



1. Farmers in the North prepare to seed winter rice
2. Vietnam and 4 other rice-producing countries in the region will cooperate to share world rice market information
3. Export prices of Vietnam rice stand at high level
4. Lai Chau province experiences crops failure because of whirlwind and drought
5. Thailand rice fails to meet standards of the import countries

Vietnam's rice market

Production

Although farmers in the Northern localities have tried their best to fight against drought, through preventing insect damage and intensifying their cultivation methods after being warned about unfavorable weather conditions, the average yield still decreased in the winter-spring crop in some provinces. In Bac Giang, the estimated average yield is 5.0 tons per hectare, about 10% lower (about 0.4 ton per hectare) compared to that in last season. In Ha Nam, the average yield is expected to be 5.95 tons per hectare, a decrease of 0.2 ton per hectare compared to last season. Right now, a systematic preparation is spelled out by the localities for the next crop, including varieties, agricultural production inputs and guidelines for farmers

Provinces	Planted areas of summer-autumn crops (hectare)
Mekong Delta	1.500.000
<i>Including</i>	
Ben Tre	21.173
Ha Tinh	35.000
Can Tho	84.000
Quang Ngai	27.745
Tien giang	72.630
Dong Thap	182.200
Bac Lieu	54.000
Source: AGROINFO	

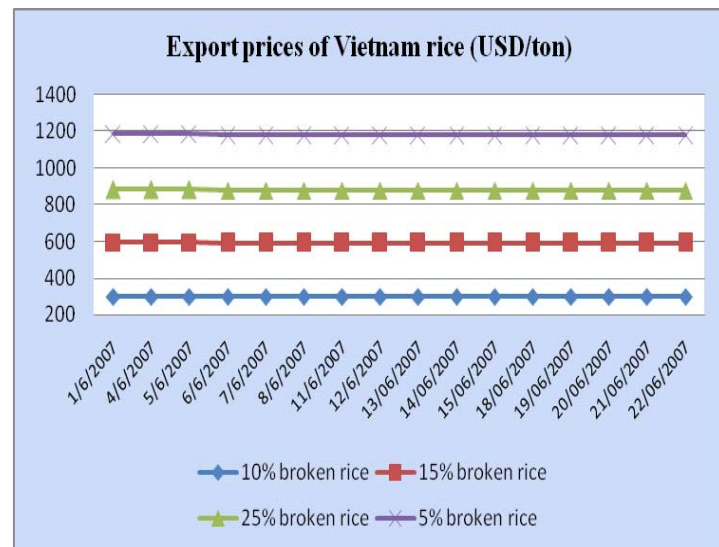
about seeding at the right time and with the right cultivation methods. The Ha Nam planted area for the winter crop is planned to be around 36,500 hectares. Of this, about 50% of planted areas for the early winter crop will be harvested with high quality and purebred varieties; about 45% of planted areas of the medium winter crop will be harvested with purebred and hybrid varieties; and about 5-6% planted area of the late crop will be harvested with high quality sticky rice varieties. About 20,000 hectares of Ha Nam agricultural land was prepared to seed for the winter crop.

In the Mekong River Delta, after 1 month of rice seeding, Ben Tre has seeded total 21,173 hectares of summer-autumn crop, about 15.3% lower than planned. In the Central Highland, Ha Tinh has seeded over 35,000 hectares of summer-autumn crop, about 8% lower than planned areas.

Policy

Vietnam and four other rice-producing countries, including Cambodia, Myanmar, Laos and Thailand will cooperate in marketing its rice products in the region. Five countries are considering a cooperation agreement to accomplish this. Following that agreement, the five countries will share information on the global rice market with each other. Vietnam has signed a similar agreement with Thailand and the two countries' officials will gather in Ha Noi, July 2007 to discuss an implementation plan for the agreement.

