



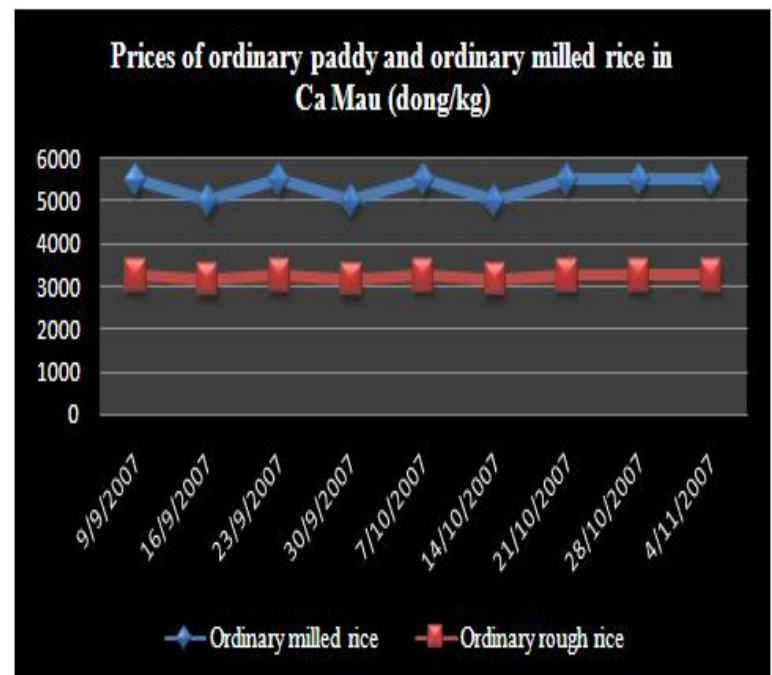
1. Bac Giang: Yield and production of winter crop paddy increased
2. Vinh Long: To court for harvesting autumn-winter paddy to avoid flood and flood-tide
3. Vietnam's export rice prices strongly increased during the week
4. Asia's rice prices continued to increase

Vietnam's rice market

Production

Up to the end of October 2007, the whole province of Hau Giang has harvested about 16,000 ha paddy of autumn-winter crop, occupying nearly 50% seeded paddy area with an average yield of 4 ton/ha. Although the yield and prices of rice this year increased more strongly than last year, paddy-harvesting cost this crop also increased more strongly 20 to 40% than last crop because of harvesting right moment high risen flood waters and many heavy rain.

In this autumn-winter crop, Vinh Long province has seeded over 26,000 ha. Because harvest crop happen at the same time having



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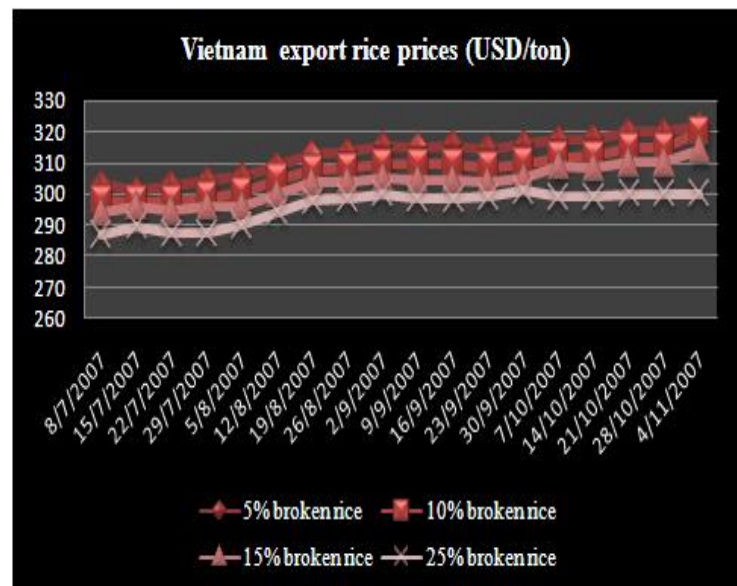
heavy rain and flood-tide, many localities of Vinh Long province have led the farmers to court for harvesting paddy to avoid flood. At present, the localities have finished to harvest over 10,000 ha of paddy mostly in two districts of Tra On and Vinh Liem with an average yield of 4.3 to 4.5 ton/ha.

Although being recommended not to seed, the autumn-winter paddy area of Kien Giang still reached about 60,000 ha. Of this, nearly a half area infested with diseases; the most popular disease was brown backed rice plant hopper with a density of 8,000 to 10,000 insects/m² in some areas. The worried thing is while the autumn-winter paddy is going to be harvested, in many localities the farmers has seeded the winter-spring paddy crop. This is a good joining brigde so that the brown backed rice plant hopper pass from this crop to the crops.

