



1. The winter crop has been seeded in the whole country
2. Some proposed solutions to improve Vietnam's rice quality
3. Ha Tay saves about 5,000 hectares pending-harvested rice from flood
4. Rice prices is forecast to decrease in the early July when Vietnam begins to the new harvest

Vietnam's rice market

Production

At present, the localities of the Red River Delta, the North Highlands, the Coastal Center South, the Center Highlands are actively seeding the winter crop. According to statistic of GSO, up to 15 June 2007, in the whole country, about 164.3 thousand hectares were seeded, reached about 8.2% planted areas and 85% compared with the same period last year. Of this, more than 124 thousand hectares of early winter crop were seeded in the North have seeded, reached 84.2% compared with the same period last year, and 40.3 thousand hectares were seeded in the Southern, reached 86% of the same period. Ha Tay province have finished seeding winter crop of 78,000 hectares. Dien Bien province is actively seeding 15 thousand hectares winter rice, of this,



15% planted areas are early rice in order to raise this year's food production to 193 thousand tons, an increase of 10 thousand tons compared to the last year. The province focus on seeding the high quality varieties, pure variety IR64, HT1, performed ordinary rice with 80% planted areas.

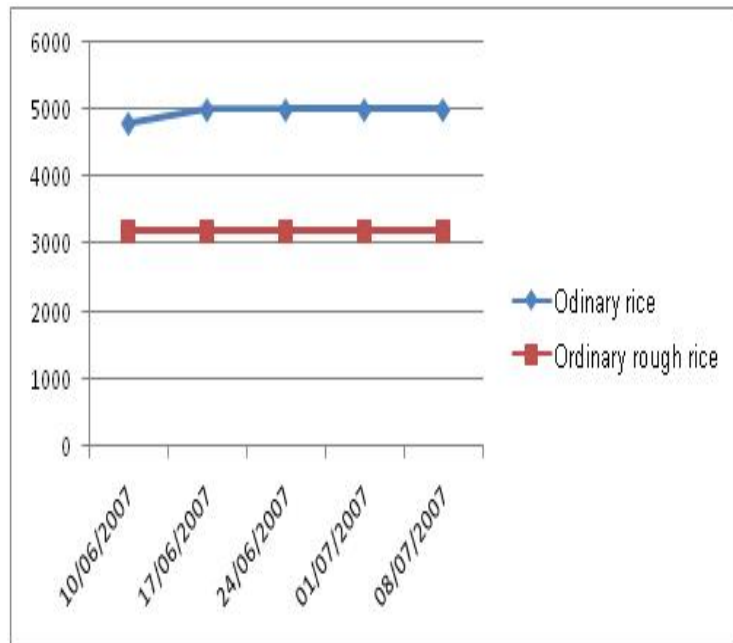
Although Vietnam is the second rice exporter in the world, quality of rice and product from rice is not high. The post-harvest processing technology is backward; the dried means, grinders and maintenance storage still be lack; the rice variety system is not overall. The post-harvest loss rate is heavy (about 13 to 16%), of this, drying, maintenance and grind are the three most loss phases (occupy 68% -70% - total losses). Vietnam's rice export market is quite diversified but rice of Vietnam does not assess the high quality required market. At present, the most challenge of Vietnam's rice in the accession process is how to raise rice quality to increase export value as well as hold fast to the current markets.

Policy

According to the Ministry of Trade, the main solution to raise the rice export value is to intensify the rank, quality and brand name at once to hold fast to the competitive advantage on Vietnam's rice production cost.

- To innovate the managing mechanism of the State, to support the enterprises in promoting the trade, seeking the costumers, building and reinforcing the brand name of Vietnam rice.
- To ameliorate the capacity of credit supply, especially in the markets that the rice export enterprises have the difficulty on payment.
- To invest the research activities, to develop the new varieties having high quality and yield,

Prices of ordinary rough rice and ordinary rice in Bac Lieu



Source: www.agro.gov.vn

which are suitable to each region and the taste of consumers in the different markets; to help the farmers producing these varieties in the large scale.

