

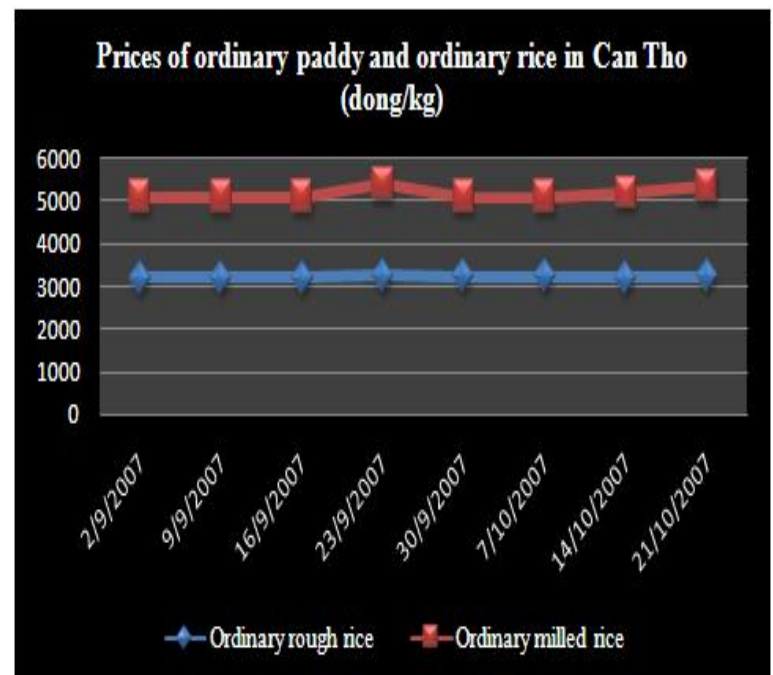


1. Soc Trang: Enlarging ST5 special rice planted area
2. Ha Giang: New Van Quang 14 paddy variety brings high yield
3. Export rice price increased
4. Rice prices in the Asia market were stable because of strong demand

Vietnam's rice market

Production

Although meeting with serious difficult likes natural calamity, epidemic diseases, in this winter-spring crop, An Giang has seeded 524,000 hectares of paddy, reached average yield of 0.74 ton/ha. It thanks to implement technical science conversion to each household, apply the seeding avoiding brown backed rice plant hopper, work actively interior field irrigation, dredge the canal. At present, 90% cultivated area of An Giang is planted by high quality paddy varieties that meet export requirements; over 81% cultivated area is applied 3 decrease 3 increase and IPM process on paddy, those bring the profit from 1 million to 1.3 million dong/ha.



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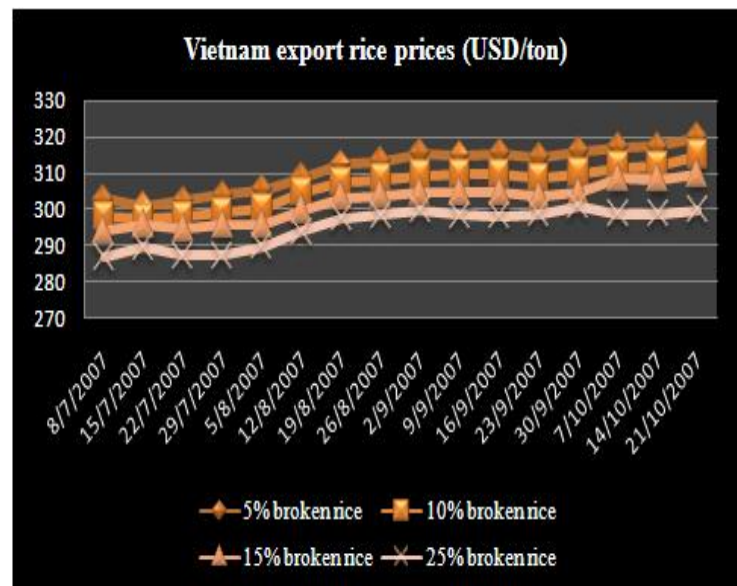
Dong Thap province is focusing on applying 2 cultivated models "1 right 5 decrease" and model "community participate in preventing brown backed rice plant hopper and rice grassy stunt virus" on area of the hundreds of hectare to aid the farmers to decrease 30 kg variety/ha, decrease 3.3 times of insecticide, decrease 300 dong/kg/crop of cost price. For this reason, each crop, the farmers economize about 1.3 million dong/ha.