On 18 July 2007, the Vietnamese Government approved the Decision No.29/2007 on adjustment of land use and a 5-year plan for land use (2006-2010) in Dong Nai province. By the year 2010, the province's non-agricultural land will increase by 34 thousand hectares to reach over 143 thousand hectares, agricultural land area occupies 43.9%, forestry land 30%, aquaculture land 1.34%, residential land about 3.1%, land for business uses is about 3.7%, and land for public uses is about 5.2%.



Prices and exports

During the week, export prices of Vietnam rice were nearly unchanged. The domestic exporters are waiting for added rice supply from the harvested rice of the early summer-autumn crop of the Mekong River Delta provinces in July. In Ho Chi Minh city, the prices of 5% broken rice and 25% broken rice were 303-304 USD per ton and 286 USD per ton, FOB, respectively; unchanged compared to that in previous week. Recently, the Philippine National Food Agency (NFA) has decided to buy 280,000 tons of 25% broken rice with the price in the range of 328.9-348.9 USD per ton. The shipment is supposed to be in July - August 2007. Of this, 105,000 tons has been signed for with a contract price of 328.96 USD per ton, FOB supplied by Dagrimex, Vinh Phat, Aficex (An Giang); 105,000 tons with the contract price of 328.99 USD per ton C&F, supplied by Kigifac and Vinafood; and the other 25,000 tons of rice with the contract price of 348.99 USD per ton will come from Vinafood. Up to June, NFA bought about 1.61 million tons of Vietnam rice.

Weather

In the 2007 winter crop, rice production of Binh Lu, which is considered as one of the main rice bowls of Tam Duong district, Lai Chau province, has decreased by 50%. Of

this, over 50 hectares of a total 713 hectares of rice were lost completely because of whirlwind and drought. It has been the most severe loss for Lai Chau crop in the last 10 years. From the beginning of the crop season, Binh Lu rice fields experienced difficulty from lasting drought. In addition, two heavy whirlwinds in the middle and at the end of April prevented

rice from flowering. The harvested yield is only 2.6-3.0 ton per hectare, much lower compared to 4.8-5.0 ton per hectare last year . Total production of the whole district expects to be only 2,000 tons, a decrease of about 1,300 tons compared with the plan

World rice market

Thailand

In Thailand, the market is not active because of high rice price. Thailand's government may intervene on price towards the harvest of the second crop, next month. However, the Thai Government may not increase the subsidy price rate because the current price level is quite high. The 100% white rice level B of Thailand was priced in the range of 333-337 USD per ton, FOB Bangkok, the price of the 5% broken rice was about 323-327 USD per ton, the price of 100% parboiled rice was 326-330 USD per ton. Up to now, Thailand's rice exports reached 3.45 million tons, a 9.2% increase compared to last year. However, within the week, Thailand's rice quality was mentioned several times. Indonesia informed that it would stop imports of Thai rice. In addition, Thai rice will also be banned from the Russian market from 1 July 2007.



Data

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

	Vietnam			Thailand		
	11-16/6/2007	11-16/6/2007	Changes	11-16/6/2007	11-16/6/2007	Changes
5% Broken rice	305.5	305.5	0	322	322	0
10% Broken rice	298	298	0	320	320	0
15% Broken rice	293	293	0	318	318	0
25% Broken rice	286	286	0	297	297	0

Domestic prices of rough rice and milled rice in some selected provinces
(VND/kg- Source : www.agro.gov.vn)