- To innovate the equipment, the technology of rice maintenance and processing to decrease the post-harvest loss rate and raise the rice rank, especially the export rice.
- To develop the 1 million hectares - high quality field through the overall measures on extension, the varieties and the policies for signing the purchase contract and agricultural product consumption
- To reinforce the infrastructure of the main point regions on rice in Mekong River Delta and Red River Delta to raise the rice yield.

Exports and Prices

During the week, the prices of rough rice and rice in Mekong River Delta were still stable, but the 15% broken ordinary rice and the 25% bro-

ken ordinary rice in particularly were in turn 5,100 VND/kg and 4,750 VND/kg, an increase of 100 VND/kg compared to the previous week because the companies intensified the purchase to export. Vietnam' export rice price kept continuously at high level while the export demand was strong and the supply increased little by little. In Ho Chi Minh City and Mekong River Delta, the 5% broken rice price was 303 USD/ton, the 25% broken rice was 285 USD/ton, unchanged compared to that in the last week. It's forecast that Vietnam's rice price will decrease in the next coming weeks when the Southern province enter new harvest crop in July.

Up to 3 July, 6 vessels have been waiting at Sai Gon port to load 78,600 tons rice to Africa and Philippine. The previous week, 9 vessels loaded 55,950 tons 25% broken rice to Philippine and a vessel loaded 6,000 tons 5% broken rice to Malaysia.



Weather

During the week, heavy rains on the large scale of Ha Tay province caused flood over more than 5,000 hectares of rice. The whole province has mobilized over 780 pumps to drain water continuously within 3 days. Up to now, all flooded planted areas were rescued. This is the early rains with total average rainfall of about 94 - 116 mm.

World rice market

In order to become the self-rice supplied country beyond 2010, Philippines will double the state budget aiming at increasing rice production in 2008, to reach about 6.5 billion Pesos (approximately 140 million US dollars) on ameliorating irrigation system, at once intensifying the mixed rice variety use.

Indonesia's government informed that this country will import 1.5 million tons of rice this year in order to stabilize the domestic rice price and compensating for decreased rice production in the last

year due to impacts of irregular weather.

During the week, rice price in the Asian market stood continuously at a high level. The 100% rice level B of Thailand was 335-337 USD/ton, FOB, Bangkok, the prices of the 5% broken rice were 326-327 USD/ton. The 100% parboiled rice was 330-332 USD/ton, an increase of 2 USD/ton compared with the previous week. However, within some next weeks, the rice prices are forecast to decrease because Thailand also will enter harvesting new crop in July.

Data

Export prices of Vietnam and Thailand rice (USD/ton- Source: www.agro.gov.vn)

Vietnam				Thailand		
Commodity	Week 18- 23/6/2007	Week 25- 30/6/2007	Changes	Week 18- 23/6/2007	Week 25- 30/6/2007	Changes
5% Broken rice	303.5	303.5	0	322	322	0
10 % Broken rice	298	298	0,33	320	320.5	0.5
15% Broken rice	293	293.25	0.25	318	318	0
25% Broken rice	286	286	0	297	297	0

Domestic prices of selected rice in An Giang (VND/kg- Source: www.agro.gov.vn)

Commodity	Day	Prices	Unit	Commodity	Day	Prices	Unit
Dry sticky paddy (opaque)	2/07/2007	3550	VND/kg	Ordinary milled rice	2/07/2007	5100	VND/kg
Dry sticky paddy (opaque)	3/07/2007	3550	VND/kg	Ordinary milled rice	3/07/2007	5100	VND/kg
Dry sticky paddy (opaque)	4/07/2007	3550	VND/kg	Ordinary milled rice	4/07/2007	5100	VND/kg
Dry sticky paddy (opaque)	5/07/2007	3550	VND/kg	Ordinary milled rice	5/07/2007	4850	VND/kg
Dry sticky paddy (opaque)	6/07/2007	3550	VND/kg	Ordinary milled rice	6/07/2007	5100	VND/kg

Retailed prices of ordinary milled rice and ordinary rough rice in Ba Ria - Vung Tau (VND/kg- Source: www.agro.gov.vn)

