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## Vietnam

### LOCK-UP REPORT

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**Report Highlights:**

Post revises the Vietnam calendar year 2009 total paddy rice production up from 35.99 million tons to 37.02 million tons due to better yield in the Spring crop and more planted area in the Winter crop in Northern Vietnam. The new estimate is slightly higher than the actual production from last calendar year.

Because of record high production in calendar year 2009, which resulted in a large quantity of carry-over stock into calendar year 2010, and sufficient demand from the world market, post revises total Vietnam calendar year 2010 exports from 5.0 million tons to 5.5 million tons of milled rice. The calendar year 2009 rice export estimate, however, is unchanged from Post's last estimate.

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## STATISTICAL TABLES

**Table 1. Vietnam's Production, Supply and Demand for Rice**

Rice, Milled Vietnam	2007			2008			2009		
	2007/2008			2008/2009			2009/2010		
	Market Year Begin: Jan 2008			Market Year Begin: Jan 2009			Market Year Begin: Jan 2010		
	USDA Official Data		Old Post	USDA Official Data		Old Post	USDA Official Data		Jan
			Data			Data			Data
Area Harvested	7,412	7,412	7,412	7,344	7,360	7,392	7,290	7,290	7,290
Beginning Stocks	1,392	1,392	1,392	2,018	2,018	2,018	1,374	1,421	2,098
Milled Production	24,375	24,376	24,376	23,706	23,753	24,430	23,795	23,795	23,795
Rough Production	36,932	36,933	36,933	35,918	35,989	37,015	36,053	36,053	36,053
Milling Rate (.9999)	6,600	6,600	6,600	6,600	6,600	6,600	6,600	6,600	6,600
MY Imports	300	300	300	500	500	500	500	500	500
TY Imports	300	300	300	500	500	500	500	500	500
TY Imp. from U.S.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Supply	26,067	26,068	26,068	26,224	26,271	26,948	25,669	25,716	26,393
MY Exports	4,649	4,650	4,650	5,700	5,700	5,700	5,000	5,000	5,500
TY Exports	4,649	4,650	4,650	5,700	5,700	5,700	5,000	5,000	5,500
Total Consumption	19,400	19,400	19,400	19,150	19,150	19,150	19,150	19,150	19,150
Ending Stocks	2,018	2,018	2,018	1,374	1,421	2,098	1,519	1,566	1,743
Total Distribution	26,067	26,068	26,068	26,224	26,271	26,948	25,669	25,716	26,393
Yield (Rough)	5.	5.	4.9829	5.	5.	5.0074	5.	5.	4.9455

## PRODUCTION

**Table 2. Vietnam's Area, Yield, and Production for Rough Rice (September 2009)**

Marketing Year	2007 Revised		2008 Estimate		2009 Forecast	
	Old	New	Old	New	Old	New
Harvested Area (tha)						
Winter <sup>1</sup>	1,846	1,846	1,826	1,858	1,810	1,810
Spring <sup>2</sup>	2,971	2,971	3,024	3,024	2,980	2,980
Autumn <sup>3</sup>	2,595	2,595	2,510	2,510	2,500	2,500
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>7,412</b>	<b>7,412</b>	<b>7,360</b>	<b>7,392</b>	<b>7,290</b>	<b>7,290</b>
Yield (mt/ha)						
Winter	4.29	4.29	4.22	4.30	4.25	4.25
Spring	5.83	5.83	5.60	5.88	5.70	5.70
Autumn	4.50	4.50	4.52	4.48	4.55	4.55

<b>AVERAGE</b>	<b>4.99</b>	<b>4.99</b>	<b>4.89</b>	<b>5.01</b>	<b>4.94</b>	<b>4.94</b>
<b>Production (tmt)</b>						
Winter	7,919	7,919	7,706	7,989	7,692	7,692
Spring	17,336	17,336	16,938	17,781	16,986	16,986
Autumn	11,678	11,678	11,345	11,245	11,375	11,375
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>36,933</b>	<b>36,933</b>	<b>35,989</b>	<b>37,015</b>	<b>36,053</b>	<b>36,053</b>

<sup>1</sup> Lua Mua (10<sup>th</sup> Month), <sup>2</sup> Winter-Spring, <sup>3</sup> Summer-Autumn

Source: MARD, Post estimates

#### Spring Crop

The Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development's September production report increased its production estimate for the whole country's Spring crop due to higher yields. Based on Post calculations applying those yields to the estimated area, the Vietnam Spring crop production is revised from 16.938 million tons to 17.781 million tons. The increased yield stems mainly from the Spring crop in the Red River Delta.

#### Autumn Crop

Post keeps the numbers for Autumn crop unchanged.

#### Winter Crop

Planted area for the Winter crop is reported at 1.728 million hectares as of September 15. The revised planted area of the winter crop in the Northern provinces is 1.24 million hectares revised up from 1.17 million hectares in last month's MARD report. The 1.24 million hectares is about 32,000 hectares more than last year's winter crop in the Red River Delta. In the South, planting continues, with about 491,000 hectares already planted compared to 294,000 hectares reported in mid August.

Given the increased planted area in the northern provinces, the total Vietnam planted area for the Winter crop is expected to increase by about 32,000 hectares from Post's August estimate. The Winter crop production estimate is, therefore, increased by 280,000 tons from 7.706 million tons to 7.989 million tons.

#### Vietnam calendar year 2009 total rice production

Post revises the calendar year 2009 total paddy rice production up from 35.99 million tons to 37.02 million tons due to better yields in the Spring crop and more planted area in the Winter crop in the north. This revised CY 2009 production is slightly up from last calendar year.

#### **Rice Production in the Mekong River Delta**

Post does not change its production estimate for the Mekong River Delta from its August estimate.

**Table 3. Rice Production in the Mekong Delta by Marketing Year***(000 ha; mt/ha; ,000 mt)*

	2007 (Revised)			2008 (Estimate) (old)			2008 (Est.) (new)		
	Area	Yield	Prod.	Area	Yield	Prod.	Area	Yield	Prod.
<b>Winter</b>	345	3.96	1,366	340	3.95	1,343	340	3.95	1,343
<b>Spring</b>	1,511	6.40	9,670	1,544	6.32	9,758	1,544	6.32	9,758
<b>Autumn</b>	1,550	4.74	7,351	1,553	4.72	7,330	1,553	4.72	7,330
<b>Late Autumn</b>	506	4.00	2,024	470	4.00	1,880	470	4.00	1,880
<b>Total</b>	3,894		20,411	3,907		20,311	3,907		20,311

*Source: MARD, Post estimate*

### **Rice Exports**

Record high rice production in calendar year 2009 will result in a large quantity of carry-over stock into calendar year 2010. Post expects Vietnam to find willing buyers for this increased supply and therefore revises calendar year 2010 exports from 5.0 million tons to 5.5 million tons of milled rice. The calendar year 2009 rice export estimate remains unchanged from Post's last estimate at 5.7 million tons.

End of Report