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India Is Projected To Export a Record 12.5 Million Tons of Rice in 2018

There were no supply or use revisions to the 2017/18 U.S. rice balance sheet this month. Production remains estimated at 178.2 million cwt, 20.5 percent below a year earlier. Imports remain projected at a record 24.9 million cwt. Carryin of 46.0 million cwt is nearly unchanged from a year earlier. Total U.S. rice supplies are projected to contract 15 percent in 2017/18. Both domestic use and exports are projected to be lower in 2017/18, largely due to smaller supplies and higher prices. Despite smaller total use, U.S. ending stocks in 2017/18 are projected to decline 37 percent to 29.2 million cwt. The 2017/18 season-average price range for U.S. long-grain and southern medium- and short-grain rice was lowered slightly this month.

The 2017/18 global rice production forecast was lowered 0.4 million tons to 484.3 million tons due to reduced crop projections for Bangladesh, Venezuela, and Argentina. The 2017/18 global consumption forecast was lowered 1.0 million tons to 480.8 million tons due to smaller projections for Burma, India, Bangladesh, and Vietnam. With production exceeding consumption in 2017/18, global ending stocks are projected to increase nearly 3 percent to 140.8 million tons, the highest since 2000/01. Global rice trade is projected to decline 0.2 million tons in 2018, mostly due to weaker imports from Bangladesh, Brazil, Iran, and Sri Lanka. Global trading prices rose throughout January due to strong demand, but declined a little in early February as new orders slackened. U.S. trading prices continue to increase as supplies tighten.

Domestic Outlook

U.S. Total Rice Supplies Projected To Drop 15 percent in 2017/18

There were no revisions this month to the 2017/18 U.S. rice balance sheet. The 2017/18 U.S. rice crop remains estimated at 178.2 million cwt, more than 20 percent below a year earlier. The substantial year-to-year production decline is the result of a 23-percent decrease in harvested area to 2.37 million acres, the smallest since 1987/88. The area reduction is partially offset by a 4-percent increase in yield to 7,507 pounds per acre, still below the 2013/14 record of 7,694 pounds.

Beginning stocks remain estimated at 46.0 million cwt, down 1 percent from a year earlier. U.S. rice imports remain forecast at 24.9 million cwt, up 6 percent from a year earlier and the highest on record. Thailand and India account for most the stronger pace of U.S. rice imports in 2017/18, with Thailand accounting for more than 60 percent of these imports. Total U.S. rice supplies remain projected at 249.2 million cwt, 15 percent below a year earlier and the smallest since 2003/04.

Total use of U.S. rice in 2017/18 remains forecast at 220.0 million cwt, 11 percent below a year earlier. In 2017/18, both exports and domestic use are limited by much smaller supplies. Total domestic and residual use in 2017/18 remains projected at 120.0 million cwt, 9 percent below a year earlier. Some of the year-to-year decline in domestic use is likely due to a smaller residual associated with a smaller crop. The residual accounts for post-harvest losses in transporting, milling, and marketing the rice, as well as any statistical error in another account.

Total U.S. rice exports in 2017/18 remain projected at 100.0 million cwt, 14 percent below a year earlier. By class, 2017/18 long-grain exports remain forecast at 71.0 million cwt, 10 percent below a year earlier. The Western Hemisphere is the largest market for U.S. long-grain rice, with the majority of the rice shipped as unmilled rough-rice. Mexico, Central America, Haiti, Venezuela, Canada, and Colombia account for the bulk of the U.S. long-grain exports in the Western Hemisphere. Outside the Western Hemisphere, the Middle East is currently the largest market for U.S. long-grain rice. Combined U.S. medium- and short-grain exports in 2017/18 remain projected at 29.0 million cwt, 24 percent below a year earlier and the smallest since 2014/15 when a West Coast port strike delayed shipments until early in the 2015/16 market year. The current medium- and short-grain export forecast indicates few sales outside the core Northeast Asian markets and Canada.

By type, rough-rice exports remain projected at 34.0 million cwt, 20 percent below a year earlier and the smallest since 2011/12. Through late January, there have been virtually no U.S. rough-rice sales to the Middle East. These two regions take exclusively medium- and short-grain rough-rice. U.S. rough-rice sales to top long-grain buyer Venezuela have been well below a year earlier as well. Milled rice exports (combined milled and brown rice exports on a rough-rice basis) remain projected at 66.0 million cwt, 11 percent below a year earlier. Haiti, Japan, Canada, South Korea, Taiwan, Saudi Arabia, Jordan, and Iraq are the top markets for U.S. milled rice.

U.S. ending stocks in 2017/18 remain forecast at 29.2 million cwt, 37 percent below a year earlier and the smallest since 2003/04. The stocks-to-use ratio remains estimated at 13.3 percent, well below 18.6 percent a year earlier. Long-grain 2017/18 ending stocks remain forecast at 16.4 million cwt, 47 percent below a year earlier. The long-grain stocks-to-use ration of 10.0 percent is well below 17.4 percent a year earlier. The long-grain stocks-to-use-ratio rarely drops below 10 percent. Medium- and short-grain ending stocks remain forecast at 9.3 million cwt, 19 percent below a year earlier and the lowest since 2008/09. The medium- and short-grain 2017/18 stocks-to-use ratio of 16.6 percent is little changed from a year earlier.