Commodity	Day	Prices	Unit	Commodity	Day	Prices	Unit
Ordinary milled rice	25/06/2007	6000	VND/kg	Ordinary rough rice	25/06/2007	3500	VND/kg
Ordinary milled rice	1/07/2007	6000	VND/kg	Ordinary rough rice	1/07/2007	3500	VND/kg
Ordinary milled rice	8/07/2007	6000	VND/kg	Ordinary rough rice	8/07/2007	3500	VND/kg

Retailed prices of ordinary milled rice and ordinary rough rice in Bac Lieu
(VND/kg-Source: www.agro.gov.vn)

Commodity	Day	Prices	Unit	Commodity	Day	Prices	Unit
Ordinary milled rice	25/06/2007	5000	VND/kg	Ordinary rough rice	25/06/2007	3200	VND/kg
Ordinary milled rice	1/07/2007	5000	VND/kg	Ordinary rough rice	1/07/2007	3200	VND/kg
Ordinary milled rice	8/07/2007	5000	VND/kg	Ordinary rough rice	8/07/2007	3200	VND/kg

Retailed prices of ordinary milled rice and ordinary rough rice in Bac Ninh
(VND/kg-Source: www.agro.gov.vn)

Commodity	Day	Prices	Unit	Commodity	Day	Prices	Unit
Ordinary milled rice	25/06/2007	5100	VND/kg	Ordinary rough rice	25/06/2007	3500	VND/kg
Ordinary milled rice	1/07/2007	5100	VND/kg	Ordinary rough rice	1/07/2007	3500	VND/kg
Ordinary milled rice	8/07/2007	5100	VND/kg	Ordinary rough rice	8/07/2007	3500	VND/kg

Retailed prices of ordinary milled rice and ordinary rough rice in Bien Hoa
(VND/kg-Source: www.agro.gov.vn)

Commodity	Day	Prices	Unit	Commodity	Day	Prices	Unit
Ordinary milled rice	25/06/2007	4800	VND/kg	Ordinary rough rice	25/06/2007	3100	VND/kg
Ordinary milled rice	1/07/2007	4800	VND/kg	Ordinary rough rice	1/07/2007	3100	VND/kg
Ordinary milled rice	8/07/2007	4800	VND/kg	Ordinary rough rice	8/07/2007	3100	VND/kg

Retailed prices of ordinary milled rice and ordinary rough rice in Binh Duong
(VND/kg-Source: www.agro.gov.vn)

Commodity	Day	Prices	Unit	Commodity	Day	Prices	Unit
Ordinary milled rice	25/06/2007	5300	VND/kg	Ordinary rough rice	25/06/2007	3650	VND/kg
Ordinary milled rice	1/07/2007	5300	VND/kg	Ordinary rough rice	1/07/2007	3650	VND/kg
Ordinary milled rice	8/07/2007	5300	VND/kg	Ordinary rough rice	8/07/2007	3650	VND/kg

Retailed prices of ordinary milled rice and ordinary rough rice in Can Tho
(VND/kg-Source: www.agro.gov.vn)

Commodity	Day	Prices	Unit	Commodity	Day	Prices	Unit
Ordinary milled rice	25/06/2007	4700	VND/kg	Ordinary rough rice	25/06/2007	2900	VND/kg
Ordinary milled rice	1/07/2007	4700	VND/kg	Ordinary rough rice	1/07/2007	2900	VND/kg
Ordinary milled rice	8/07/2007	4700	VND/kg	Ordinary rough rice	8/07/2007	2900	VND/kg

Retailed prices of ordinary milled rice and ordinary rough rice in Ha Noi
(VND/kg- Source: www.agro.gov.vn)

Commodity	Day	Prices	Unit	Commodity	Day	Prices	Unit
Ordinary milled rice	25/06/2007	5200	VND/kg	Ordinary rough rice	25/06/2007	2900	VND/kg
Ordinary milled rice	1/07/2007	5200	VND/kg	Ordinary rough rice	1/07/2007	2900	VND/kg
Ordinary milled rice	8/07/2007	5200	VND/kg	Ordinary rough rice	8/07/2007	3100	VND/kg

Retailed prices of ordinary milled rice and ordinary rough rice in Hai Phong
(VND/kg-Source: www.agro.gov.vn)

