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Report Highlights:

Export prices decreased about \$5 for most of rice grades during the week of August 27-September 2, 2016, due to reduced export rice prices from other competitors, and poor demand. Per the new Minimum Export Price (MEP), price for a rice export contract should be no lower than \$ 340 per ton, FOB basis, in order to get final approval from the Vietnam Food Association (VFA).

General Information:

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Indicative Price

Trader Quotes for Vietnam Rice Exports FOB basis, Week of August 27-September 2, 2016

Quotes (\$/ton)								Quote Averages	
% Broken	#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	#6	#7	Current Average	Previous (August 26)
5	350	345	345	350	345	345	350	347.14	350.71
10	345	340	340	345	343	340	345	342.57	345.71
15	340	335	335	340	340	335	340	337.86	340.71
25	335	330	330	335	335	330	335	332.86	335.71

Source: Vietnamese rice exporters

Despite winning the 150,000 tons in the Philippines tender, export prices decreased about \$5 for most of rice grades during the week of August 27-September 2, 2016, due to reduced export rice prices from other competitors, and poor demand from Vietnam rice export markets.

The Vietnam Food Association (VFA) announced a Minimum Export Price (MEP) for 25 percent rice early this week. Price for a rice export contract should be no lower than \$ 340 per ton, FOB basis, in order to get final approval from VFA.

Local paddy prices were unchanged at low level, about VND 5,000-5,100 per kilo, due to the on-going harvest of the Autumn main crop and the inferior quality of the paddy (high moisture, high chalky kernel rate...) caused by rains in the Mekong River Delta.

Exchange rate was \$1 to VND 22,260 as of September 2, 2016.

Trader Quotes for Vietnam Rice Exports FOB basis, Week of August 20-26, 2016

Quotes (\$/ton)								Quote Averages	
% Broken	#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	#6	#7	Current Average	Previous (August 19)
5	355	350	350	350	350	350	350	350.71	356.43
10	350	345	345	345	345	345	345	345.71	350.71
15	345	340	340	340	340	340	340	340.71	345.71
25	340	335	335	335	335	335	335	335.71	340.71

Source: Vietnamese rice exporters

Export prices decreased about \$5 for most of rice grades during the week of August 20-26, 2016, due to reduced prices from other rice export competitors, mainly Thailand for upcoming Philippines rice tender.

Local paddy prices slightly decreased from about VND 5,100-5,200 per kilo to VND 5,000-5,100 per kilo, due to the on-going harvest of the Autumn main crop in the Mekong River Delta and the inferior quality of the paddy during rainy season.

Exchange rate was \$1 to VND 22,270 as of August 26, 2016.

Exports

Below are reported weekly Vietnamese rice exports (in tons) from August 13-19, 2016.

Week ending	Quantity	4-WK Avg.	Year to date	Year ago
April 01	178,000	129,000	1,426,000	1,038,000
April 08	59,000	114,000	1,485,000	1,150,000
April 15	46,000	105,250	1,531,000	1,220,000
April 22	40,000	80,750	1,571,000	1,293,000
April 29	84,000	57,250	1,655,000	1,631,000
May 06	70,000	60,000	1,725,000	1,691,000
May 13	76,000	67,500	1,801,000	1,762,000
May 20	48,000	69,500	1,849,000	1,832,000
May 27	39,000	58,250	1,888,000	1,851,000
June 03	171,000	83,500	2,059,000	2,073,000
June 10	83,000	85,250	2,142,000	2,099,000
June 17	65,000	89,500	2,207,000	2,180,000
June 24	110,000	107,250	2,317,000	2,425,000
July 01	122,000	95,000	2,439,000	2,689,000
July 08	75,000	93,000	2,514,000	2,774,000
July 15	62,000	92,250	2,576,000	2,852,000
July 22	87,000	86,500	2,663,000	2,903,000
July 29	87,000	77,750	2,750,000	3,117,000
August 5	63,000	74,750	2,813,000	3,301,000
August 12	71,000	77,000	2,884,000	3,344,000
August 19	67,000	72,000	2,951,000	3,415,000
August 26	65,000	66,500	3,016,000	3,626,000

Source: Traders/VFA