U.S. 2017/18 Season-Average Long-grain Farm Price Lowered

Monthly prices and marketings for 2016/17 and for August-November 2017 were revised this month. These revisions resulted in updated 2016/17 SAFP forecasts for U.S. long-grain, California medium- and short-grain, and U.S. medium- and short-grain. For 2017/18, USDA lowered its SAFP this month for both long-grain rice and southern medium- and short-grain rice. The revisions were largely based on reported NASS prices and marketings through December and expectations for prices and marketings the remainder of the 2017/18 market year.

The 2017/18 U.S. long-grain SAFP range was lowered 20 cents on the high end to $11.30 to $12.10 per cwt, up from a revised $9.61 a year earlier. The mid-point of $11.70 per cwt is down 10 cents from a month earlier. The southern medium- and short-grain SAFP range was also lowered 20 cents on the high end to $11.50 to $12.30 per cwt, up from $10.10 a year earlier. The California 2017/18 medium- and short-grain SAFP remains forecast at $15.50 to $16.50 per cwt, up from a revised $14.10 a year earlier.

The U.S. medium- and short grain SAFP was tightened 10 cents on both ends of the forecast range to $14.60 to $15.40 per cwt, well above a revised $13.10 a year earlier. The U.S. 2017/18 all-rice SAFP was lowered 20 cents on the high end of the forecast range to $12.10 to $12.90 per cwt, well above $10.40 a year earlier.

In late January, USDA reported a long-grain monthly average cash price for December of $11.60 per cwt, up 20 cents from the revised November price. The California December medium- and short-grain cash price was reported at $15.20 per cwt, down $1.30 from the revised November price. The December southern medium- and short-grain price was reported at $11.80 per cwt, up 20 cents from the revised November. The December U.S. medium- and short-grain price was reported at $14.20 per cwt, down $1.30 from the revised November price. The all-rice December price was reported at $12.30 per cwt, down 50 cents from the revised November price.

International Outlook

Global 2017/18 Rice Production Forecasts Lowered for Argentina, Bangladesh, and Venezuela

Global rice production in 2017/18 is projected at 484.3 million tons (milled basis), down 0.4 million tons from the previous forecast but 0.5 percent below the year-earlier record. There were three downward 2017/18 production revisions this month, two in South America and one in South Asia.

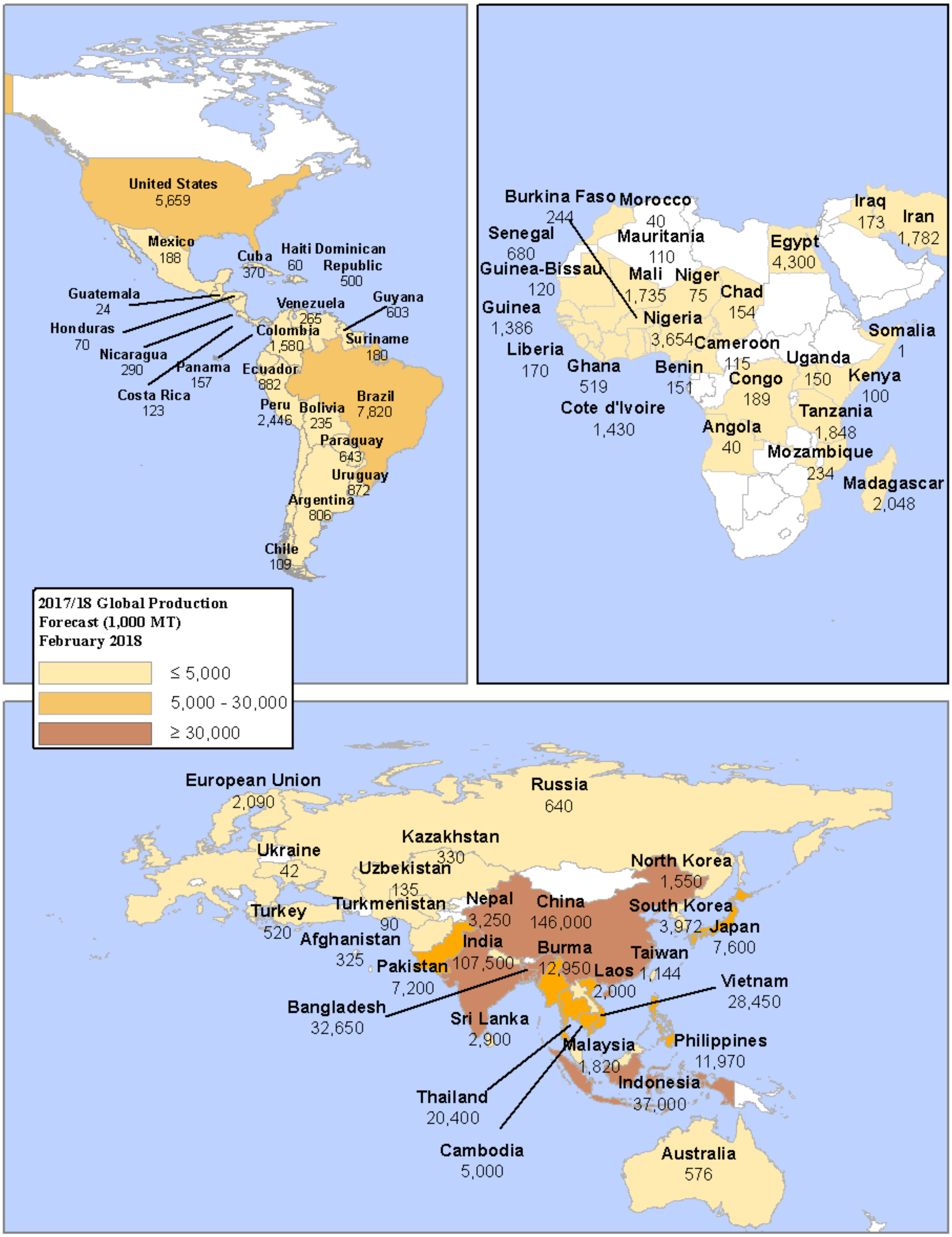
First, Bangladesh's 2017/18 production forecast was lowered 0.35 million tons to 32.65 million tons due to a smaller area estimate and slightly weaker average yield reported by the U.S. Agricultural Office in Dhaka. Production is 6 percent below a year earlier. The downward revision was primarily due to extremely heavy rains December 10-12 that adversely impacted the *aman* crop that was in late maturing or harvesting stage, causing some rice to lodge. The smaller *aus* crop, harvested in July-August, was lowered slightly as well. On a year-to-year basis, adverse weather reduced output from both the *boro* and *aman* crop. Combined, these two crops account for more than 90 percent of Bangladesh's rice production. The *boro* crop, grown in the dry season, is irrigated and achieves the highest yields among Bangladesh's three crops. The *aman* crop has the largest area.