Commodity	Day	Prices	Unit	Commodity	Day	Prices	Unit
Ordinary milled rice	25/06/2007	5800	VND/kg	Ordinary rough rice	25/06/2007	3800	VND/kg
Ordinary milled rice	1/07/2007	5800	VND/kg	Ordinary rough rice	1/07/2007	3800	VND/kg
Ordinary milled rice	8/07/2007	5800	VND/kg	Ordinary rough rice	8/07/2007	3700	VND/kg

Retailed prices of ordinary milled rice and ordinary rough rice in Lang Son
(VND/kg-Source: www.agro.gov.vn)

Commodity	Day	Prices	Unit	Commodity	Day	Prices	Unit
Ordinary milled rice	25/06/2007	5700	VND/kg	Ordinary rough rice	25/06/2007	3700	VND/kg
Ordinary milled rice	1/07/2007	5400	VND/kg	Ordinary rough rice	1/07/2007	3800	VND/kg
Ordinary milled rice	8/07/2007	5400	VND/kg	Ordinary rough rice	8/07/2007	3900	VND/kg

Retailed prices of ordinary milled rice and ordinary rough rice in Long Xuyen
(VND/kg-Source: www.agro.gov.vn)

Commodity	Day	Prices	Unit	Commodity	Day	Prices	Unit
Ordinary milled rice	25/06/2007	4800	VND/kg	Ordinary rough rice	25/06/2007	2900	VND/kg
Ordinary milled rice	1/07/2007	4800	VND/kg	Ordinary rough rice	1/07/2007	2900	VND/kg
Ordinary milled rice	8/07/2007	4800	VND/kg	Ordinary rough rice	8/07/2007	2900	VND/kg

Retailed prices of ordinary milled rice and ordinary rough rice in My Tho
(VND/kg-Source: www.agro.gov.vn)

Commodity	Day	Prices	Unit	Commodity	Day	Prices	Unit
Ordinary milled rice	25/06/2007	4850	VND/kg	Ordinary rough rice	25/06/2007	2900	VND/kg
Ordinary milled rice	1/07/2007	4850	VND/kg	Ordinary rough rice	1/07/2007	2900	VND/kg
Ordinary milled rice	8/07/2007	4850	VND/kg	Ordinary rough rice	8/07/2007	2900	VND/kg

Retailed prices of ordinary milled rice and ordinary rough rice in Nam Dinh
(VND/kg- Source: www.agro.gov.vn)

Commodity	Day	Prices	Unit	Commodity	Day	Prices	Unit
Ordinary milled rice	25/06/2007	5000	VND/kg	Ordinary rough rice	25/06/2007	3200	VND/kg
Ordinary milled rice	1/07/2007	5000	VND/kg	Ordinary rough rice	1/07/2007	3100	VND/kg
Ordinary milled rice	8/07/2007	4900	VND/kg	Ordinary rough rice	8/07/2007	2900	VND/kg

Retailed prices of ordinary milled rice and ordinary rough rice in Nghe An
(VND/kg-Source: www.agro.gov.vn)

Commodity	Day	Prices	Unit	Commodity	Day	Prices	Unit
Ordinary milled rice	25/06/2007	4800	VND/kg	Ordinary rough rice	25/06/2007	3200	VND/kg
Ordinary milled rice	1/07/2007	4800	VND/kg	Ordinary rough rice	1/07/2007	3200	VND/kg
Ordinary milled rice	8/07/2007	4800	VND/kg	Ordinary rough rice	8/07/2007	3200	VND/kg

Retailed prices of ordinary milled rice and ordinary rough rice in Nha Trang
(VND/kg- Source: www.agro.gov.vn)

Commodity	Day	Prices	Unit	Commodity	Day	Prices	Unit
Ordinary milled rice	25/06/2007	4900	VND/kg	Ordinary rough rice	25/06/2007	3100	VND/kg
Ordinary milled rice	1/07/2007	4900	VND/kg	Ordinary rough rice	1/07/2007	3100	VND/kg
Ordinary milled rice	8/07/2007	4900	VND/kg	Ordinary rough rice	8/07/2007	3100	VND/kg

Retailed prices of ordinary milled rice and ordinary rough rice in Ca Mau
(VND/kg-Source: www.agro.gov.vn)