In Bac Lieu, over 40,500 ha of autumn-winter area were seeded recently, of this 1,890 ha of paddy were infested with brown backed rice plant hopper and rice grassy stunt virus, mostly in district of Phuoc Long and Hong Dan. However, thank to exactly forecast and take the initiative in coping with brown backed rice plant hopper and rice grassy stunt virus, the farmers has prevented and eliminated effectively. For this reason, 300 ha infested with brown backed rice plant hopper were eliminated.

Exports and Prices

During the week, the domestic rice prices unchanged compared to the previous week. In Bac Lieu, the ordinary milled rice stood at 5,200 dong/kg, the prices of ordinary paddy were 3,300



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dong/kg. In Binh Duong, the ordinary milled rice was priced 5,500 dong/kg while the prices of ordinary paddy were 3,800 dong/kg.

However, Vietnam's export rice prices during the week increased because the order of rice export interdict continued to be valid. In Ho Chi Minh City and in the Mekong River Delta, 5% broken rice were priced 322 USD/ton, an increase of 2 USD/ton compared to the previous week. The prices of 10% broken rice and 15% broken rice increased in turn 5 USD/ton and 4 USD/ton, reaching 320 USD/ton and 314 USD/ton while 25% broken rice were priced 300 USD/ton, unchanged compared to the previous week.

During the week, in Sai Gon port, 8 vessels were waiting for loading total 96,800 tons of rice to export to Cuba, Malaysia, Indonesia and Philippine. Last week, two vessels left port to transport 46,800 tons of rice to Cuban, 1 vessel transported 6,100 tons of rice to Indonesia and three vessels transported 30,650 tons of rice to Philippine.

Weather

In this winter crop, Bac Giang province has a bumper crop of paddy because the weather was favorable and the province implemented many positive measures to raise the yield, production and quality of winter paddy. From the beginning of the crop, the provincial agriculture industry has led

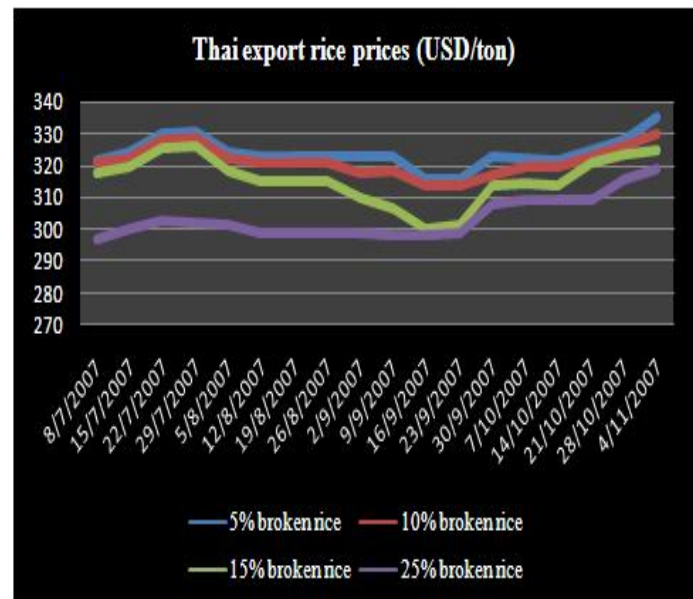
the localities to implement paddy variety structure, cultivated method to ensure high economic effect. Up to now, the province has harvested 42,712 ha of winter paddy, reaching 74% planted area of 2007 winter crop with an estimated yield of 5.1 to 5.2 ton/ha and an estimated production of over 30,000,000 tons, a 2,000,000 tons increase compared to the 2006 winter crop.

World rice market

During the week, Thai's export rice prices continued to increase strongly because of heavy demand while the export rice supply source of other countries was limited. Many exporters are busy with collecting rice to finish the export contracts signed with Africa and Iraq. However, some domestic exporters would not like to sign new contracts because of lack of vessel. 5% broken rice was priced 335 USD/ton, an increase of 7 USD/ton compared to the previous week. 10% broken rice also increased 4 USD/ton, reaching 330 USD/ton while the prices of 100% rice level B were 338 USD/ton, unchanged compared to the previous week.

According to the President of Thai rice exporters association, Chookiat Ophaswongse, rice export of this nation in 2008 may reach 9 million tons, increase nearly 500,000 tons compared to 2007 because of high demand from big trade partners. Of this, export to Africa in 2008 will increase 17.3%, reaching 3.69 million tons and export to Asia will increase 13.4%, reaching 2.7 million tons.