Second, Venezuela's 2017/18 rice production forecast was lowered 25,000 tons to 265,000 tons due to smaller area and yield estimates provided by the U.S. Agriculture Office in Bogota. Venezuela's production is 13 percent below a year earlier. The country is undergoing a severe economic crisis, with declining GDP, food shortages, and a lack of foreign exchange. Finally, Argentina's 2017/18 rice crop was lowered 6,000 tons to 806,000 tons based on slightly lower area and yield estimates reported by the Ministry of Agriculture. Argentina's 2017/18 production, which will be harvested this spring, is nearly 7 percent smaller than a year earlier.

These three downward revisions were slightly offset by a 3,000-ton increase in Mexico's 2017/18 production to 188,000 tons, more than 7 percent larger than a year earlier. The upward revision is due to a slightly higher area estimate. This is Mexico's largest rice crop since 2007/08.

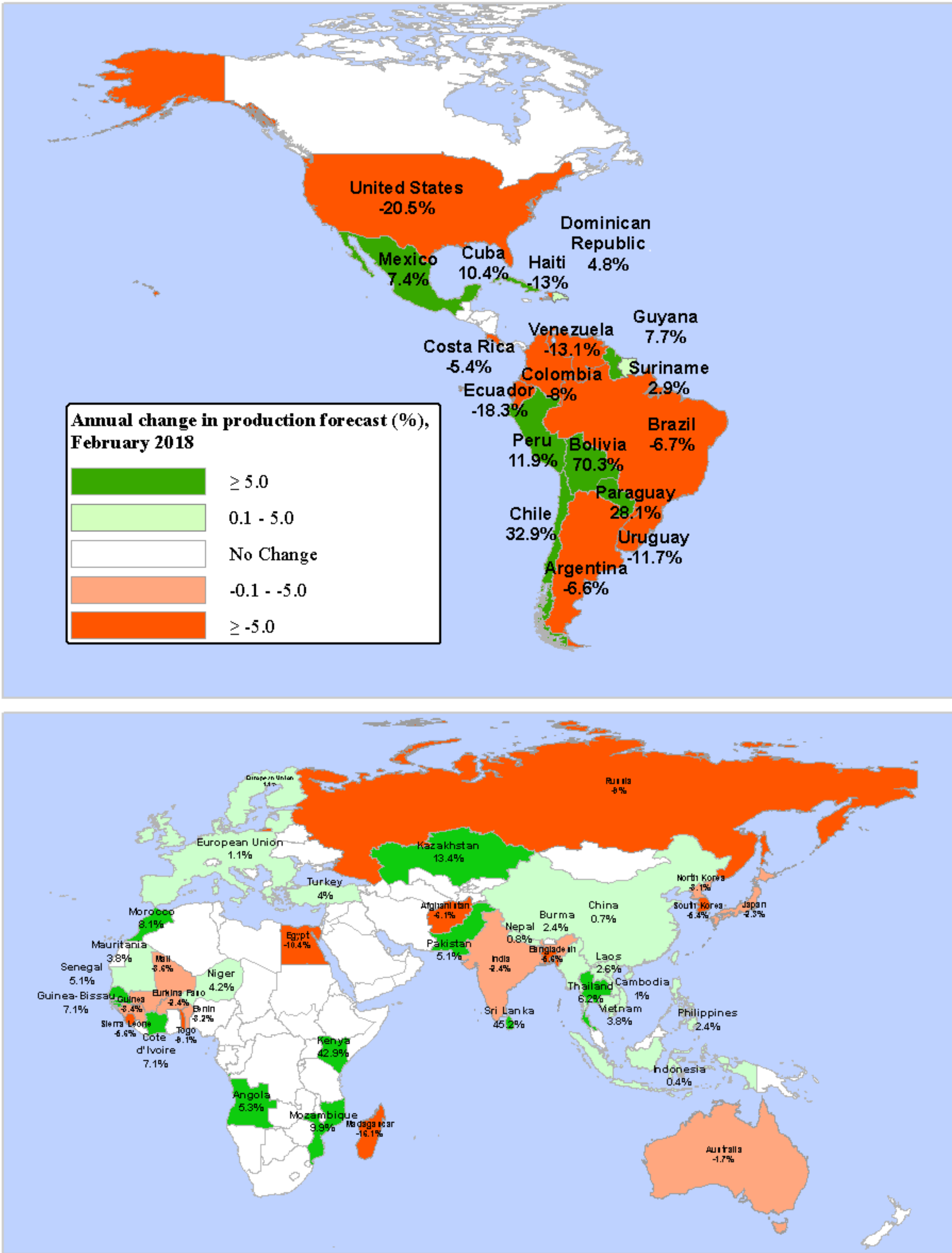
The 2016/17 global production forecast was lowered 0.3 million tons to 486.8 million, up 13.8 million tons from a year earlier and the highest on record. There was one major production revision for 2016/17 this month along with two much smaller revisions, all reductions. Most notably, Indonesia's 2016/17 production estimate was lowered 0.3 million tons to 36.86 million tons due to a lower milling rate. The country has seen both rising consumer prices for rice and tighter rice stocks. Indonesia's ending stocks have declined each year since 2012/13 are expected to be down 57 percent in 2017/18 from 2011/12. Less significantly, Mexico's 2016/17 production estimate was lowered 2,000 tons to 175,000 tons and Trinidad and Tobago's 2016/17 production estimate was reduced 1,000 tons to 2,000 tons.

