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## PeSAWAH gesa turunkan harga benih selaras harga semasa padi

**ALOR SETAR** – Pertubuhan Persaudaraan Pesawah Malaysia (PeSAWAH) menggesa Ketua Pengarah, Bahagian Padi dan Beras, Kementerian Pertanian dan Keterjaminan Makanan segera menurunkan harga benih padi bagi Musim 1 2025 selaras harga padi semasa yang kini RM1,500 pertan.

Pengerusinya, Abdul Rashid Yob, berkata, harga kawalan benih padi sebanyak RM58 di pintu kilang yang ditetapkan pada Mac 2024 berdasarkan harga padi RM1,800 pertan ketika itu, kini dilihat tidak lagi relevan.

Menurutnya, dengan harga semasa padi yang menurun, mereka berpendapat harga benih padi wajar diselaraskan bagi mengurangkan beban pesawah.

“Penurunan harga ini penting bagi memastikan kebajikan pesawah terus terjaga, terutamanya dalam menghadapi tekanan ekonomi yang semakin meningkat.

“Jika harga benih tidak diturunkan, mereka akan terus terbeban dengan kos operasi yang tinggi. Ini adalah tuntutan yang munasabah dan mendesak,” katanya di Kampung Belat di sini pada Ahad.

Abdul Rashid mendedahkan, pesawah yang menggunakan kaedah tabur terus memerlukan sekitar 10 beg benih padi bagi setiap hektar tanah, yang bermakna kos boleh mencecah sehingga RM600 perhektar jika harga benih kekal pada RM58 atau lebih tinggi di pasaran.

Ujarnya, kos tambahan seperti logistik dan pengedaran menyebabkan harga benih padi yang sampai ke tangan pesawah sering lebih tinggi daripada harga kawalan sehingga mencecah RM70 satu beg.

“Harga semasa tidak lagi munasabah dan perlu disemak semula. Kerajaan juga perlu pastikan pihak-pihak tertentu tidak ambil kesempatan dengan menaikkan harga sewenang-wenangnya,” katanya.



Abdul Rashid (tengah) bersama dua pesawah di Kampung Alor Belat pada Ahad.



Kedah Fisheries Development Authority director Ahmad Zulkifli Ismail (centre) handing over a land grant to a fisherman in Tanjung Dawai, Kedah, yesterday. NSTP PIC. BY NOORAZURA ABDUL RAHMAN

## 40-YEAR WAIT

## 4 Kedah fishing families get land grants

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**H**ARI Raya Aidilfitri brought double the joy for four fishing families in Tanjung Dawai, who finally received land grants after waiting for more than four decades.

For Jamaliah Ahmad, 63, this year's Raya holds special meaning as she was handed the

land grant after years of paying monthly instalments on her own following the death of her husband, Abdulah Daud, in 1994.

"Alhamdulillah, the house was initially financed by my husband through his hard work as a fisherman. He paid RM50 a month.

"After he died, it was difficult for me as I had no income.

"But I kept going by selling small food items and managed to complete the monthly payments until I finally received the grant today," she said after the handover in Tanjung Dawai yesterday.

The grants were presented by Kedah Fisheries Development Authority (LKIM) director Ahmad Zulkifli Ismail.

Another recipient, Mohd Abdul Rashid, 78, said he was

grateful to finally own the house and the land.

"Life was tough back then. As fishermen, our income was unpredictable. Even the RM50 monthly installment was sometimes a struggle.

"But after over 40 years, the house is finally ours.

"It used to be worth RM14,000, but today, including the land, it could be valued at about RM200,000.

"Many thanks to the government and LKIM for this initiative for fishing families like us."

Zulkifli said Kedah LKIM had spent about RM55 million over the past 40 years to build and refurbish fishermen's homes in the state.

He said each family was required to pay monthly instalments based on agreed terms, and once the payments were completed, LKIM would issue the land titles to the heads of households.

"We previously handed over titles for 100 homes under the family unit concept. LKIM remains committed to the welfare of fishing families, including their economic and social wellbeing.

"Since the 1980s, the monthly payment rate had been RM50. For newer homes, it is now RM150 a month," he said.

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**MOHD ABDUL RASHID**  
Recipient

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Abdul Rashid Yob, Pengerusi PeSAWAH

## PeSAWAH mohon harga benih padi diturunkan

**Pandang:** Pertubuhan Persaudaraan Pesawah Malaysia (PeSAWAH) memohon supaya Kementerian Pertanian dan Keterjaminan Makanan mengeluarkan segera arahan penurunan harga benih padi bagi musim 1/2025 untuk meringankan beban golongan itu.

