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Vietnam expanding Vannamei farming



**2013 Mekong Delta shrimp crop reaps high yield.
For the first time, Vannamei exports surpasses Black Tiger.**

In Long An, Ben Tre, and Tra Vinh provinces, Vannamei shrimp production has seen a year-on-year increase of 30-50 %. In Soc Trang province, Vannamei shrimp output recorded a three-fold increase, to reach 35,000 MT.

The export turnover of Vannamei shrimp has also experienced a sharp increase. In the period of January to September 2013, Vannamei export turnover reached US\$ 979 million, surpassing Black Tiger shrimp sales (US\$ 943 million).

In Soc Trang province, the farming area dedicated to Vannamei shrimp for the next crop is set to increase by 50 % from the 15,000 hectares recorded in 2013.

Nationwide, areas dedicated to Vannamei shrimp farming is set to increase sharply in 2014. This may lead to difficulties in controlling diseases and finding export markets. Farmers are therefore requested to follow farming schedules in order to prevent diseases.