



1. The mixed-rice variety B-TE1 was produced on a large scale in the Mekong River Delta for the first time
2. Domestic rice prices are increasing
3. Heavy rain and high humidity encourage rice blast disease and the spread of brown backed rice plant hoppers in the Southern provinces
4. World market rice prices remain at a high level

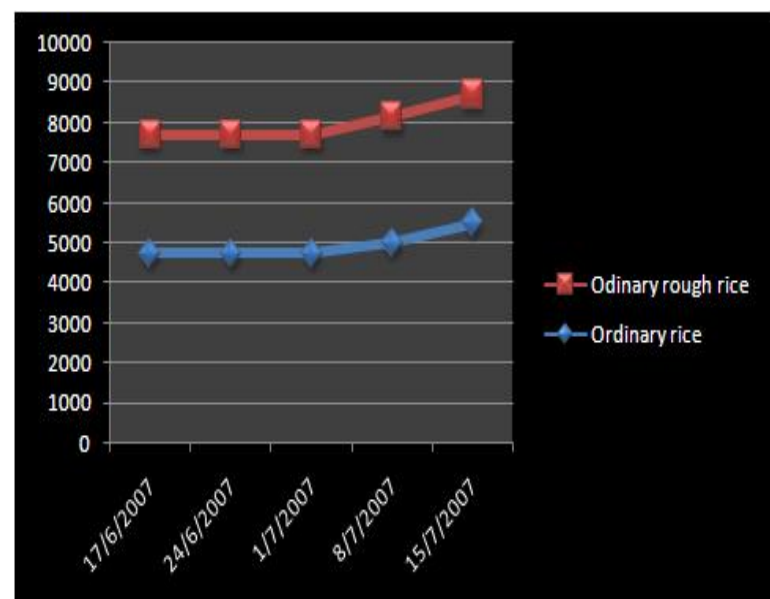
## Vietnam's rice market

### Production

Most provinces have finished seeding the winter crop. Tuyen Quang province seeded about 19,000 hectares of winter rice, only about 74% of that planned, because of a lack of direction from provincial agricultural officers to district authorities and farmers, in terms of guidance and consultation about cultivation activities of farmers. The delayed growing of winter rice makes young rice plants became "old" and will negatively affect production results.

In 13 provinces of the Mekong River Delta, the B-TE1 mixed rice variety was applied for the first time on a large area (about 1.1 thousand hectares). The crossbred

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Source: [www.agro.gov.vn](http://www.agro.gov.vn)

advantages of the B-TE1 mixed rice variety are high yield, good confrontation and adaptability, resistance to brown backed rice plant hoppers and rice blast disease. B-TE1 can produce soft and aromatic rice. The collective result shows that the 3-crop average yield of B-TE1 rice variety is about 7.89 tons/ha, about 1.39 ton/hectare (22%) higher compared with the popular pure varieties.

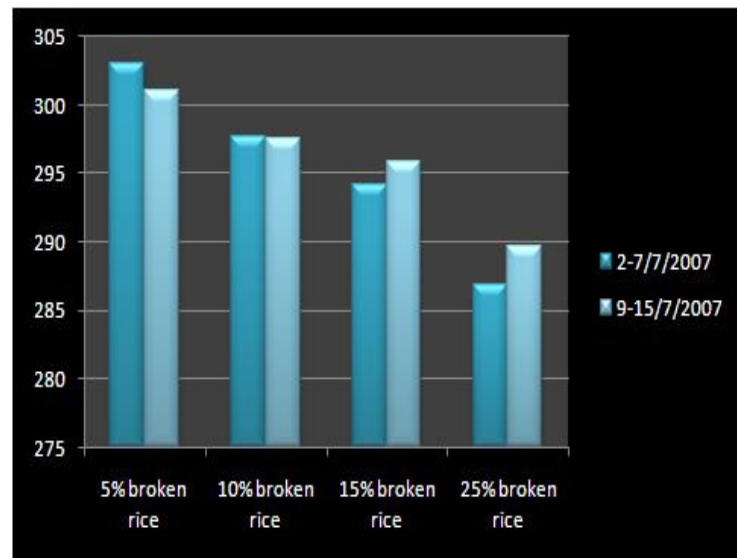
In addition, the more intensive the agricultural land is, the higher the yield of the B-TE1 rice variety is, compared to the yield of any other pure varieties. Therefore, although the purchased prices for B-TE1 mixed rice variety are 1.5 million VND higher, more than that of the other varieties, the farmers could earn profits often about 1.5-1.6 million VND/ha higher than from cultivating pure varieties.