Pengerusi PeSAWAH, Abdul Rashid Yob, berkata ia berikutan harga kawalan benih padi di pintu kilang pada ketika ini masih RM58 satu beg (20 kilogram) seperti ditetapkan pada Mac 2024, iaitu ketika harga padi semasa yang ditawarkan kilang mencapai hingga RM1,800 satu tan.

"Penurunan harga belian padi pada tuaian yang lepas iaitu sekitar RM1,500 menjadikan harga benih semasa pada masa ini tidak lagi munasabah. Tindakan perlu

disegerakan kerana musim tanam padi di kawasan Lembaga Kemajuan Pertanian Muda (MADA) fasa pertama (pelepasan air) bermula 16 April ini.

"Sekarang pesawah terpaksa beli benih padi sah dengan harga RM58 satu beg (20 kilogram) dan kami cadangkan harga sesuai diturunkan kepada RM35 satu beg di pintu kilang," katanya ketika ditemui pemberita di Kampung Alor Belat di sini semalam.

Abdul Rashid berkata, kenaikan kos sara hidup dan kadar sewa jentera untuk tanaman padi pada masa ini juga menyebabkan pesawah mengalami kesukaran.

Pesawah, Shukri Baharom, 63, berkata penurunan harga benih padi perlu disegerakan bagi mengurangkan impak semasa ditanggung pesawah. BERNAMA

## F&N AgriValley drives national dairy hub vision

**SEREMBAN:** The F&N AgriValley project in Gemas forms a key component of Negri Sembilan's vision to become the national dairy hub, in line with the goals outlined in the Negri Sembilan Development Plan (RPNS) 2021-2025, says Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Aminuddin Harun.

He said the project is strategically aligned with the state's broader economic and agricultural agenda, reinforcing key initiatives in the RPNS 2021-2025.

"To prioritise economic resilience, sustainability and food security, this initiative plays an important role in advancing sustainable livestock farming to ensure long-term agricultural success and self-sufficiency," he said in a statement.

Earlier, Aminuddin joined a visit organised by Fraser & Neave Holdings Bhd (F&N) to observe the latest progress of the F&N AgriValley integrated dairy farm in Gemas, accompanied by officials from the Chilean Embassy in Malaysia, the Department of Veterinary Services (DVS) and the Malaysian Quarantine and Inspection Services (Maqis).

F&N chief executive officer Lim Yew Hoe expressed his appreciation to the state government, including the various ministries and departments, for their support and cooperation, which helped bring this integrated farm to its latest phase.

He said since the ground-breaking ceremony, collaboration between the public and private sectors has been crucial in realising the shared vision of developing F&N AgriValley into a world-class integrated dairy farm.

"Following the suspension of cattle imports from the United States, we worked closely with DVS and the Chilean Embassy in Malaysia.

"Through this collective effort, we were able to obtain a safe import protocol for cattle from Chile in a short time, demonstrating the dedication and effectiveness of all agencies involved," said Lim, adding that this effort brought in a trial herd of 165 cattle from Chile, which are in good health in their new home.

Lim explained that the cattle also completed a two-week post-import quarantine at the F&N AgriValley farm.

"This process was carried out smoothly thanks to the professionalism of Maqis and DVS, whose expertise and commitment to ensuring the highest standards of biosecurity and animal welfare," he said.

He said F&N AgriValley is set to bring in a commercial herd of cattle, which will see the largest importation of dairy cattle into Malaysia in a single batch. — Bernama

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## Mangga King, belum tuai, sudah ditempah

**SETIU:** Permintaan tinggi terhadap Mangga King Terengganu menyaksikan buah mangga tersebut ditempah awal walaupun belum cukup tempoh untuk dituai.

Pengusahanya, Zuhari Mat berkata, Mangga King Terengganu setanding dengan buah harum manis yang popular di Perlis yang mana penanamannya di tanah bris atau tanah berpasir di kawasan pantai di negeri ini.

Katanya, buah mangga itu dijangka dituai pada awal bulan depan bagi peringkat pertama dan pelanggan tetapnya sudah membuat tempahan secara dalam talian sejak bulan lalu.

“Pengeluaran Mangga King peringkat pertama ini adalah buah yang dihasilkan di luar musim atau juga dikenali sebagai buah *stres* selepas musim banjir.”

“Musim sebenar berbuah bagi Mangga King Terengganu adalah pada bulan Mac tetapi mangga luar musim ini mengeluarkan buah sejak Februari lalu,” katanya.

Menurut Zuhari, dianggarkan 250 biji dengan berat 100 kilogram (kg) Mangga King luar musim akan dituai pada bulan depan manakala satu tan metrik bagi hasil keseluruhan tuaian tahun ini dijangka diperolehi daripada 110 pokok yang ditanam di kebunnya itu.