This summer-autumn and winter crop, the farmers in My Xuyen, Thanh Tri, Ke Sach (Soc Trang province) have enlarged ST5 special variety planted area up to 10,000 hectares. ST5 paddy produce long blooms, big paddy grain, paddy body is solid. The average yield reached 5.3 tons of dry paddies per hectare, an increase of 0.3 ton/ha compared to the average yield of this crop of the whole province. The profit also reached from 10 to 20 million dong/ha, an increase of 2 to 5 million dong compared to other ordinary paddy.

This 2007-2008 winter-spring is the third year Bac Quang District (Ha Giang province) tested Van Quang 14 paddy variety that bring high yield from 0.66 ton/ha to 1 ton/ha/crop. Van Quang 14 paddy variety produce nice rice with 1.5 times selling price higher than ordinary rice price. After three test seeding crops, Bac Quang will enlarge Van Quang 14 paddy variety area to 14 communes with seeded area of over 500 ha in 2007-2008 winter-spring crop.

Exports and Prices

During the week, the prices of rice in the domestic market changed a little, increased slightly in some South regions and decreased in the North.



Source: www.agro.gov.vn

In Ha Noi, the ordinary rice prices decreased 200 dong/kg, reaching 5900 dong/kg while the ordinary paddy prices increased 400 dong/kg, reaching 3600 dong/kg. In Can Tho, the ordinary rice prices reached 5350 dong/kg, an increase of 150 dong/kg compared to the previous week, the ordinary paddy prices were 3250 dong/kg.

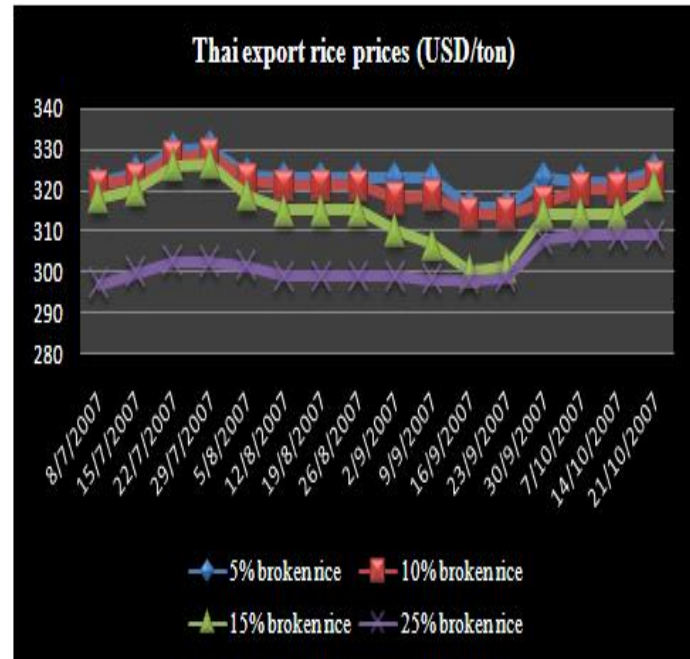
During the week, the export rice prices continued to increase. The strongest increase is 10% broken rice, from 312 USD/ton to 315 USD/ton. 5% and 25% broken rice increased 1 USD/ton, reaching in turn 320 USD/ton and 300 USD/ton. 10% broken rice also increased slightly 0.6 USD/ton to 310 USD/ton.

According to Industry and Trade Ministry, Vietnam won supply right of 21,000 tons of ordinary rice for long grain type to Japan during normal contract on 12 October. Like this, from the beginning of 2007 to now, Vietnam won 4 times rice supply right to Japan with total quantity of 60,050 tons and the average rice prices were 547.38 USD/ton.

World rice market

During the week, the rice prices in the Asia market continued to increase because of strong demand while Thailand was the unique supplier at this moment. In Thailand, almost producers are busy in loading the rice to export, finishing the contracts signed with Africa, Middle East and Korea. 100% Thai rice level B was priced 330 USD/ton, FOB Bangkok, 5% broken rice was priced 332 USD/ton while Thai 100% parboiled rice was priced 326 USD/ton, unchanged compared to the previous week. It is forecast that Thai rice prices will increase from now to the end of the year because of lack of other suppliers.