Map 1: Production forecast for market year 2017/18, February 2018



Source: U.S. Dept. of Agriculture, Foreign Agricultural Service, Production, Supply and Distribution Database.

Map 2.Changes in production forecast from marketing years 2016/17 to 2017/18, February 2018



Source: U.S. Dept. of Agriculture, Foreign Agricultural Service, Production, Supply and Distribution Database.

Global rice consumption in 2017/18 is projected at 480.8 million tons, down 1.0 million tons from the previous forecast and 1.4 million tons below the 2016/17 record. This month, 2017/18 consumption forecasts were lowered for Bangladesh, Burma, India, Vietnam, and Venezuela. On an annual basis, Brazil, Burma, Indonesia, Thailand, and the United States account for most of the projected decline in consumption. With production exceeding consumption by 3.6 million tons, global ending stocks in 2017/18 increase almost 4 percent to 140.8 million tons, the highest since the 2000/01 record of 146.7 million tons. At 94.0 million tons, China accounts for more than two-thirds of global ending stocks and most of the expected increase in 2017/18.

Export Forecasts for 2018 Raised for Burma, China, India, and Vietnam

Global rice trade in calendar year 2018 is projected at 47.4 million tons, up 1.1 million tons from the previous forecast but 0.2 million tons below the year-earlier record. Global rice trade in 2018 is the second highest on record. There were revisions to major exporters that increased the 2018 export forecast 2.4 percent: export forecasts were raised this month for Burma, China, India, and Vietnam, with India and Burma exporting record amounts.

At 3.3 million tons, Burma's exports finally match the record levels shipped prior to World War II and mark Burma's return as a major exporter. China's 2018 projected exports of 1.6 million tons are up 36 percent from a year earlier and the highest since 2003. China's exports nearly tripled in 2017, with China now shipping long-grain to Africa and the Middle East as well as continuing to ship medium-grain to its traditional markets in East Asia. India's 2018 export forecast of a record 12.5 million tons is the largest amount of rice ever shipped by one country. Vietnam's 2018 projected exports of 6.7 million tons are the highest since 2013.

Table A - Rice trade at a glance for 2018 (1,000 MT), February 2018

Country or region	Trade	Month-to-month forecast change		Year-to-year forecast change		Comments on month-to-month forecast changes
Thousand metric tons						
Rice Imports, 2018						
Afghanistan	450	50	⇧	30	⇧	Imports from Pakistan and expected growth
China	5,500	250	⇧	0	⇨	Expected increased for brokens imports
Indonesia	800	500	⇧	500	⇧	High domestic prices and low stocks
Kazakhstan	100	50	⇧	-50	⇩	
Sierra Leone	475	50	⇧	75	⇧	Growing import demand
Trinidad and Tobago	30	-15	⇩	0	⇨	
Turkey	350	30	⇧	50	⇧	Reduced tariffs and encouraged direct imports
Rice Exports, 2018						
Bangladesh	4	4	⇧	0	⇨	
Burma	3,300	300	⇧	100	⇧	Increased exports to China
China	1,600	100	⇧	427	⇧	Increased exports to Africa
India	12,500	500	⇧	200	⇧	Competitive prices compared to Thailand
South Korea	13	11	⇧	9	⇧	Increased food aid and exports planned
Vietnam	6,700	200	⇧	212	⇧	Increased exports to SE Asia and China

Source: U.S. Dept. of Agriculture, Foreign Agricultural Service, Production, Supply and Distribution Database.

On the 2018 import side, number one importer China is projected to import 5.5 million tons of rice, unchanged from the year-earlier record. China is expected to account for nearly 12 percent of global imports in 2018. Nigeria remains the number two importer, projected to purchase 2.6 million tons, up 0.1 million tons from 2017. At a record 1.9 million tons, the European Union is projected to be the third largest import market. EU imports have increased 38 percent since 2014. Production problems in 2017/18 raised Bangladesh's 2017 and 2018 imports sharply from previous years. Although projected to decline 27 percent in 2018, Bangladesh's imports of 1.6 million tons make it the fourth largest buyer. Cote' d'Ivoire is projected to import a record 1.5 million tons of rice in 2018, making it the fifth largest importer.