### Exports and Prices

During the week, rice prices increased in Can Tho. The prices of high quality rough rice were in the range of 2,950 - 3,100 dong/kg, the prices of Jasmine rice were 3,400-3,500 dong/kg; the price of raw material rice for export were in the range of 3,850-4,100 dong/kg, about 700-800 VND/kg increase compared to the same period last year. It is forecast that the prices will continue to increase or stay at a high level until the summer-autumn crop is harvested.

However, rice export prices slightly decreased 5-7 USD per ton in the week. The price of 5% broken rice was 302 USD/ton, FOB, HCM. The prices of 10% broken rice were 297 USD per ton and those of 25% broken rice were 285 USD/ton. On 9 July, there were 11 vessels waiting at Sai Gon port to load a total of 53,324 tons of rice.

### Export rice prices of Vietnam



Source: www.agro.gov.vn

### Weather

According to the National Center for Hydro-meteorological Forecasting, from June, the La Nina phenomenon was strong, therefore, the total rainfall this year is forecast to be higher than the long-term average level. The rainy season will last to November 2007, even to December 2007 in some areas. Current high temperatures, combined with rain and high humidity, provide favorable conditions for the development of rice blast disease.

During the week, a tropical depression caused heavy rains and storms, flooding thousands of hectares of summer-autumn rice in Bac Lieu. Rice disease has spread rapidly. In addition, over 13,000 hectares of rice was infested with brown backed rice plant hoppers. The affected rice areas were mostly in the Phuoc Long, Hong Dan, and Vinh Loi districts. The density of brown backed rice plant hoppers was 5,000 - 7,000 insects/hectare. About 400 hectares of rice were seriously infested with brown backed rice plant hoppers and about 35 hectares seriously affected by rice grassy stunt virus. Farmers are trying to spray pesticides optimally.

## World rice market

During the week, rice prices in the Asian markets continued to increase. The prices of Thai rice 100% level B were 337-338 USD/ton, a 3 USD increase compared with the previous week; the prices of 5% broken rice remained at 327-329 USD/ton. The price of 100% parboiled rice was 334 USD/ton, an increase of 1-2 USD per ton compared to the previous week. Compared with the same period last year, Thai rice prices increased 10-11 USD/ton.

Also in the week, Thailand signed 6 rice export contracts with Chinese rice importers, with contract volume of 20,000 tons of rice, raising total Thai rice exports to China to 163,210 tons, a 1,3 billion baht turnover within the first five months of this year. Thailand's government will sell 1 million

tons of stockpiled rice to Thai exporters at a decreased price in order to attract buyers.

Bangladesh would like to buy 400,000 tons of rice. Because Vietnam's rice supply now is still limited, Bangladesh may buy rice from other markets, such as Cambodia and Laos, and just a little from Vietnam.

This year, Myanmar's government has increased the rice planted area, aiming to increase the rough rice production to 31.5 million tons, on a total area of 8.2 million hectares for the next crop-2007/2008, about a 2.9% increase of production compared to this year. In the 2006/2007 crop, Myanmar produced 30.6 million tons of rough rice, on an area of 8.14 million hectares.

## Data

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

Commodity	Vietnam			Thailand		
	Week 2-7/07/07	Week 9-15/07/07	Changes	Week 2-7/07/07	Week 9-15/07/07	Changes
5% Broken rice	303	301	-2	322	324.4	2.4
10 % Broken rice	297.7	297.5	-0,2	321	322.6	1.6
15% Broken rice	294.2	295.8	1.6	318	320	2
25% Broken rice	286.8	289.6	2.8	297	300	3

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)	6/07/2007	3450	VND/kg	Ordinary milled rice	6/07/2007	5100	VND/kg
Dry sticky paddy (opaque)	10/07/2007	3000	VND/kg	Ordinary milled rice	10/07/2007	5100	VND/kg
Dry sticky paddy (opaque)	11/07/2007	3050	VND/kg	Ordinary milled rice	11/07/2007	5100	VND/kg
Dry sticky paddy (opaque)	12/07/2007	3150	VND/kg	Ordinary milled rice	12/07/2007	5100	VND/kg
Dry sticky paddy (opaque)	13/07/2007	3150	VND/kg	Ordinary milled rice	13/07/2007	5100	VND/kg

Retail 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	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
Ordinary milled rice	15/07/2007	6000	VND/kg	Ordinary rough rice	15/07/2007	3500	VND/kg

Retail 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

Retail 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	1/07/2007	3500	VND/kg
Ordinary milled rice	1/07/2007	5100	VND/kg	Ordinary rough rice	8/07/2007	3500	VND/kg
Ordinary milled rice	8/07/2007	5100	VND/kg	Ordinary rough rice	15/07/2007	3500	VND/kg

