

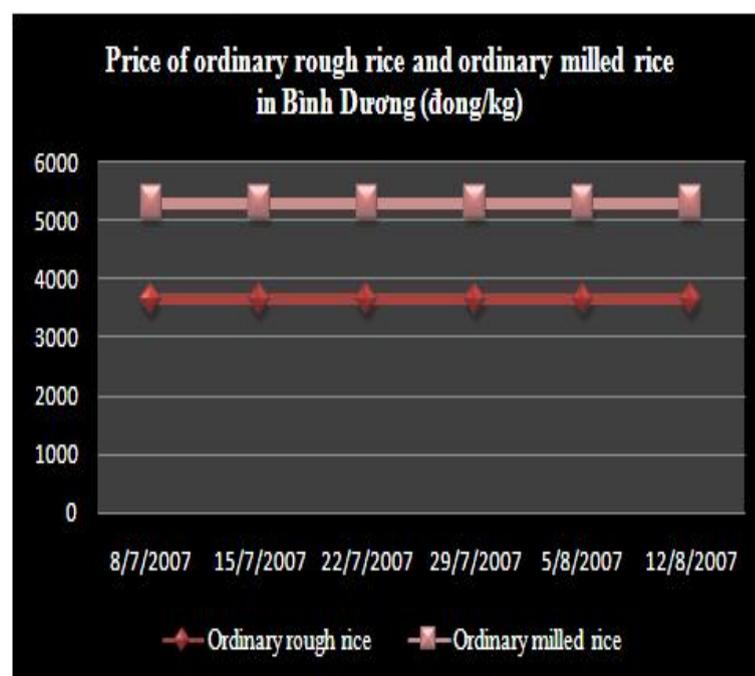


1. Kien Giang converses more 26,039 hectares forestry land to plant two rice crop per year
2. Perfumed rough rice (VD20) in Dong Thap bring high profits in the summer-autumn
3. Flood causes the serious losses to the Highland Center' provinces
4. The Prime Minister decides to deduct 85 million dong to support the Highland Center' provinces to overcome the consequences of flood
5. Rice prices in the Asia market continues to decrease

Vietnam's rice market

Production

At present, Kien Giang province is dealing with brown backed rice plant hopper that causes serious impact on summer-autumn rice. Only during about 10 days of the end July, 50,000 ha rough rice were infested with brown backed rice plant hopper, raising total summer-autumn rice areas infested with brown backed rice plant hopper of 70,000 hectares. In Hau Giang, although provincial agriculture industry has recommended the farmers to seed at the right time to avoid brown backed rice plant hopper and rice grassy stunt virus, up to now, in the whole province there were already 10,000 hectares seeded without the right time. This is the risk to lead the re-spread of brown



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backed rice plant hopper and rice grassy stunt virus in the 3-crop and may spread to the 2007-2008 winter-spring crop.

In Bac Lieu, all summer-autumn rice area of over 53,000 hectares fears of infested with brown backed rice plant hopper. At present, over 33,000 hectares rice were infested with brown backed rice plant hopper, of this 7,600 hectares were infested with average density of 5,000 to 7,000 insects/m², especially 9,000 to 10,000 insects/hectares in some regions. In order to prevent effectively and timely, Bac Lieu province has deducted the budget to support 100% spending on insecticide and mobilized young people to spray chemicals. It is forecast the province will spray chemicals to about 30,000 hectares rice infested with brown backed rice plant hopper and the hundreds of hectares rice fearing of infesting the diseases.

In this summer-autumn crop, Kien Giang province has finished the conversion of 26,039 hectares from forestry land to 2 crop planted land, of this about 5,000 hectares rough rice have been seeded. Although the average rough rice yield was 3.6 to 4 tons per hectare, this guideline opened the production land conversion suitable and effect to the poor households of Province

Also in this summer-autumn crop, in three districts of Tam Nong, Thanh Binh and Hong Ngu (Dong Thap province), about 5,000 hectares were cultivated with aromatic paddy variety of VD20 that brought the average yield of 6 tons per hectare and profits of 10 to 11 million dong per hectare. The grown time of aromatic paddy variety are 100 to 110 days,



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which produces narrow, well, soft and aromatic paddy, and resists well the diseases. 2007-2008 winter-spring crop, the localities of province prepare a lot the VD20 varieties to enlarge the cultivated area.