Global Trading Prices Rose on Strong Demand from Indonesia

Price quotes for most grades of Thailand's regular milled white rice rose 9-11 percent in January, mostly due to large purchases by Indonesia. This buying has largely subsided, and prices dropped about 2 percent in early February. For the week ending February 5, Thailand's 100 percent grade B milled white rice was quoted at $439 per ton, up $28 from the week ending January 8. Prices for Thailand's lower quality 15-percent brokens were quoted at $420 per ton for the week ending February 5, up $35 from the week ending January 8. Prices for Thailand's premium jasmine rice—an aromatic—were quoted at $1,113 per ton for the week ending February 5, up $129 from the week ending January 8. All price quotes for Thailand's rice are from the *Weekly Rice Price Update* reported by the U.S. Agricultural Office in Bangkok.

Price quotes for Vietnam's rice increased around 11 percent in January before dropping slightly in early February. Prices were boosted by strong demand from Indonesia, the Philippines, China, and Cuba. For the week ending February 6, price for Vietnam's 5-percent broken regular milled white rice were quoted at $435 per ton, up $35 from the week ending January 9, but down $10 from the end of January.

U.S. prices for long-grain milled rice have increased over the past month. For the week ending February 6, prices for high-quality U.S. Southern long-grain rice (No. 2, 4-percent brokens, bagged, free on board (fob) vessel, U.S. Gulfport) were quoted at $590 per ton, up $5 from the week ending January 9. The U.S. price difference over Thailand's 100-percent Grade B milled rice declined to $151 per ton from $174 in early January. Prices for U.S. long-grain rough-rice (bulk, fob vessel, New Orleans) were quoted at $305 per ton for the week ending February 6, up $10 from the week ending January 9.

Price quotes in California also increased. California medium-grain milled rice (No. 1, 4-percent brokens, sacked, free on board, domestic mill) were quoted at $885 per ton for the week ending February 6, up $27 from the week ending January 9. Export prices for California medium-grain milled-rice (4-percent brokens, sacked, on board vessel in Oakland) were quoted at $915 per ton for the week ending February 6, unchanged since the start of January. Price quotes for Vietnam, U.S. long- and medium-grain milled-rice, and U.S. rough-rice export prices are from the weekly *Creed Rice Market Report.*

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Tables

Table 1--U.S. rice supply and use 1/

Item	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18 2/
TOTAL RICE				Million acres			
Area:							
Planted	2.689	2.700	2.490	2.954	2.625	3.150	2.463
Harvested	2.617	2.679	2.469	2.933	2.585	3.097	2.374
				Pounds per harvested acre			
Yield	7,067	7,463	7,694	7,576	7,472	7,237	7,507
				Million cwt			
Beginning stocks	48.5	41.1	36.4	31.8	48.5	46.5	46.0
Production	184.9	199.9	190.0	222.2	193.1	224.1	178.2
Imports	19.4	21.1	23.1	24.6	24.1	23.5	24.9
Total supply	252.8	262.1	249.5	278.7	265.8	294.1	249.2
Food, industrial, & residual 3/	108.4	116.9	122.0	131.8	109.9	129.4	N/A
Seed	2.4	2.2	2.4	2.1	2.5	2.0	N/A
Total domestic use	110.8	119.0	124.4	133.9	112.4	131.4	120.0
Exports	100.9	106.6	93.3	96.3	107.0	116.7	100.0
Rough	33.0	34.1	28.0	32.3	39.3	42.5	34.0
Milled 4/	67.9	72.5	65.3	63.9	67.7	74.2	66.0
Total use	211.7	225.7	217.6	230.2	219.3	248.0	220.0
Ending stocks	41.1	36.4	31.8	48.5	46.5	46.0	29.2
				Percent			
Stocks-to-use ratio	19.4	16.1	14.6	21.1	21.2	18.6	13.3
				$/cwt			
Average farm price 5/	14.50	15.10	16.30	13.40	12.20	10.40	12.10 to 12.90
				Percent			
Average milling rate	69.93	70.00	71.00	70.50	70.00	70.00	70.00

N/A = not available. 1/ August-July market year; rough equivalent. 2/ Projected. 3/ Residual includes unreported use, processing losses, and estimating errors. 4/ Rough-rice equivalent. 5/ Market-year weighted average.
Source: *World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates,* USDA, World Agricultural Outlook Board.
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Table 2--U.S. rice supply and use, by class 1/

Item	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18 2/
LONG GRAIN:						
			Million acres			
Planted	1.994	1.781	2.211	1.879	2.442	1.811
Harvested	1.979	1.767	2.196	1.848	2.403	1.748
			Pounds per harvested acre			
Yield	7,291	7,464	7,407	7,219	6,927	7,314
			Million cwt			
Beginning stocks	24.3	21.9	16.2	26.5	22.7	31.0
Production	144.3	131.9	162.7	133.4	166.5	127.9
Imports	18.7	20.5	21.8	20.9	20.3	21.5
Total supply	187.3	174.2	200.6	180.7	209.4	180.4
Domestic use 3/	89.6	96.1	105.6	82.1	99.7	93.0
Exports	75.8	61.9	68.5	75.9	78.7	71.0
Total use	165.4	158.0	174.2	158.0	178.4	164.0
Ending stocks	21.9	16.2	26.5	22.7	31.0	16.4
			Percent			
Stocks-to-use ratio	13.2	10.3	15.2	14.4	17.4	10.0
			$/cwt			
Average farm price 4/	14.50	15.40	11.90	11.20	9.61	11.30 to 12.10
MEDIUM/SHORT GRAIN:			Million acres			
Planted	0.706	0.709	0.743	0.746	0.708	0.652
Harvested	0.700	0.702	0.737	0.737	0.694	0.626
			Pounds per harvested acre			
Yield	7,951	8,270	8,080	8,107	8,311	8,048
			Million cwt			
Beginning stocks	14.7	12.2	13.3	20.2	20.9	11.5
Production	55.7	58.1	59.6	59.7	57.7	50.4
Imports	2.3	2.6	2.9	3.3	3.2	3.4
Total supply 5/	72.5	72.9	76.1	82.2	81.8	65.3
Domestic use 3/	29.4	28.2	28.3	30.3	31.7	27.0
Exports	30.8	31.4	27.7	31.0	37.9	29.0
Total use	60.3	59.6	56.0	61.3	69.6	56.0
Ending stocks	12.2	13.3	20.2	20.9	11.5	9.3
			Percent			
Stocks-to-use ratio	20.3	22.4	36.0	34.1	16.5	16.6
			$/cwt			
Average farm price						
U.S. average 4/ 6/	17.40	19.20	18.30	15.30	13.10	14.60 to 15.40
California 6/ 7/	18.40	20.70	21.60	18.10	14.10	15.50 to 16.50
Other States 4/	14.70	15.70	14.40	11.20	10.10	11.50 to 12.30
Ending stocks difference 1/	2.3	2.3	1.9	2.9	3.5	N/A