Commodity	Day	Prices	Unit	Commodity	Day	Prices	Unit
Ordinary milled rice	25/06/2007	4750	VND/kg	Ordinary rough rice	25/06/2007	2950	VND/kg
Ordinary milled rice	1/07/2007	4750	VND/kg	Ordinary rough rice	1/07/2007	2950	VND/kg
Ordinary milled rice	8/07/2007	4750	VND/kg	Ordinary rough rice	8/07/2007	2950	VND/kg

Retailed prices of ordinary milled rice and ordinary rough rice in Da Nang
(VND/kg-Source: www.agro.gov.vn)

Commodity	Day	Prices	Unit	Commodity	Day	Prices	Unit
Ordinary milled rice	25/06/2007	4800	VND/kg	Ordinary rough rice	25/06/2007	3000	VND/kg
Ordinary milled rice	1/07/2007	4800	VND/kg	Ordinary rough rice	1/07/2007	3000	VND/kg
Ordinary milled rice	8/07/2007	4800	VND/kg	Ordinary rough rice	8/07/2007	3000	VND/kg

Retailed prices of ordinary milled rice and ordinary rough rice in Quang Ninh
(VND/kg- Source: www.agro.gov.vn)

Commodity	Day	Prices	Unit	Commodity	Day	Prices	Unit
Ordinary milled rice	25/06/2007	4800	VND/kg	Ordinary rough rice	25/06/2007	5700	VND/kg
Ordinary milled rice	1/07/2007	4800	VND/kg	Ordinary rough rice	1/07/2007	5200	VND/kg
Ordinary milled rice	8/07/2007	4800	VND/kg	Ordinary rough rice	8/07/2007	5000	VND/kg

Retailed prices of ordinary milled rice and ordinary rough rice in Thai Binh
(VND/kg- Source: www.agro.gov.vn)

Commodity	Day	Prices	Unit	Commodity	Day	Prices	Unit
Ordinary milled rice	25/06/2007	5700	VND/kg	Ordinary rough rice	25/06/2007	3100	VND/kg
Ordinary milled rice	1/07/2007	5200	VND/kg	Ordinary rough rice	1/07/2007	3100	VND/kg
Ordinary milled rice	8/07/2007	5000	VND/kg	Ordinary rough rice	8/07/2007	3300	VND/kg

Retailed prices of ordinary milled rice and ordinary rough rice in Tien Giang
(VND/kg- Source: www.agro.gov.vn)

Commodity	Day	Prices	Unit	Commodity	Day	Prices	Unit
Ordinary milled rice	25/06/2007	4400	VND/kg	Ordinary rough rice	25/06/2007	3200	VND/kg
Ordinary milled rice	1/07/2007	4400	VND/kg	Ordinary rough rice	1/07/2007	3200	VND/kg
Ordinary milled rice	8/07/2007	4500	VND/kg	Ordinary rough rice	8/07/2007	3200	VND/kg

Retailed prices of ordinary milled rice in some markets
(VND/kg- Source: www.agro.gov.vn)

Market	Day	Prices	Unit
Tp.HCM	08/06/07	5000	VND/kg
Tp.HCM	12/06/07	5000	VND/kg
Tp.HCM	19/06/07	5000	VND/kg
Kiên Giang	30/05/07	5000	VND/kg
Kiên Giang	06/06/07	5000	VND/kg
Kiên Giang	14/06/07	5000	VND/kg
Lâm Đồng	15/06/07	5200	VND/kg
Lâm Đồng	22/06/07	5200	VND/kg
Lâm Đồng	29/06/07	5200	VND/kg

Exchange rate USD/VND
Source: Vietcombank

Currency unit	Exchange rate
USD	16.133
USD	16.125
USD	16.125
USD	16.127
USD	16.127
USD	16.138
USD	16.141

Địa chỉ liên hệ

Phạm Hoàng Ngân, Tel: (844) 9725153, Email: phamhoangngan@agro.gov.vn

Hướng dẫn đăng ký thành viên

Đăng ký thành viên tại website www.agro.gov.vn để nhận Bản tin tự động qua thư điện tử.