In order to ensure national food security in 2010, Ministry of China agriculture informs this



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country will increase rice production at least 190 million tons, paddy area will increase 30 million ha and the yield will reach 6.4 tons/ha. In 2006, China's rice production reached 182.57 million tons on an area of 29.3 million ha. In order to reach this target, the government will increase subsidiary to the farmers, encourage to use mixed paddy varieties and advanced technology, simultaneous invest more agricultural infrastructure.

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	21/10/2007	5200	VND/kg	Ordinary rough rice	21/10/2007	3300	VND/kg
Ordinary milled rice	28/10/2007	5200	VND/kg	Ordinary rough rice	28/10/2007	3300	VND/kg
Ordinary milled rice	4/11/2007	5200	VND/kg	Ordinary rough rice	4/11/2007	3300	VND/kg

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

Commodity	Vietnam			Thailand		
	21/10-28/10/07	29/10-4/11/07	Changes	21/10-28/10/07	29/10-4/11/07	Changes
5% Broken rice	320	322	2	328	335	7
10 % Broken rice	315	320	5	326	330	4
15% Broken rice	310	314	4	324	325	1
25% Broken rice	300	300	0	316	319	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)	22/10/2007	3350	VND/kg	Ordinary milled rice	22/10/2007	5750	VND/kg
Dry sticky paddy (opaque)	23/10/2007	3350	VND/kg	Ordinary milled rice	23/10/2007	5750	VND/kg
Dry sticky paddy (opaque)	25/10/2007	3350	VND/kg	Ordinary milled rice	25/10/2007	5750	VND/kg
Dry sticky paddy (opaque)	26/10/2007	3350	VND/kg	Ordinary milled rice	26/10/2007	5750	VND/kg
Dry sticky paddy (opaque)	29/10/2007	3350	VND/kg	Ordinary milled rice	29/10/2007	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	21/10/2007	6000	VND/kg	Ordinary rough rice	21/10/2007	3500	VND/kg
Ordinary milled rice	28/10/2007	6000	VND/kg	Ordinary rough rice	28/10/2007	3500	VND/kg
Ordinary milled rice	4/11/2007	6000	VND/kg	Ordinary rough rice	4/11/2007	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	14/10/2007	5400	VND/kg	Ordinary rough rice	14/10/2007	3700	VND/kg
Ordinary milled rice	21/10/2007	5400	VND/kg	Ordinary rough rice	21/10/2007	3700	VND/kg
Ordinary milled rice	28/10/2007	5400	VND/kg	Ordinary rough rice	28/10/2007	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	7/10/2007	5200	VND/kg	Ordinary rough rice	7/10/2007	3300	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

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	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
Ordinary milled rice	28/10/2007	5500	VND/kg	Ordinary rough rice	28/10/2007	3750	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	14/10/2007	5200	VND/kg	Ordinary rough rice	14/10/2007	3200	VND/kg
Ordinary milled rice	21/10/2007	5300	VND/kg	Ordinary rough rice	21/10/2007	3250	VND/kg
Ordinary milled rice	28/10/2007	5500	VND/kg	Ordinary rough rice	28/10/2007	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	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	14/10/2007	6100	VND/kg	Ordinary rough rice	14/10/2007	3700	VND/kg
Ordinary milled rice	21/10/2007	5900	VND/kg	Ordinary rough rice	21/10/2007	3600	VND/kg
Ordinary milled rice	28/10/2007	6300	VND/kg	Ordinary rough rice	28/10/2007	3700	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	30/09/2007	3200	VND/kg
Ordinary milled rice	30/09/2007	5050	VND/kg	Ordinary rough rice	7/10/2007	3200	VND/kg
Ordinary milled rice	7/10/2007	5050	VND/kg	Ordinary rough rice	14/10/2007	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	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
Ordinary milled rice	28/10/2007	5500	VND/kg	Ordinary rough rice	28/10/2007	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	14/10/2007	5650	VND/kg
Tp.HCM	21/10/2007	5750	VND/kg
Tp.HCM	28/10/2007	5800	VND/kg
Tiền Giang	14/10/2007	4650	VND/kg
Tiền Giang	21/10/2007	4650	VND/kg
Tiền Giang	28/10/2007	4650	VND/kg
Lâm Đồng	14/10/2007	5200	VND/kg
Lâm Đồng	21/10/2007	5200	VND/kg
Lâm Đồng	28/10/2007	5300	VND/kg

Exchange rate USD/VND
Source: Vietcombank

Currency unit	Exchange rate
USD	16.244
USD	16.247
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