-- = Not available. 1/ Stock totals by type omit brokens, which are included in total stocks for all types of rice in table 1. 2/ Projected.
3/ Includes residual. 4/ Market year begins August 1. 5/ Accounts for the difference in beginning and ending stocks of brokens.
Thus, total supply of medium/short-grain may not equal the sum of beginning stocks, production, and imports.
6/ The medium/short-grain season-average farm price (SAFP) largely reflects rice that is marketed through
price pools in California. The pool price is not final until all the rice in the pool is marketed for the crop year.
Therefore, SAFP forecasts based on the average of NASS monthly prices and the final price may differ.
7/ Market year begins October 1.
Source: *World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates, USDA,* World Agricultural Outlook Board.
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Table 3--U.S. monthly average farm prices and marketings

Month	2017/18 $/cwt	2017/18 1,000 cwt	2016/17 $/cwt	2016/17 1,000 cwt	2015/16 $/cwt	2015/16 1,000 cwt
August	11.30	10,242	11.70	8,327	12.00	11,079
September	11.60	10,418	10.60	10,006	11.90	12,368
October	11.90	14,075	10.40	15,659	12.10	16,336
November	12.80	14,073	10.50	15,632	12.40	13,433
December	12.30	15,622	10.50	18,014	12.80	14,754
January			10.90	19,681	13.30	17,810
February			10.10	16,073	12.10	14,857
March			10.10	18,776	11.80	13,562
April			10.10	18,353	11.50	13,889
May			10.20	16,874	11.70	13,754
June			10.20	15,444	11.70	12,159
July			10.80	14,096	12.10	13,103
Average price to date	12.05 1/					
Season-average farm price	12.10-12.90		10.40		12.20	
Average marketings		12,886		15,578		13,925
Total volume marketed		64,430		186,935		167,104

1/ Weighted average.

Source: Monthly cash price and marketings, *Agricultural Prices, USDA,* National Agricultural Statistics Service.

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Table 4 -- U.S. monthly average farm prices and marketings by class

	Long-grain				Medium- and short-grain			
	2017/18		2016/17		2017/18		2016/17	
Month	$/cwt	1,000 cwt	$/cwt	1,000 cwt	$/cwt	1,000 cwt	$/cwt	1,000 cwt
August	10.60	8,457	10.60	6,240	14.90	1,785	14.70	2,087
September	11.20	8,451	9.95	7,590	13.80	1,967	12.70	2,416
October	11.20	10,036	9.65	11,847	13.70	4,039	12.70	3,812
November	11.40	9,317	9.62	11,798	15.50	4,756	13.30	3,834
December	11.60	11,355	9.69	13,484	14.20	4,267	12.90	4,530
January			9.66	13,063			13.30	6,618
February			9.41	12,831			12.60	3,242
March			9.41	14,494			12.40	4,282
April			9.20	14,382			13.20	3,971
May			9.38	13,276			13.40	3,598
June			9.54	12,720			13.40	2,724
July			10.00	11,107			13.70	2,989
Average to date 1/	11.23				14.48			
Season-average farm price	11.30-12.10		9.61		14.60-15.40 2/		13.10	
Average marketings		9,523		11,903		3,363		3,675
Total volume marketed		47,616		142,832		16,814		44,103

Market year August-July. 1/ Weighted average.
2/ The medium/short-grain season-average farm price (SAFP) largely reflects rice that is marketed through price pools in California. The pool price is not final until all the rice in the pool is marketed for the crop year.
Therefore, SAFP forecasts based on the average of NASS monthly prices and the final price may differ.
Source: Monthly cash price and marketings, *Agricultural Prices,* USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service.
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Table 5--U.S. medium- and short-grain monthly rough-rice cash prices by region 1/

Month	California 2017/18	California 2016/17	Month	Other States 2/ 2017/18	Other States 2/ 2016/17
	$/cwt			$/cwt	
October	15.20	14.00	August	11.00	10.00
November	16.50	14.10	September	11.20	9.52
December	15.20	13.90	October	11.30	10.40
January		14.00	November	11.60	9.41
February		13.90	December	11.80	10.50
March		13.10	January		10.30
April		14.00	February		9.93
May		14.10	March		10.20
June		14.30	April		10.10
July		14.50	May		10.10
August		15.50	June		10.40
September		15.10	July		10.70
Simple average to date	15.63			11.38	
Market-year average	15.50-16.50 3/	14.10		11.50-12.30 3/	10.10

---- Not reported. 1/ The California market year begins October 1; the Other States' market year begins August 1.
2/ The remaining U.S. rice growing States are Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, and Texas.
3/ Season-average price forecast.