Recently, Thanh Hoa province decided to deduct about 8.6 billion dong to support production and supply farmer households with drought resisted rice varieties as from 2007-2008 winter-spring crop to 2010. Of this, 2 billion dong is used to support the organizations and individuals participating in testing and constructing the models of drought resisted rough rice. Towards variety supply, Thanh Hoa spent 6.6 billion dong for subsidiary price and to support transport costs. It ensures the prices of these varieties are equal or lower than any other varieties in the market.

Exports and Prices

During the week, the rice prices in the domestic market were stable in general because this is the period the Mekong River Delta' provinces are harvesting profusely the summer-autumn rough rice. In Bac Lieu, the prices of ordinary milled rice kept at 6,000 dong/kg, the prices of ordinary rough rice were 2,900 dong/kg. In Binh Duong, the ordinary milled rice was priced 5,300 dong/kg, unchanging compared to the previous week.

However, the export rice prices of Vietnam continued to increase. 15% broken rice of Vietnam was priced 298.6 USD/ton, an increase of 2.6 USD/ton compared with the previous week. The prices of 5% broken rice even 10% broken rice increase 2.2 USD/ton, reached in turn 307.7 USD/ton and 302.6 USD/ton. 25% broken rice was priced 292.6 USD/ton, a 2.8 USD/ton increase compared to the previous week. It is forecast in some months of the end year, the rice prices will continue to increase while the supply source decreases. Therefore, on this trend, the rice prices of Vietnam will continue to push up and will be higher than those of Thailand will.

Policy

On 11 August, the prime minister decided to deduct 85 billion dong from the Central providing budget in 2007 to support the localities overcoming flood. Ha Tinh and Quang Binh - two provinces were flooded the most seriously will receive 20 billion dong for each province., Daklak province 15 billion dong, DakNong 10 billion dong, Lam Dong 10 billion dong, Gia Lai 5 billion dong and KonTum 5 billion dong. At the same time, the government supplies 3,000 tons of rice to Ha Tinh and Quang Binh to aid the flooded people.

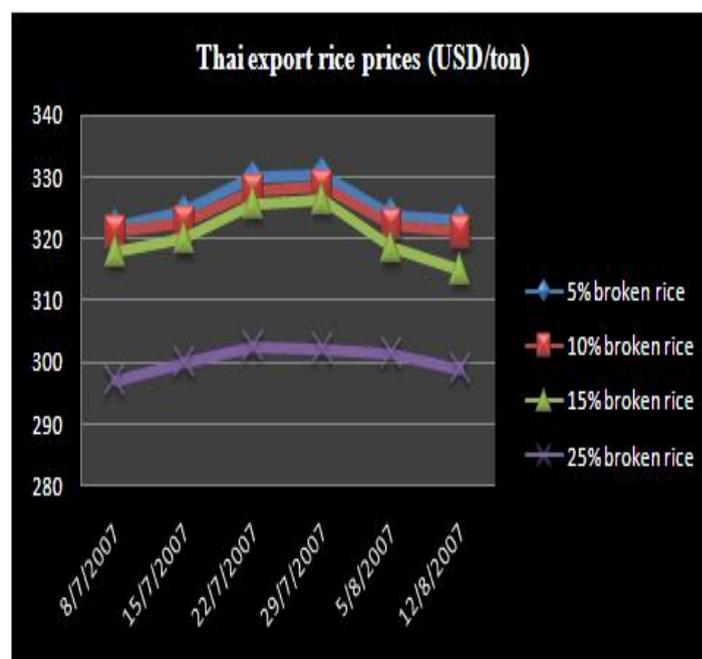
Weather

Because of tropical lower pressure, during the week, heavy rain and flood caused the serious loss on humans and properties in many localities of the whole country. Up to 10 August, in Ha Tinh there were 23 died humans and over 4,650 hectares of summer-autumn rice were lost completely. The estimated losses are about 70 billion dong. In Quang Binh, continuous heavy rain caused flood in the Gianh River. According to the first statistic, about 2,000 hectares of farm produce in Minh Hoa, Tuyen Hoa and the hundreds of shrimp ponds were lost completely. In Lao Cai, heavy rain flooded over 100 hectares rough rice and farm produce with the estimated loss of over 200 million dong.

World rice market

Last week, the prices of Thai rice continued to decrease compared the previous week because of Baht's devaluation compared to the USD. The activities of trade also happened thinly. The Thai rice suppliers buy actively rice to fulfill the signed contracts. Although the prices decreased, the international customers did not hold purchase because the transport cost was too high and it is difficult to book the vessel at this time. 5% broken rice of Thailand was priced 323 USD/ton, a decrease of 1 USD/ton compared to the previous week. The prices of 15% broken rice also decreased 2.4 USD/ton, reached 299 USD/ton.