Retail 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	1/07/2007	3100	VND/kg
Ordinary milled rice	1/07/2007	4800	VND/kg	Ordinary rough rice	8/07/2007	3100	VND/kg
Ordinary milled rice	8/07/2007	4800	VND/kg	Ordinary rough rice	15/07/2007	3300	VND/kg

Retail 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	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
Ordinary milled rice	15/07/2007	5300	VND/kg	Ordinary rough rice	15/07/2007	3650	VND/kg

**Retail 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	1/07/2007	2900	VND/kg
Ordinary milled rice	1/07/2007	4700	VND/kg	Ordinary rough rice	8/07/2007	2900	VND/kg
Ordinary milled rice	8/07/2007	4700	VND/kg	Ordinary rough rice	15/07/2007	32000	VND/kg

**Retail 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	1/07/2007	5400	VND/kg	Ordinary rough rice	1/07/2007	3700	VND/kg
Ordinary milled rice	8/07/2007	5400	VND/kg	Ordinary rough rice	8/07/2007	3800	VND/kg
Ordinary milled rice	15/07/2007	6500	VND/kg	Ordinary rough rice	15/07/2007	3900	VND/kg

**Retail 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	1/07/2007	2900	VND/kg
Ordinary milled rice	1/07/2007	5200	VND/kg	Ordinary rough rice	8/07/2007	2900	VND/kg
Ordinary milled rice	8/07/2007	5200	VND/kg	Ordinary rough rice	15/07/2007	3100	VND/kg

**Retail 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	1/07/2007	3800	VND/kg
Ordinary milled rice	1/07/2007	5800	VND/kg	Ordinary rough rice	8/07/2007	3800	VND/kg
Ordinary milled rice	8/07/2007	5800	VND/kg	Ordinary rough rice	15/07/2007	3700	VND/kg

Retail 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	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
Ordinary milled rice	15/07/2007	5100	VND/kg	Ordinary rough rice	15/07/2007	3200	VND/kg

Retail 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	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
Ordinary milled rice	15/07/2007	5050	VND/kg	Ordinary rough rice	15/07/2007	3200	VND/kg

Retail 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	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	3100	VND/kg
Ordinary milled rice	15/07/2007	5000	VND/kg	Ordinary rough rice	15/07/2007	3250	VND/kg

Retail 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	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
Ordinary milled rice	15/07/2007	5220	VND/kg	Ordinary rough rice	15/07/2007	3300	VND/kg

**Retail 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	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
Ordinary milled rice	15/07/2007	5300	VND/kg	Ordinary rough rice	15/07/2007	3200	VND/kg

**Retail 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	1/07/2007	4750	VND/kg	Ordinary rough rice	1/07/2007	2950	VND/kg
Ordinary milled rice	8/07/2007	5000	VND/kg	Ordinary rough rice	8/07/2007	3150	VND/kg
Ordinary milled rice	15/07/2007	5500	VND/kg	Ordinary rough rice	15/07/2007	3200	VND/kg

**Retail 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	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
Ordinary milled rice	15/07/2007	5200	VND/kg	Ordinary rough rice	15/07/2007	3500	VND/kg

**Retail 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	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
Ordinary milled rice	15/07/2007	4800	VND/kg	Ordinary rough rice	15/07/2007	3000	VND/kg



**Retail prices of ordinary milled rice and ordinary rough rice in Thai Binh**  
(VND/kg- Source: [www.agro.gov.vn](http://www.agro.gov.vn) )

Commodity	Day	Prices	Unit	Commodity	Day	Prices	Unit
Ordinary milled rice	1/07/2007	5700	VND/kg	Ordinary rough rice	1/07/2007	3100	VND/kg
Ordinary milled rice	8/07/2007	5200	VND/kg	Ordinary rough rice	8/07/2007	3300	VND/kg
Ordinary milled rice	15/07/2007	4700	VND/kg	Ordinary rough rice	15/07/2007	3300	VND/kg

**Retail prices of ordinary milled rice and ordinary rough rice in Tien Giang**  
(VND/kg- Source: [www.agro.gov.vn](http://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

**Retail prices of ordinary milled rice in some markets**  
(VND/kg- Source: [www.agro.gov.vn](http://www.agro.gov.vn))

Market	Day	Prices	Unit
Tp.HCM	01/07/07	5000	VND/kg
Tp.HCM	08/07/07	5000	VND/kg
Tp.HCM	15/07/07	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	01/07/07	5200	VND/kg
Lâm Đồng	08/07/07	5200	VND/kg
Lâm Đồng	15/07/07	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

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