According to Bangladesh's traders, the order of rice export interdict of India can impact negatively on this nation, mostly Bangladesh's pour. Every year, India supplies 30% import rice to Bangladesh because import cost from India to this nation is cheaper than from other country. During 2005/06 fiscal year, Bangladesh imported over 500 million tons of rice of India, and from the beginning of 2006/07 fiscal year to February 2007,



Source: www.agro.gov.vn

Bangladesh imported 256,000 tons of rice. Recently, the government informed to import more 250,000 tons of rice to meet domestic demand.

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	7/10/2007	5200	VND/kg	Ordinary rough rice	7/10/2007	3200	VND/kg
Ordinary milled rice	14/10/2007	5200	VND/kg	Ordinary rough rice	14/10/2007	3300	VND/kg
Ordinary milled rice	21/10/2007	5200	VND/kg	Ordinary rough rice	21/10/2007	3300	VND/kg

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

Commodity	Vietnam			Thailand		
	7/10-14/10/07	15/10-21/10/07	Changes	7/10-14/10/07	15/10-21/10/07	Changes
5% Broken rice	319	320	1	323.5	325	1.5
10 % Broken rice	312	315	3	321.5	323	1.5
15% Broken rice	309.5	310	0.5	316	321	5
25% Broken rice	299	300	1	309	309	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)	14/10/2007	3350	VND/kg	Ordinary milled rice	14/10/2007	5750	VND/kg
Dry sticky paddy (opaque)	15/10/2007	3350	VND/kg	Ordinary milled rice	15/10/2007	5750	VND/kg
Dry sticky paddy (opaque)	16/10/2007	3350	VND/kg	Ordinary milled rice	16/10/2007	5750	VND/kg
Dry sticky paddy (opaque)	17/10/2007	3350	VND/kg	Ordinary milled rice	17/10/2007	5750	VND/kg
Dry sticky paddy (opaque)	18/10/2007	3350	VND/kg	Ordinary milled rice	18/10/2007	5750	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	30/09/2007	6000	VND/kg	Ordinary rough rice	30/09/2007	3500	VND/kg
Ordinary milled rice	7/10/2007	6000	VND/kg	Ordinary rough rice	7/10/2007	3500	VND/kg
Ordinary milled rice	14/10/2007	6000	VND/kg	Ordinary rough rice	14/10/2007	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	23/09/2007	5400	VND/kg	Ordinary rough rice	23/09/2007	3700	VND/kg
Ordinary milled rice	30/09/2007	5400	VND/kg	Ordinary rough rice	30/09/2007	3700	VND/kg
Ordinary milled rice	7/10/2007	5400	VND/kg	Ordinary rough rice	7/10/2007	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	23/09/2007	5200	VND/kg	Ordinary rough rice	23/09/2007	3300	VND/kg
Ordinary milled rice	30/09/2007	5200	VND/kg	Ordinary rough rice	30/09/2007	3300	VND/kg
Ordinary milled rice	7/10/2007	5200	VND/kg	Ordinary rough rice	7/10/2007	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	7/10/2007	5400	VND/kg	Ordinary rough rice	7/10/2007	3650	VND/kg
Ordinary milled rice	14/10/2007	5400	VND/kg	Ordinary rough rice	14/10/2007	3650	VND/kg
Ordinary milled rice	21/10/2007	5400	VND/kg	Ordinary rough rice	21/10/2007	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	7/10/2007	5100	VND/kg	Ordinary rough rice	7/10/2007	3225	VND/kg
Ordinary milled rice	14/10/2007	5200	VND/kg	Ordinary rough rice	14/10/2007	3200	VND/kg
Ordinary milled rice	21/10/2007	5350	VND/kg	Ordinary rough rice	21/10/2007	3225	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	23/09/2007	6500	VND/kg	Ordinary rough rice	30/09/2007	3800	VND/kg
Ordinary milled rice	30/09/2007	6200	VND/kg	Ordinary rough rice	7/10/2007	3800	VND/kg
Ordinary milled rice	7/10/2007	6200	VND/kg	Ordinary rough rice	14/10/2007	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	7/10/2007	5700	VND/kg	Ordinary rough rice	7/10/2007	3600	VND/kg