Ordinary milled rice				Ordinary rough rice			
Market	Day	Retailed prices	Đơn vị tính	Market	Day	Retailed prices	Đơn vị tính
An Giang	4/6/2007	5000	VNĐ/kg	BR- Vung Tau	20/6/2007	3500	VNĐ/kg
An Giang	11/6/2007	5000	VNĐ/kg	Bac Lieu	7/6/2007	3200	VNĐ/kg
An Giang	18/6/2007	5000	VNĐ/kg	Bac Lieu	14/6/2007	3200	VNĐ/kg
BR- Vung Tau	31/5/2007	6000	VNĐ/kg	Bac Lieu	21/6/2007	3200	VNĐ/kg
BR- Vung Tau	20/6/2007	6000	VNĐ/kg	Bac Ninh	6/6/2007	3500	VNĐ/kg
Bac Lieu	31/5/2007	5000	VNĐ/kg	Bac Ninh	12/6/2007	3500	VNĐ/kg
Bac Lieu	19/6/2007	5000	VNĐ/kg	Bac Ninh	19/6/2007	3500	VNĐ/kg
Bac Ninh	6/6/2007	5100	VNĐ/kg	Ben Tre	20/6/2007	3200	VNĐ/kg
Bac Ninh	12/6/2007	5100	VNĐ/kg	Bien Hoa	8/6/2007	3100	VNĐ/kg
Bac Ninh	19/6/2007	5100	VNĐ/kg	Bien Hoa	12/6/2007	3100	VNĐ/kg
Ben Tre	20/6/2007	4800	VNĐ/kg	Bien Hoa	19/6/2007	3100	VNĐ/kg
Bien Hoa	8/6/2007	4800	VNĐ/kg	Binh Duong	5/6/2007	3650	VNĐ/kg
Bien Hoa	12/6/2007	4800	VNĐ/kg	Binh Duong	12/6/2007	3650	VNĐ/kg
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Binh Duong	5/6/2007	5300	VNĐ/kg	Ca Mau	7/6/2007	2850	VNĐ/kg
Binh Duong	12/6/2007	5300	VNĐ/kg	Ca Mau	8/6/2007	2950	VNĐ/kg
Binh Duong	19/6/2007	5300	VNĐ/kg	Ca Mau	12/6/2007	2950	VNĐ/kg
Ca Mau	7/6/2007	5000	VNĐ/kg	Ca Mau	19/6/2007	2950	VNĐ/kg
Ca Mau	8/6/2007	4750	VNĐ/kg	Can Tho	8/6/2007	2900	VNĐ/kg
Ca Mau	12/6/2007	4750	VNĐ/kg	Can Tho	12/6/2007	2900	VNĐ/kg
Ca Mau	19/6/2007	4750	VNĐ/kg	Can Tho	19/6/2007	2900	VNĐ/kg
Can Tho	8/6/2007	4700	VNĐ/kg	Da Nang	8/6/2007	3000	VNĐ/kg
Can Tho	12/6/2007	4700	VNĐ/kg	Da Nang	12/6/2007	3000	VNĐ/kg
Can Tho	19/6/2007	4700	VNĐ/kg	Da Nang	19/6/2007	3000	VNĐ/kg
Da Nang	8/6/2007	4800	VNĐ/kg	Dong Nai	5/6/2007	3200	VNĐ/kg
Da Nang	12/6/2007	4800	VNĐ/kg	Dong Nai	12/6/2007	3200	VNĐ/kg
Da Nang	19/6/2007	4800	VNĐ/kg	Dong Nai	19/6/2007	3200	VNĐ/kg
Ha Noi	6/6/2007	5200	VNĐ/kg	Ha Noi	6/6/2007	2900	VNĐ/kg
Ha Noi	12/6/2007	5200	VNĐ/kg	Ha Noi	12/6/2007	2900	VNĐ/kg
Ha Noi	19/6/2007	5200	VNĐ/kg	Ha Noi	19/6/2007	3100	VNĐ/kg
Hai Phong	6/6/2007	5800	VNĐ/kg	Hai Phong	6/6/2007	3800	VNĐ/kg
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Hai Phong	19/6/2007	5800	VNĐ/kg	Hai Phong	19/6/2007	3800	VNĐ/kg
Kien Giang	6/6/2007	5000	VNĐ/kg	Lang Son	6/6/2007	3800	VNĐ/kg

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