Source: *Quick Stats, USDA,* National Agricultural Statistics Service, http://www.nass.usda.gov/Quick_Stats/.
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Table 6--USDA-calculated world market rice prices (rough basis) 1/

Month	2017/18		2016/17		2015/16	
	Long-grain	Medium/ short-grain	Long-grain	Medium/ short-grain	Long-grain	Medium/ short-grain
			$/cwt			
August	9.61	9.96	9.27	9.48	9.31	9.56
September	9.72	10.07	8.66	8.86	9.21	9.46
October	9.73	10.08	8.43	8.62	9.42	9.68
November	9.75	10.10	8.39	8.58	9.53	9.79
December	9.86	10.22	8.46	8.65	9.42	9.68
January	10.39	10.77	8.55	8.74	9.18	9.43
February 2/	10.66	11.01	8.59	9.01	9.33	9.40
March			8.60	9.02	9.22	9.30
April			8.65	9.07	9.40	9.48
May			9.08	9.54	9.61	9.70
June			9.98	10.48	9.88	9.97
July			9.99	10.50	10.03	10.13
Market-year average 1/	9.96	10.32	8.89	9.21	9.46	9.63

1/ Simple average of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's weekly adjusted world market price. 2/ Preliminary.
Source: USDA, Farm Service Agency, Economic and Policy Analysis, Rice Reports,
http://www.fsa.usda.gov/programs-and-services/economic-and-policy-analysis/food-grains-analysis/rice-reports/index
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Table 7--U.S. rice imports 1/

Country or region	2009/10 market year	2010/11 market year	2011/12 market year	2012/13 market year	2013/14 market year	2014/15 market year	2015/16 market year	2016/17 market year	2016/17 through December 3/	2017/18 through December 3/
				1,000 tons						
ASIA	563.9	529.8	541.5	624.8	647.1	703.1	676.8	692.8	280.7	314.4
China	3.8	3.1	3.6	2.7	3.2	4.8	3.9	4.0	1.2	3.5
India	94.8	96.5	110.5	129.3	138.8	128.7	166.6	150.0	59.0	74.8
Pakistan	19.4	17.3	15.2	17.7	26.6	25.2	27.6	21.0	7.7	7.5
Thailand	401.0	393.5	387.6	393.8	428.6	472.2	437.3	482.3	194.4	212.3
Vietnam	41.6	15.9	21.7	77.8	45.4	67.5	35.6	29.0	16.0	8.3
Other	3.4	3.6	2.8	3.6	4.5	4.9	5.7	6.5	2.5	8.1
EUROPE & FORMER SOVIET UNION	9.4	12.5	14.3	12.0	12.0	14.5	16.3	17.7	7.3	6.2
Italy	6.2	7.5	5.2	7.5	8.2	9.0	9.5	11.7	4.4	4.6
Spain	1.6	3.8	4.7	2.3	1.2	1.8	2.1	1.7	0.8	1.1
Russia	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0
United Kingdom	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.5	2.3	3.2	2.8	1.4	0.2
Other	1.5	1.2	4.3	2.1	2.0	1.4	1.5	1.4	0.6	0.3
WESTERN HEMISPHERE	30.4	42.7	64.5	35.9	41.0	47.1	76.6	36.3	16.2	25.1
Argentina	2.5	2.7	3.4	5.5	4.0	5.4	5.9	4.9	2.3	2.0
Brazil	3.5	6.3	30.5	5.0	14.4	16.5	51.8	15.2	7.3	15.8
Canada	15.4	17.1	16.3	12.1	13.8	11.5	10.5	11.8	4.6	6.1
Mexico	6.1	1.3	1.1	1.0	1.2	1.2	2.0	2.0	0.7	0.7
Uruguay	2.9	15.4	13.2	12.3	5.3	6.2	3.2	0.9	0.3	0.4
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	2.3	6.3	3.2	1.5	0.8	0.1
OTHER	5.5	3.5	1.0	1.9	40.3	24.7	3.0	3.7	0.8	1.0
Egypt	0.6	0.0	0.0	0.6	0.0	0.1	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0
United Arab Emirates	4.4	3.0	0.5	0.4	1.0	0.9	0.6	2.5	0.4	0.5
Australia	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	37.4	23.1	1.0	0.6	0.2	0.3
Other	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.4	1.9	0.6	0.0	0.6	0.2	0.2
TOTAL	609.2	588.6	621.2	674.6	740.4	789.4	772.7	750.5	304.9	346.7

1/ Total August-July imports reported by the U.S. Census Bureau. 2/ Through August only.
All data are reported on a product-weight basis. Categories may not sum to total due to rounding.
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Department of Commerce.
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Table 8--U.S. commercial rice exports

