brazil)

31,000 mt

Espirito Santos (South Brazil)

8,500 mt



Total

39,500 mt

Carryover January 1, 2008

12,000 mt

Indonesian Crop 2008

June/August

Black Pepper 20,000 mt

White Pepper 6,000 mt



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 13,000 mt
White Pepper 4,000 mt



Total **17,000 mt**

Carryover January 1, 2008 **5,000 mt**
(Black/White)



Miscellaneous Crops 2008 (Black & White)



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| 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 |

Total **42,300 mt**

Carryover January 1, 2008 **4,000 mt**

World Production 2008



Crops 2008

Carryover January 1, 2008

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|---------------|-------------------|------------------|
| Vietnam | 86,000 mt | 10,000 mt |
| India | 49,000 mt | 42,000 mt |
| Brasil | 39,500 mt | 12,000 mt |
| Indonesia | 26,000 mt | 12,000 mt |
| Sarawak | 17,000 mt | 5,000 mt |
| Misc. | 42,000 mt | 4,000 mt |
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| Totals | 259,500 mt | 85,000 mt |

Total Production 2008 + carryover as of January 1, 2008

344,500 mt

Exports from Producing Countries

Jan-Feb-March 2008

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| 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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