However, during the months of the end 2007, the rice prices also have chance to increase. The rice demand of the world in 2007 is expected about 245 million tons, while the rice production countries can only produce about 24 million tons. Therefore, the supply will shortage 5 million tons compared to the demand. The international food security reserve has decreased quickly, from 140 million tons in some last years to about 76 million



Source: www.agro.gov.vn

tons in 2007. This year, Thailand will harvest about 19 million tons of rice and export about 8.5 million tons.

Data

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	22/07/2007	5000	VND/kg	Ordinary rough rice	22/07/2007	2900	VND/kg
Ordinary milled rice	29/07/2007	5000	VND/kg	Ordinary rough rice	29/07/2007	3000	VND/kg
Ordinary milled rice	12/08/2007	5200	VND/kg	Ordinary rough rice	12/08/2007	2900	VND/kg

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

Commodity	Vietnam			Thailand		
	Week 31/7-4/8/07	Week 5/8-12/8/07	Changes	Week 31/7-4/8/07	Week 5/8-12/8/07	Changes
5% Broken rice	305.4	307.6	2.2	324	323	-1
10 % Broken rice	300.4	302.6	2.2	322.2	321	-1.2
15% Broken rice	296	298.6	2.6	318.6	315	-3.6
25% Broken rice	289.8	292.6	2.6	301.4	299	-2.4

