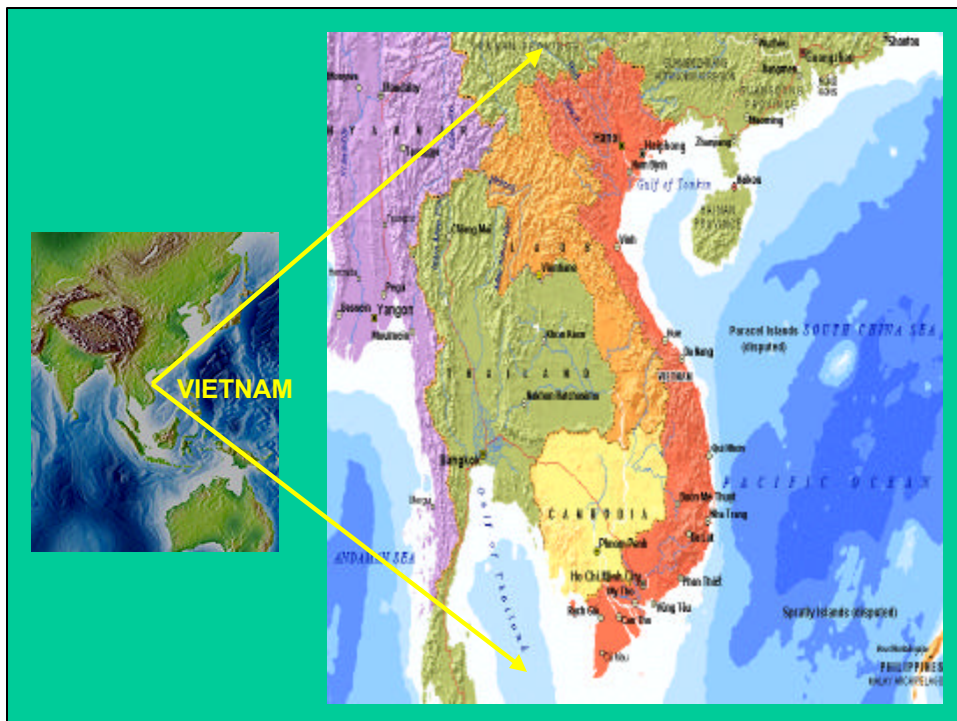


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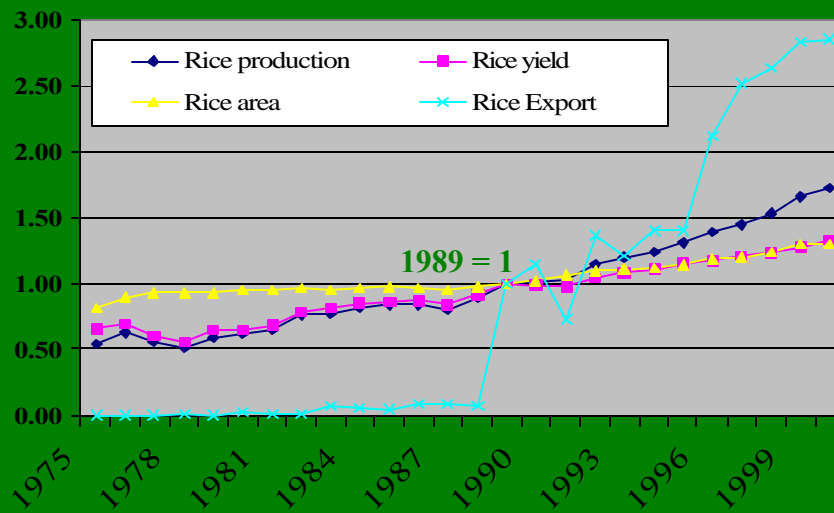
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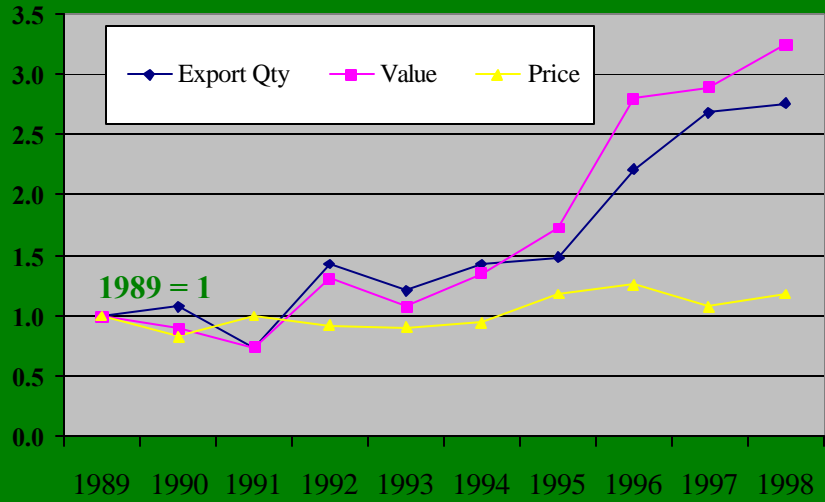
Basic facts on Vietnam