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# Sour weather, sweet mangoes

## Despite slashed yields, Harumanis remains a popular choice

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GEORGE TOWN: The much-anticipated Harumanis mangoes are back but this year's harvest has been affected by erratic weather, which slashed yields by more than half in some orchards.

Grown only in Perlis, the Harumanis fruits once a year between April and June.

Small traders like Rosedi Hamid, 58, who sells the fruit in Penang, said the current season had been one of the most unpredictable.

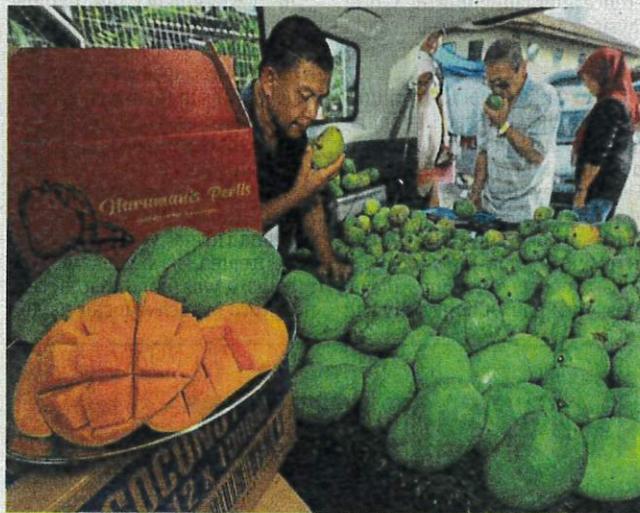
"The weather has gone awry. The last growing season saw periods with many hot days followed by unexpected thunderstorms," said the former teacher from Perlis.

Rosedi said this spoiled the flowering season and with more erratic weather, some of the mangoes shrivel up while still attached to the trees.

"Temperatures can soar up to 36°C for a few hours in the afternoon.

"These short daily spikes of high temperature make our Harumanis trees flower abundantly," he explained.

Perlis is considered the hottest state in Malaysia. An area called



**Picking the best:** Rosedi (left) helping customers choose Harumanis mangoes that he brings from Perlis inside his vehicle and sells near markets during the season in Pulau Tikus, Penang. — ZHAFARAN NASIB/The Star

Chuping recorded 40.1°C in 1998, which is the highest temperature recorded nationally.

No thanks to the bad weather, Rosedi said the orchard where he collects the Harumanis from could have produced an estimated 12,000 fruits. But this season, it is expected to only produce about 4,000, he said.

Rosedi, however, said the specific locations and level of farmers' care make a huge difference.

"I went to a small orchard with only 17 trees, which might produce 2,000 fruits," he said, adding that those were meticulously cared for by villagers of Kampung Mata Ayer.

Rosedi has been selling Haru-

manis to Penangites for the last two years in Pulau Tikus, Batu Lanchang, and Island Glades.

He said he is delighted that Penangites appreciate the Harumanis mangoes even though it is known for being the "most expensive Malaysian mango".

It retails between RM35 and RM55 a kilo, depending on size and quality, he said.

"There is a woman customer who would buy about RM1,000 worth of fruits from me and share with her friends and family."

Rosedi noted that the best grades are snapped up by exporters who ship them to Japan, Singapore, China, and the United States.

For locals, he advised choosing Harumanis weighing about 450g each to get the richest flavours.

He said freshly bought Harumanis should be kept one to three days before eating.

"Once you can smell its tangy fragrance, it is ready to be eaten," he said.

Lawyer Rowena Yam, who was spotted buying some mangoes from Rosedi, said she also bought from him last year.

"I cut one for my brother last year and after he ate it, he went hunting for more. So now we must have it every year," she said.

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ZUHARI menunjukkan Mangga King Terengganu di ladangnya di Kampung Bari Besar, Setiu semalam.

## Mangga King kini pencabar harumanis

- **Belum lagi tuai sudah dapat permintaan tinggi**
- **Rasa manis mampu kalahkan mangga popular dari Perlis**

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**SETIU** – Mangga King Terengganu yang kini menjadi pencabar baharu harumanis Perlis sekali lagi mengeluarkan hasil dan tuaian sulung dijangka pada bulan depan.

Biarpun belum cukup matang untuk dituai, Mangga King Terengganu yang diusahakan oleh seorang pengusaha di Kampung Bari Besar di sini, telah

mendapat permintaan tinggi.

Zuhari Mat, 61, berkata, rasa manis buah itu setanding dengan harumanis dan akan dijual pada harga antara RM25 hingga RM30 sekilogram.

