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## Vietnam

## Grain and Feed Update

## Rice Lockup Report September 2011

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**Report Highlights:**

As of September 15, 2011, Post estimates Vietnam's total rice paddy production for MY 2010 to increase from 41.44 million tons to 41.69 million tons, compared to its August estimate, due mainly to the remarkable increase of paddy yield of the main Autumn crop in the Mekong River Delta.

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Hanoi

Commodities:  
Rice, Milled

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**STATISTICAL TABLES**

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

Rice, Milled Vietnam	2009/2010		2010/2011		2011/2012	
	Market Year Begin: Jan 2010		Market Year Begin: Jan 2011		Market Year Begin: Jan 2012	
	USDA Official	New Post	USDA Official	New Post	USDA Official	New Post
<b>Area Harvested</b>	7,415	7,415	7,575	7,545	7,440	7,440
<b>Beginning Stocks</b>	1,961	1,961	1,470	1,470	1,569	1,727
<b>Milled Production</b>	24,993	24,993	25,899	26,057	25,430	25,601
<b>Rough Production</b>	39,989	39,989	41,438	41,691	40,688	40,962
<b>Milling Rate (.9999)</b>	6,250	6,250	6,250	6,250	6,250	6,250
<b>MY Imports</b>	400	400	500	500	500	500
<b>TY Imports</b>	400	400	500	500	500	500
<b>TY Imp. from U.S.</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Supply</b>	27,354	27,354	27,869	28,027	27,499	27,828
<b>MY Exports</b>	6,734	6,734	7,000	7,000	6,400	6,400
<b>TY Exports</b>	6,734	6,734	7,000	7,000	6,400	6,400
<b>Consumption and Residual</b>	19,150	19,150	19,300	19,300	19,550	19,550
<b>Ending Stocks</b>	1,470	1,470	1,569	1,727	1,549	1,878
<b>Total Distribution</b>	27,354	27,354	27,869	28,027	27,499	27,828
1000 HA, 1000 MT, MT/HA						

**PRODUCTION**

**Vietnam's Area, Yield, and Production for Rough Rice (as of September 2011)**

Marketing Year	2009 Revised		2010 Estimate		2011 Forecast	
Harvested Area (tha)	Old	New	Old	New	Old	New
Winter <sup>1</sup>	1,768	1,768	1,750	1,750	1,745	1,745
Spring <sup>2</sup>	3,035	3,035	3,095	3,095	3,035	3,035
Autumn <sup>3</sup>	2,612	2,612	2,730	2,700	2,660	2,660
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>7,415</b>	<b>7,415</b>	<b>7,575</b>	<b>7,545</b>	<b>7,440</b>	<b>7,440</b>
Yield (mt/ha)						
Winter	4.61	4.61	4.60	4.60	4.60	4.60
Spring	6.22	6.22	6.29	6.29	6.25	6.25
Autumn	4.96	4.96	5.10	5.25	5.15	5.25
<b>AVERAGE</b>	<b>5.39</b>	<b>5.39</b>	<b>5.47</b>	<b>5.53</b>	<b>5.47</b>	<b>5.51</b>
Production (tmt)						
Winter	8,155	8,155	8,050	8,050	8,027	8,027
Spring	18,878	18,878	19,466	19,466	18,969	18,969

Autumn	12,956	12,956	13,923	14,175	13,699	13,965
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>39,989</b>	<b>39,989</b>	<b>41,439</b>	<b>41,691</b>	<b>40,695</b>	<b>40,961</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

### **Estimate for MY 2010 (began January 2011)**

As of September 15, 2011, Post estimates Vietnam's total rice paddy production for MY 2010 to increase from 41.44 million tons to 41.69 million tons, compared to its August estimate, due mainly to the remarkable increase of paddy yield of the main Autumn crop in the Mekong River Delta.

According to the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (MARD) preliminary estimate in its September report, the country's MY 2010 total rice paddy production will reach 42.00 million tons, 2 million tons higher than MY 2009 total rice paddy production.

#### **MY 2010 Autumn crop**

Despite recent flooding and heavy rain in the Mekong River Delta, and typhoons in the central part that caused losses for the late harvest, the earlier harvest came out with high rice paddy yield due to farmers' high intensive investments. The higher investments were due mainly to expectations of higher margins during the high market price time.

The total harvested area of Autumn crop, therefore, According to The Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (MARD) and Post's estimate, is down from 2.73 million hectares to 2.70 million hectares. The Autumn crop total production, however, is up 250,000 tons of paddy due to sharp increases in rice paddy yield in the Mekong River Delta provinces, where the planting area of the main Autumn crop accounts for nearly two third of the country's total Autumn crop planting area. The overall paddy yield of Autumn crop is up from 5.1 ton per hectare to 5.25 ton per hectare.

Post adjusts the MY 2011 paddy yield of Autumn crop accordingly from 5.15 tons per hectare to 5.25 ton per hectare.

#### **MY 2010 Winter Crop**

According to MARD, as of September 15, 2011, the ongoing planting progress of the overall Winter crop reached 1.66 million hectares, about 1 percent faster than the same time period in MY 2009. Post keeps unchanged the Winter crop total harvested area forecast at 1.75 million hectares.

#### **MRD Rice Production**

According to the MARD's provincial offices in the Mekong River Delta, the ongoing planting area for late Autumn crop reached 570,000 hectares, as of September 15, 2011. The total planting area is forecast at 617,000 hectares.

Post estimates the harvested area for the Late Autumn crop at 600,000 hectares, unchanged from Post's August estimate.

The main Autumn crop harvest has achieved a sharp increase in paddy yield, from 4.95 to 5.40 ton per hectare compared with the Post's August number. This created an increase of about 1.7 million tons in total paddy rice production for the MRD region compared to MY 2009, and about 700,000 tons compared to Post's August estimate. This increase also helped pull up the country's overall paddy yield and production for the Autumn crop.

**Table 3.4 Rice Production in the Mekong Delta by Marketing Year**  
(000 ha; mt/ha; 000 mt)

	2009 (Revised)			2010 (old)			2010 (Estimate) (new)		
	Area	Yield	Prod.	Area	Yield	Prod.	Area	Yield	Prod.
<b>Winter</b>	222	3.95	877	240	3.90	936	240	3.90	936
<b>Spring</b>	1,559	6.56	10,227	1,616	6.56	10,600	1,616	6.56	10,600
<b>Autumn</b>	1,644	4.92	8,088	1,656	4.95	8,197	1,646	5.40	8,888
<b>Late Autumn</b>	512	4.63	2,371	600	4.70	2,820	600	4.70	2,820
<b>Total</b>	3,937		21,563	4,113		22,553	4,102		23,244

Source: MARD, Post estimate