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## Vietnam

### Grain and Feed Update

#### Rice Production Update, June 2012

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**Report Highlights:**

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Post also increases the forecast for total paddy rice production for MY 2012/2013 from 42.470 million tons to 43.002 million tons.

Post:  
Hanoi

Commodities:  
Rice, Milled

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**STATISTICAL TABLES**

**Vietnam's Production, Supply and Demand for Rice**

Rice, Milled Vietnam	2010/2011		2011/2012		2012/2013	
	Market Year Begin: Jan 2011		Market Year Begin: Jan 2012		Market Year Begin: May 2012	
	USDA Official	New Post	USDA Official	New Post	USDA Official	New Post
<b>Area Harvested</b>	7,607	7,067	7,600	7,635	7,600	7,615
<b>Beginning Stocks</b>	1,470	1,470	1,941	1,941	2,241	2,223
<b>Milled Production</b>	26,371	26,371	26,750	26,732	26,500	26,876
<b>Rough Production</b>	42,194	42,194	42,800	42,771	42,400	43,002
<b>Milling Rate (.9999)</b>	6,250	6,250	6,250	6,250	6,250	6,250
<b>MY Imports</b>	500	500	400	400	400	400
<b>TY Imports</b>	500	500	400	400	400	400
<b>TY Imp. from U.S.</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Supply</b>	28,341	28,341	29,091	29,073	29,141	29,499
<b>MY Exports</b>	7,000	7,000	7,000	7,000	7,000	7,000
<b>TY Exports</b>	7,000	7,000	7,000	7,000	7,000	7,000
<b>Consumption and Residual</b>	19,400	19,400	19,850	19,850	20,100	20,100
<b>Ending Stocks</b>	1,941	1,941	2,241	2,223	2,041	2,399
<b>Total Distribution</b>	28,341	28,341	29,091	29,073	29,141	29,499

1000 HA, 1000 MT, MT/HA

**PRODUCTION**

**Vietnam's Area, Yield, and Production for Rough Rice (as of June 2012)**

Marketing Year	2010/2011 Revised		2011/2012 Estimate		2012/2013 Forecast	
	Old	New	Old	New	Old	New
Harvested Area (tha)						
Winter <sup>1</sup>	1,776	1,776	1,775	1,775	1,765	1,765
Spring <sup>2</sup>	3,095	3,095	3,094	3,120	3,095	3,100
Autumn <sup>3</sup>	2,740	2,740	2,730	2,740	2,740	2,750
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>7,607</b>	<b>7,607</b>	<b>7,599</b>	<b>7,635</b>	<b>7,600</b>	<b>7,615</b>
Yield (mt/ha)						
Winter	4.67	4.67	4.67	4.67	4.70	4.70
Spring	6.29	6.29	6.46	6.39	6.35	6.45
Autumn	5.27	5.27	5.27	5.30	5.30	5.35
<b>AVERAGE</b>	<b>5.54</b>	<b>5.54</b>	<b>5.62</b>	<b>5.60</b>	<b>5.59</b>	<b>5.65</b>
Production (tmt)						
Winter	8,294	8,294	8,289	8,289	8,295	8,295
Spring	19,466	19,466	20,003	19,960	19,653	19,995
Autumn	14,434	14,434	14,387	14,522	14,522	14,712

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>42,194</b>	<b>42,194</b>	<b>42,679</b>	<b>42,771</b>	<b>42,470</b>	<b>43,002</b>
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<sup>1</sup> Lua Mua (10<sup>th</sup> Month), <sup>2</sup> Winter-Spring, <sup>3</sup> Summer-Autumn

Source: MARD, Post estimates

### **Estimate for MY 2011/2012 (began January 2012)**

Post revises upward its estimate of total production for MY 2011/2012 to 42.771 million tons of paddy rice, 577,000 tons higher than that of MY 2010/2011, due to the higher estimated production of the Spring and Autumn crops in the Mekong River Delta (MRD) region. Post assumes average Winter crop production.