"Saya jangka tuaian sulung ladang saya musim ini mampu mengeluarkan 250 biji Mangga King Terengganu yang dianggarkan seberat 100 kilogram (kg).

"Ta sekali ganda daripada pengeluaran pada musim tahun lalu," katanya ketika ditemui di ladangnya di Kampung Bari Besar di sini semalam.

Menurutnya, pokok-pokok Mangga King Terengganu pada musim kali ini mula berputik awal pada Februari lalu berbanding kebiasaannya pada Mac.

Katanya, buah mangga varieti itu memerlukan kira-kira 56 hari

untuk masak dan sedia dituai.

"Cuaca panas berpanjangan sejak awal tahun ini antara faktor pengeluarannya meningkat dan berbuah awal pada musim tahun ini," katanya.

Jelasnya, selain memerlukan cuaca panas sewaktu tempoh ia berbuah, pokok mangga itu juga memerlukan struktur tanah bris dan berpasir untuk hidup subur serta menghasilkan buah berkualiti tinggi.

Katanya, putik Mangga King Terengganu perlu dibalut apabila saiznya mencecah antara 16 hingga 19 sentimeter dan diracun seminggu sekali bagi mengelak serangan serangga.

"Ramai pelanggan saya memberitahu keenakan Mangga King Terengganu mampu mengatasi rasa harumanis," katanya.

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## CLIMATE CHANGE

# WARMER BEACHES SPELL DANGER FOR SEA TURTLES

Higher sand temperature will lead to skewed sex ratio for turtles, impacting reproduction

**A**LREADY vulnerable to pollution and poaching, turtles now face an even greater threat — dangerously warming beaches.

The impacts of climate change are being seen in Terengganu, where rising temperatures, shifting weather patterns, and coastal erosion are taking a toll on nesting female turtles and their hatchlings.

If immediate action is not taken, these environmental changes could spell long-term population declines for sea turtles, warned the Marine Conservation and Research Organisation Malaysia (Pulihara).

The organisation's project manager, Isandra Shazlynn, said the sex of turtles depends on temperature.

"Warmer sand tends to produce more females, while cooler sand results in more males. The pivotal temperature — the threshold at which an equal number of males and females is produced — varies slightly between species but generally falls around 29°C.

"With global temperatures rising, many natural nesting sites are experiencing sustained increases in sand temperature, leading to female-biased hatchling production.

"While this may not seem like an immediate problem, a heavily skewed sex ratio can lead to long-term population decline due to a shortage of males for reproduction."

"This trend has been observed among sea turtle hatchlings on the beaches of Tanjong Jara, Lang Tengah, and Chakar Hutun, where Pulihara operates.

"In extreme cases, excessive heat can also reduce hatching success, with

embryos failing to develop or dying before they can emerge," she told the *New Straits Times*.

She added that storm surges and unpredictable weather patterns further exacerbate these challenges, as high tides and coastal erosion could wash away nests or flood them with seawater, suffocating the developing embryos.

Additionally, she said, more frequent storms also pose a threat to adult turtles, increasing stranding incidents and making it harder for females to find safe nesting grounds.

Isandra explained that coastal erosion and rising sea levels are forcing them to act quickly.

Some of the beaches they protect shrink each season, leaving little safe space for natural nesting.

"When nests are laid too close to the waterline, they are at high risk of being washed away before incubation is complete.

"In such cases, relocation to our hatcheries is often the only viable solution to prevent total nest loss.

"Saltwater flooding from extreme tides is also becoming a growing con-



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cern. Unlike natural rainfall, saltwater infiltration can disrupt embryonic development and reduce hatching success," she said, adding that they relocated the nests at risk of submersion.

Climate change is also leading to food shortages for turtles as fish and other sea creatures they prey on move or die, as in the case of corals.

As a result, turtles are forced to expend more energy searching for food, ultimately impacting their health and reproductive success.

Complicating matters are human factors like development.

"Many traditional nesting beaches have been eroded or lost to tourism development, sand mining, and infrastructure projects.

Turtles that continue nesting in these areas face dangers from artificial lighting, beach traffic, and rising sea levels, all of which can reduce hatching success.

"Meanwhile, at-sea threats such as plastic pollution, bycatch in fisheries, and poaching further endanger Malaysia's turtle populations," Isandra said.

World Wide Fund for Nature Malaysia shared similar concerns, saying that in Malaysia, the impact of climate change is especially visible in hawksbill turtles.

"The hawksbill turtles primarily feed on sponges found in coral reefs. Coral degradation due to warming waters affects the availability of their food sources," it told the *New Straits Times*.

Additionally, it said rising sand temperatures at leatherback turtles' nesting beaches could result in skewed sex ratios towards females and reduced hatching success.