Based on directives issued by the Vice Minister of the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (MARD) and the Department of Crop Production, the rice planting calendar in the Mekong River Delta was adjusted to avoid salinity intrusion brought by the 2019 El Niño.

The adjustments, which are covering more than 600,000 hectares, were guided by the climate risk-related maps and adaptation plans developed by the 13 provinces comprising the Mekong River Delta, the Vietnamese Government’s Department of Crop Production and CCAFS Southeast Asia.