Ordinary milled rice	14/10/2007	6100	VND/kg	Ordinary rough rice	14/10/2007	3500	VND/kg
Ordinary milled rice	21/10/2007	5900	VND/kg	Ordinary rough rice	21/10/2007	3600	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	30/09/2007	5800	VND/kg	Ordinary rough rice	7/10/2007	3500	VND/kg
Ordinary milled rice	7/10/2007	5800	VND/kg	Ordinary rough rice	14/10/2007	3500	VND/kg
Ordinary milled rice	14/10/2007	5800	VND/kg	Ordinary rough rice	21/10/2007	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	23/09/2007	5100	VND/kg	Ordinary rough rice	30/09/2007	3200	VND/kg
Ordinary milled rice	30/09/2007	5100	VND/kg	Ordinary rough rice	7/10/2007	3200	VND/kg
Ordinary milled rice	7/10/2007	5100	VND/kg	Ordinary rough rice	14/10/2007	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	23/09/2007	5050	VND/kg	Ordinary rough rice	23/09/2007	3200	VND/kg
Ordinary milled rice	30/09/2007	5050	VND/kg	Ordinary rough rice	30/09/2007	3200	VND/kg
Ordinary milled rice	7/10/2007	5050	VND/kg	Ordinary rough rice	7/10/2007	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	30/09/2007	5100	VND/kg	Ordinary rough rice	30/09/2007	3400	VND/kg
Ordinary milled rice	7/10/2007	5200	VND/kg	Ordinary rough rice	7/10/2007	3400	VND/kg
Ordinary milled rice	14/10/2007	5200	VND/kg	Ordinary rough rice	14/10/2007	3500	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	23/09/2007	5400	VND/kg	Ordinary rough rice	30/09/2007	3300	VND/kg
Ordinary milled rice	30/09/2007	5500	VND/kg	Ordinary rough rice	7/10/2007	3300	VND/kg
Ordinary milled rice	7/10/2007	5800	VND/kg	Ordinary rough rice	14/10/2007	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	23/09/2007	5300	VND/kg	Ordinary rough rice	30/09/2007	3200	VND/kg
Ordinary milled rice	30/09/2007	5300	VND/kg	Ordinary rough rice	7/10/2007	3200	VND/kg
Ordinary milled rice	7/10/2007	5300	VND/kg	Ordinary rough rice	14/10/2007	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	7/10/2007	5500	VND/kg	Ordinary rough rice	7/10/2007	3150	VND/kg
Ordinary milled rice	14/10/2007	5500	VND/kg	Ordinary rough rice	14/10/2007	3250	VND/kg
Ordinary milled rice	21/10/2007	5500	VND/kg	Ordinary rough rice	21/10/2007	3250	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	7/10/2007	5200	VND/kg	Ordinary rough rice	7/10/2007	3500	VND/kg
Ordinary milled rice	14/10/2007	5450	VND/kg	Ordinary rough rice	14/10/2007	3250	VND/kg
Ordinary milled rice	21/10/2007	5550	VND/kg	Ordinary rough rice	21/10/2007	3250	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	30/09/2007	4800	VND/kg	Ordinary rough rice	30/09/2007	3000	VND/kg
Ordinary milled rice	7/10/2007	4800	VND/kg	Ordinary rough rice	7/10/2007	3000	VND/kg
Ordinary milled rice	14/10/2007	4800	VND/kg	Ordinary rough rice	14/10/2007	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	30/09/2007	4900	VND/kg	Ordinary rough rice	30/09/2007	3600	VND/kg
Ordinary milled rice	7/10/2007	5500	VND/kg	Ordinary rough rice	7/10/2007	3600	VND/kg
Ordinary milled rice	14/10/2007	5000	VND/kg	Ordinary rough rice	14/10/2007	3500	VND/kg

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

Market	Day	Prices	Unit
Tp.HCM	7/10/2007	5800	VND/kg
Tp.HCM	14/10/2007	5650	VND/kg
Tp.HCM	21/10/2007	57500	VND/kg
Tiền Giang	30/09/2007	4650	VND/kg
Tiền Giang	7/10/2007	4650	VND/kg
Tiền Giang	14/10/2007	4650	VND/kg
Lâm Đồng	23/09/2007	5200	VND/kg
Lâm Đồng	30/09/2007	5200	VND/kg
Lâm Đồng	7/10/2007	5200	VND/kg

Exchange rate USD/VND
Source: Vietcombank

Currency unit	Exchange rate
USD	16.244
USD	16.247
USD	16.245
USD	16.243
USD	16.244
USD	16.148
USD	16.143

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