Land area:	331 Sq.km ²	Farm: 8 mil. ha
Population:	78 million	Growth rate: 1.7%
GDP per capita:	US\$400	Growth rate: 6.7%
Rice land area:	4.2 mil. ha	75% irrigated
Rice harv. area:	7.6 mil. ha	3 rice crops/yr
Rice production:	32 mil. t/yr	Export: 4.5 mil t./yr
Rice yield:	4.1 t/ha	Gaps b/w systems
Fertilizer cons.:	1.9 mil. t/yr	high cost to rice
New varieties:	dominated in plain areas	

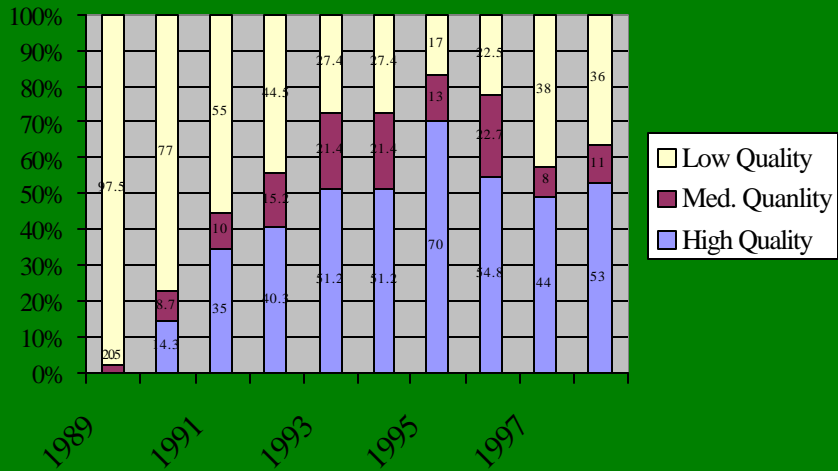
Trends in rice production, yield, area, and export quantity



Trend in rice export quantity, value, and price



Milled rice export classification



The policy renovation for a market economy: Major strategies

- Decollectivization of agriculture (e.g. abolished cooperative ownership on lands) coupled with long-term lease of land to farm households
- Removal of consumer price subsidies and establishment of market prices for agricultural commodities
- Effective national wise since 1989

Policy considerations for rice

- Market reform: Supports and equal competition to the private market sectors
- Pricing for rice: lower production, marketing costs, stabilize domestic prices
- Intensification and input use regulation: e.g. problems of pesticide on human health
- Rural economy diversification and modernization: Env. impact & social disparity
- National program for agrobiodiversity conservation: costs and incentives

A rice farmer household



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