The newly revised number has an increase of 92,000 tons of paddy rice compared to [Post's last estimate in May 2012](#).

### **Forecast for MY 2012/2013 (begin January 2013)**

Based on the estimate for MY 2011/2012, Post accordingly revises its forecast numbers for MY 2012/2013 Spring and Autumn crop harvested areas, as well as rice paddy yields for the Spring and Autumn crops. This, altogether, increases the forecast for total paddy rice production for MY 2012/2013 from 42.470 million tons to 43.002 million tons. (see production table)

#### Spring Crop

According to the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (MARD), the actual total planted area of the MY 2011/2012 Spring crop was 3.124 million hectares as of the middle of June 2012. This is an increase of 25,000 hectares over the planned 3.095 million hectares set by MARD for the MY 2011/2012 Spring crop. The Mekong River Delta completely harvested its Spring rice crop in early May, and it consisted of 1.579 million hectares. As of the middle of June 2012, the Spring crop harvest in the other parts of Vietnam was nearly completed, at more than 80 percent of planted areas.

According to MARD, the central provinces had larger planted area for the 2011/2012 Spring crop, which was the primary region contributing to the increase of the Vietnam Spring crop total planted area. Production, however, is estimated slightly lower than that of MY 2010/2011 due to lower paddy rice yield. As a result, this pushed the total Spring crop paddy production slightly down compared to [Post's last estimate in May 2012](#) (20.003 million tons to 19.960 million tons of paddy).

The total Vietnam production of MY 2011/2012 Spring crop is still 494,000 tons of paddy higher than that of the MY 2010/2011 Spring crop.

#### Autumn Crop

The Mekong River Delta typically accounts for more than 80 percent of the total Autumn crop planting area. As of June 15, 2012, the ongoing MY 2011/2012 Autumn crop planting area in all of Vietnam totaled approximately 2.090 million hectares, compared to about 2.018 million hectares at the same period last year, due to favorable weather -- mainly early rain -- that supported early planting and increased planted area in the central provinces.

Post currently revises upward harvested area for the 2011/2012 Autumn rice crop from 2.730 million hectares to 2.740 million hectares, and its total production is revised up by 135,000 tons totaling 14.522 million tons.

### **Mekong River Delta (MRD) Rice Production**

### Autumn Crop

The planting of Autumn crop in the Mekong River Delta includes Autumn and Late Autumn crops.

As of June 15, 2012, the on-going planted area in the Mekong River Delta for the Autumn crop reached about 1.620 million hectares. Harvesting for some early planted area has been recorded at around 240,000 hectares. Post also revises upward yields from 5.4 to 5.5 tons/hectare due to MARD's latest harvest report.

Post revises the harvested area for Autumn crop in the MRD from 1.661 to 1.670 million hectares and keeps the harvested area for Late Autumn crop at 630,000 hectares.

### **Rice Production in the Mekong Delta by Marketing Year**

*(000 ha; mt/ha; 000 mt)*

	<b>2010/2011 (Revised)</b>			<b>2011/2012 (Estimate) (old)</b>			<b>2011/2012 (Estimate) (new)</b>		
	<b>Area</b>	<b>Yield</b>	<b>Prod.</b>	<b>Area</b>	<b>Yield</b>	<b>Prod.</b>	<b>Area</b>	<b>Yield</b>	<b>Prod.</b>
<b>Winter</b>	212	4.06	861	212	4.10	869	212	4.10	869
<b>Spring</b>	1,616	6.56	10,600	1,579	6.86	10,832	1,579	6.86	10,832
<b>Autumn</b>	1,646	5.40	8,888	1,661	5.40	8,969	1,670	5.50	9,185
<b>Late Autumn</b>	640	4.84	3,098	630	4.85	3,055	630	4.85	3,055
<b>Total</b>	4,114		23,447	4,082		23,750	4,091		23,941

*Source: MARD, Post estimate*