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Rice Price - Weekly

Situation for the Week Ending December 03, 2010

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Report Highlights:

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Author Defined:**Indicative Price****Trader Quotes for Vietnam Rice Exports FOB basis, Week ending December 3, 2010**

% Broken	Quotes (\$/ton)							Quote Averages	
	#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	#6	#7	Current Average	Previous (Nov. 26)
5	540	540	545	540	545	540	540	540.71	507.85
10	530	530	530	530	535	530	530	530.71	497.85
15	490	495	495	490	490	490	490	491.43	475.00
25	480	480	480	480	480	480	480	480.00	465.71

Source: Vietnamese rice exporters

Effective December 3, the Vietnam Food Association raised the Minimum Export Prices (MEP) from \$475 to \$540, per ton (FOB basis), for 5 percent broken rice, and from \$445 to \$480, per ton (FOB basis), for 25 percent broken rice for shipments in December 2010. According to exporters, this increase in MEPs is mainly due to the anticipation of sales to the Indonesian and Philippine markets, with shipments in early 2011. Most rice exporters matched the MEPs due to the limited quantity of exportable rice in the local market for these anticipated future sales. However, the warehouses of major exporters reportedly contain adequate stocks to fulfill outstanding contracts.

Local paddy prices went up last week, from VND 5,950-6,100 to VND 6,050-6,200, per kilogram. According to rice traders, this increase was due to limited on-farm paddy stocks.

The exchange rate was at \$1 to VND 19,500 as of December 3, 2010.

Exports

Below are reported Vietnamese rice exports (in tons) from November 20 – November 26, 2010.

Week ending	Quantity	4-WK Avg.	Year to date	Year ago
Sept. 17	116,000	172,250	5,051,000	4,706,000
Sept. 24	176,000	154,500	5,227,000	4,808,000
Oct. 01	138,000	139,750	5,365,000	4,960,000
Oct. 08	44,000	118,500	5,409,000	4,996,000
Oct. 15	63,000	105,250	5,472,000	5,081,000
Oct. 22	63,000	77,000	5,535,000	5,203,000
Oct. 29	137,000	76,750	5,672,000	5,323,000
Nov. 05	211,000	118,500	5,883,000	5,403,000

Nov. 12	131,000	135,500	6,014,000	5,487,000
Nov. 19	67,000	136,500	6,081,000	5,557,000
Nov. 26	111,000	130,000	6,192,000	5,640,000

Source: Traders/VFA