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Report Highlights:

Post revises its 2010 annual estimate for Vietnam's total rice paddy production for MY 2010 up from 40.40 to 40.84 million tons, due mainly to a larger spring crop area.

Post:
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
Area Harvested	7,415	7,415	7,440	7,521	7,440	7,440
Beginning Stocks	1,961	1,961	1,470	1,470	1,821	2,096
Milled Production	24,993	24,993	25,251	25,526	25,430	25,434
Rough Production	39,989	39,989	40,402	40,842	40,688	40,694
Milling Rate (.9999)	6,250	6,250	6,250	6,250	6,250	6,250
MY Imports	400	400	600	600	500	500
TY Imports	400	400	600	600	500	500
TY Imp. from U.S.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Supply	27,354	27,354	27,321	27,596	27,751	28,030
MY Exports	6,734	6,734	6,200	6,200	6,400	6,500
TY Exports	6,734	6,734	6,200	6,200	6,400	6,500
Consumption and Residual	19,150	19,150	19,300	19,300	19,450	19,450
Ending Stocks	1,470	1,470	1,821	2,096	1,901	2,080
Total Distribution	27,354	27,354	27,321	27,596	27,751	28,030

1000 HA, 1000 MT, MT/HA

3.1 PRODUCTION

Table 3.2 Vietnam's Area, Yield, and Production for Rough Rice (as of April 2011)

Marketing Year	2009 Revised		2010 Estimate		2011 Forecast	
	Old	New	Old	New	Old	New
Harvested Area (tha)						
Winter ¹	1,768	1,768	1,750	1,750	1,745	1,745
Spring ²	3,035	3,035	3,030	3,111	3,035	3,035
Autumn ³	2,612	2,612	2,660	2,660	2,660	2,660
TOTAL	7,415	7,415	7,440	7,521	7,440	7,440
Yield (mt/ha)						
Winter	4.61	4.61	4.60	4.60	4.60	4.60
Spring	6.22	6.22	6.20	6.18	6.25	6.25
Autumn	4.96	4.96	5.10	5.10	5.15	5.15
AVERAGE	5.39	5.39	5.43	5.43	5.47	5.47
Production (tmt)						
Winter	8,155	8,155	8,050	8,050	8,027	8,027
Spring	18,878	18,878	18,786	19,226	18,969	18,969

Autumn	12,956	12,956	13,566	13,566	13,699	13,699
TOTAL	39,989	39,989	40,402	40,842	40,695	40,695

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

Source: *MARD, Post estimates*

Estimate for MY 2010 (began January 2011)

Post revises its 2010 annual estimate for Vietnam's total rice paddy production for MY 2010 up from 40.40 to 40.84 million tons, due mainly to a larger spring crop area.

According to the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (MARD), the planting area for the spring crop increased about 35,000 hectares in the upland and highland areas of northern Vietnam.

In southern Vietnam, specifically the Mekong River Delta, MARD's numbers showed that the harvested area reached 1.62 million hectares, which represents an increase of 51,000 hectares over Post's estimate of late March 2011.

Post revises its estimate of the total harvested area for the spring crop from 3.03 million hectares to 3.11 million hectares for MY 2010.

As a result, total MY 2010 rice paddy production is revised from 40.40 million tons to 40.84 million tons.

MRD Rice Production

According to MARD reports, the rice harvest in the Mekong River Delta has been completed. MARD's newest numbers from May show an increase of 51,000 hectares over Post's April estimate. The average yield is reported at 6.56 tons per hectare, slightly lower than Post's estimate and about the same as MY 2009's yield.

Mekong River Delta farmers have been planting the autumn crop ever since finishing the spring crop harvest. As of May 15, the planting area was reported at 1.15 million hectares. The planting progress was three percent ahead of that in the same period of last year.

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.
Winter	222	3.95	877	240	3.90	936	240	3.90	936
Spring	1,559	6.56	10,227	1,565	6.60	10,329	1,616	6.56	10,600
Autumn	1,644	4.92	8,088	1,616	4.95	7,999	1,616	4.95	7,999
Late Autumn	512	4.63	2,371	570	4.70	2,679	570	4.70	2,679
Total	3,937		21,563	3,991		21,943	4,042		22,214

Source: *MARD, Post estimate*