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)	3/08/2007	3250	VND/kg	Ordinary milled rice	3/08/2007	5100	VND/kg
Dry sticky paddy (opaque)	7/08/2007	3150	VND/kg	Ordinary milled rice	7/08/2007	5100	VND/kg
Dry sticky paddy (opaque)	8/08/2007	3100	VND/kg	Ordinary milled rice	8/08/2007	5100	VND/kg
Dry sticky paddy (opaque)	10/08/2007	3100	VND/kg	Ordinary milled rice	10/08/2007	5100	VND/kg
Dry sticky paddy (opaque)	13/08/2007	3100	VND/kg	Ordinary milled rice	13/08/2007	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	22/07/2007	6000	VND/kg	Ordinary rough rice	15/07/2007	3500	VND/kg
Ordinary milled rice	29/07/2007	6000	VND/kg	Ordinary rough rice	29/07/2007	3500	VND/kg
Ordinary milled rice	12/08/2007	6000	VND/kg	Ordinary rough rice	12/08/2007	3500	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	15/07/2007	5100	VND/kg	Ordinary rough rice	22/07/2007	3500	VND/kg
Ordinary milled rice	22/07/2007	5100	VND/kg	Ordinary rough rice	29/07/2007	3500	VND/kg
Ordinary milled rice	5/08/2007	5400	VND/kg	Ordinary rough rice	5/08/2007	3700	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	22/07/2007	5200	VND/kg	Ordinary rough rice	29/07/2007	3300	VND/kg
Ordinary milled rice	29/07/2007	5200	VND/kg	Ordinary rough rice	5/08/2007	3300	VND/kg
Ordinary milled rice	5/08/2007	5200	VND/kg	Ordinary rough rice	12/08/2007	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	29/07/2007	5300	VND/kg	Ordinary rough rice	29/07/2007	3650	VND/kg
Ordinary milled rice	5/08/2007	5300	VND/kg	Ordinary rough rice	5/08/2007	3650	VND/kg
Ordinary milled rice	12/08/2007	5300	VND/kg	Ordinary rough rice	12/08/2007	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	22/07/2007	5100	VND/kg	Ordinary rough rice	22/07/2007	2900	VND/kg
Ordinary milled rice	29/07/2007	5100	VND/kg	Ordinary rough rice	29/07/2007	3200	VND/kg
Ordinary milled rice	5/08/2007	5100	VND/kg	Ordinary rough rice	5/08/2007	3200	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	22/07/2007	6500	VND/kg	Ordinary rough rice	22/07/2007	3900	VND/kg
Ordinary milled rice	29/07/2007	6500	VND/kg	Ordinary rough rice	29/07/2007	3900	VND/kg
Ordinary milled rice	5/08/2007	6500	VND/kg	Ordinary rough rice	5/08/2007	3800	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	22/07/2007	5200	VND/kg	Ordinary rough rice	22/07/2007	2900	VND/kg
Ordinary milled rice	29/07/2007	5200	VND/kg	Ordinary rough rice	29/07/2007	2900	VND/kg
Ordinary milled rice	5/08/2007	5200	VND/kg	Ordinary rough rice	5/08/2007	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	22/07/2007	5800	VND/kg	Ordinary rough rice	22/07/2007	3700	VND/kg
Ordinary milled rice	29/07/2007	5800	VND/kg	Ordinary rough rice	29/07/2007	3700	VND/kg
Ordinary milled rice	5/08/2007	5800	VND/kg	Ordinary rough rice	5/08/2007	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	22/07/2007	5100	VND/kg	Ordinary rough rice	22/07/2007	3200	VND/kg
Ordinary milled rice	29/07/2007	5100	VND/kg	Ordinary rough rice	29/07/2007	3200	VND/kg
Ordinary milled rice	12/08/2007	5100	VND/kg	Ordinary rough rice	12/08/2007	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	22/07/2007	4850	VND/kg	Ordinary rough rice	22/07/2007	2900	VND/kg
Ordinary milled rice	29/07/2007	5050	VND/kg	Ordinary rough rice	29/07/2007	3200	VND/kg
Ordinary milled rice	5/08/2007	5050	VND/kg	Ordinary rough rice	5/08/2007	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	22/07/2007	5200	VND/kg	Ordinary rough rice	22/07/2007	3250	VND/kg
Ordinary milled rice	29/07/2007	5200	VND/kg	Ordinary rough rice	29/07/2007	3500	VND/kg
Ordinary milled rice	5/08/2007	5200	VND/kg	Ordinary rough rice	5/08/2007	3600	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	22/07/2007	5220	VND/kg	Ordinary rough rice	22/07/2007	3200	VND/kg
Ordinary milled rice	29/07/2007	5220	VND/kg	Ordinary rough rice	29/07/2007	3300	VND/kg
Ordinary milled rice	5/08/2007	5220	VND/kg	Ordinary rough rice	5/08/2007	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	22/07/2007	5300	VND/kg	Ordinary rough rice	22/07/2007	3100	VND/kg
Ordinary milled rice	29/07/2007	5300	VND/kg	Ordinary rough rice	29/07/2007	3200	VND/kg
Ordinary milled rice	5/08/2007	5300	VND/kg	Ordinary rough rice	5/08/2007	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	22/07/2007	5500	VND/kg	Ordinary rough rice	29/07/2007	3200	VND/kg
Ordinary milled rice	29/07/2007	6000	VND/kg	Ordinary rough rice	5/08/2007	3150	VND/kg
Ordinary milled rice	5/08/2007	5000	VND/kg	Ordinary rough rice	12/08/2007	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	22/07/2007	5200	VND/kg	Ordinary rough rice	22/07/2007	3000	VND/kg
Ordinary milled rice	29/07/2007	5200	VND/kg	Ordinary rough rice	29/07/2007	3500	VND/kg
Ordinary milled rice	5/08/2007	5500	VND/kg	Ordinary rough rice	5/08/2007	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	22/07/2007	4800	VND/kg	Ordinary rough rice	22/07/2007	3000	VND/kg
Ordinary milled rice	29/07/2007	4800	VND/kg	Ordinary rough rice	29/07/2007	3000	VND/kg
Ordinary milled rice	5/08/2007	4800	VND/kg	Ordinary rough rice	5/08/2007	3000	VND/kg

Retail 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	22/07/2007	4700	VND/kg	Ordinary rough rice	22/07/2007	3100	VND/kg
Ordinary milled rice	29/07/2007	5100	VND/kg	Ordinary rough rice	29/07/2007	3300	VND/kg
Ordinary milled rice	5/08/2007	4700	VND/kg	Ordinary rough rice	5/08/2007	3300	VND/kg

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

Market	Day	Prices	Unit
Tp.HCM	1/07/07	5000	VND/kg
Tp.HCM	09/07/07	5000	VND/kg
Tp.HCM	15/07/07	5500	VND/kg
Tiền Giang	15/07/2007	4500	VND/kg
Tiền Giang	22/07/2007	4500	VND/kg
Tiền Giang	29/07/2007	4500	VND/kg
Lâm Đồng	15/07/2007	5200	VND/kg
Lâm Đồng	22/07/2007	5200	VND/kg
Lâm Đồng	29/07/2007	5200	VND/kg

Exchange rate USD/VND
Source: Vietcombank

Currency unit	Exchange rate
USD	16.148
USD	16.143
USD	16.141
USD	16.142
USD	16.145
USD	16.142
USD	16.142

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