Country or region	2009/10 market year 1/	2010/11 market year 1/	2011/12 market year 1/	2012/13 market year 1/	2013/14 market year 1/	2014/15 market year 1/	2015/16 market year 1/	2016/17 market year 1/	2017/18 through Feb. 1 2018 2/	2016/17 through Feb. 2, 2017 2/
	1,000 tons									
EUROPE & FSU	98.3	101.7	61.3	41.7	38.1	30.2	22.2	14.0	9.9	10.5
European Union	88.6	90.3	52.2	37.7	30.6	26.8	18.6	11.0	8.1	7.7
Other Europe	2.6	5.3	5.5	1.1	2.9	2.3	2.5	2.0	1.3	2.3
Former Soviet Union (FSU)	7.1	6.1	3.6	2.9	4.6	1.1	1.1	1.0	0.5	0.5
NORTHEAST ASIA	571.3	473.6	592.3	561.4	474.6	464.1	608.3	690.3	406.6	533.2
Hong Kong	1.1	0.6	2.6	6.2	6.2	0.3	1.1	13.2	8.0	7.5
Japan	388.9	355.3	375.5	347.6	364.2	307.7	429.6	428.8	279.6	344.4
South Korea	79.4	100.6	148.6	145.1	72.1	123.5	132.6	220.8	88.0	155.6
Taiwan	101.9	17.1	65.6	62.5	32.1	32.6	45.0	27.5	31.0	25.7
OTHER ASIA, OCEANIA, & THE MIDDLE EAST	751.5	641.8	499.9	463.6	605.8	468.7	487.2	468.4	224.9	280.4
Australia	26.2	15.8	10.0	9.1	10.4	6.5	5.5	5.4	2.5	2.8
Iran	0.0	0.0	4.9	125.7	0.0	0.0	61.4	0.0	0.0	0.0
Iraq	135.1	114.0	0.0	0.0	132.5	123.5	155.4	31.6	92.0	0.1
Israel	45.7	33.3	22.4	16.9	19.2	9.3	13.7	15.2	6.2	10.3
Jordan	66.4	83.0	93.2	71.2	88.7	71.9	82.2	98.5	58.3	77.6
Micronesia	5.2	6.0	6.2	5.5	2.0	2.0	1.1	1.7	0.1	1.0
New Zealand	8.3	6.5	3.0	3.0	3.8	2.1	2.4	3.1	2.0	1.7
Papua New Guinea	37.9	9.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	12.4	20.9	2.0	0.0	2.0
Saudi Arabia	108.5	118.0	107.1	122.8	90.9	111.7	97.0	141.0	55.0	86.1
Singapore	3.0	5.3	5.8	6.6	7.5	3.8	3.3	4.5	1.9	2.6
Syria	15.9	13.6	21.9	0.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Turkey	267.0	200.3	189.8	75.4	219.5	106.9	22.4	130.0	0.6	74.9
Rest of Asia, Oceania, and Middle East	32.3	36.6	35.6	27.4	30.3	18.6	21.9	35.4	6.3	21.3
AFRICA	117.4	432.4	179.6	249.1	110.8	128.0	91.4	147.9	13.6	66.9
Algeria	6.9	1.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.0	0.0	0.0
Ghana	43.7	100.2	94.0	112.1	41.7	29.8	0.0	4.2	6.3	3.1
Guinea-Conakry	4.8	5.0	11.0	4.4	3.6	4.1	3.1	3.4	0.1	2.6
Liberia	8.4	38.5	26.7	15.5	6.3	0.5	1.8	4.4	6.6	0.2
Libya	1.1	152.9	24.8	89.5	47.8	93.2	86.2	85.1	0.4	56.4
Nigeria	36.6	52.1	6.1	18.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Senegal	0.0	49.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
South Africa	0.5	1.1	0.5	0.9	0.8	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1
Togo	0.0	23.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other Africa	15.4	7.0	16.5	8.3	10.6	0.4	0.1	47.6	0.0	4.5
WESTERN HEMISPHERE	2,142.9	2,058.3	1,785.0	2,110.9	1,811.2	2,176.0	2,150.6	2,198.1	1,191.8	1,238.7
Bahamas	6.1	6.3	6.3	6.3	6.0	6.1	4.9	4.0	2.3	2.1
Brazil	15.4	20.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Canada	166.8	148.6	147.7	145.8	138.6	139.3	151.1	125.1	72.1	79.0
Colombia	0.2	0.2	0.1	150.1	138.9	285.3	159.2	104.5	52.3	33.8
Costa Rica	124.8	69.7	58.1	75.3	63.1	91.3	79.4	58.8	39.1	30.6
Dominican Republic	25.2	7.0	8.9	1.7	7.9	6.5	15.0	36.6	15.6	9.1
El Salvador	78.5	77.0	76.5	83.8	70.1	76.4	89.6	67.4	46.3	34.6
Guatemala	72.6	69.4	81.4	77.6	81.5	75.3	113.1	118.6	72.7	72.1
Haiti	226.5	248.9	233.4	342.0	323.9	362.1	403.0	423.7	251.0	248.4
Honduras	119.3	136.8	140.0	122.4	142.4	132.0	151.8	152.2	107.9	0.4
Jamaica	20.2	25.5	11.6	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	0.0	0.2	0.4
Leeward & Windward Islands	8.3	9.4	10.2	2.9	1.6	0.5	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.5
Mexico	775.1	848.5	803.7	749.5	690.7	716.7	618.7	709.3	368.1	353.0
Netherlands Antilles	5.2	4.8	4.7	4.7	4.6	4.3	4.1	2.9	1.0	1.3
Nicaragua	147.0	142.2	40.6	39.9	10.3	2.0	0.0	6.1	0.0	2.5
Panama	104.0	88.2	59.7	39.3	24.1	45.8	67.8	65.5	36.4	53.7
Venezuela	241.8	149.6	94.1	262.5	98.9	223.9	287.7	318.9	125.8	210.0
Other Western Hemisphere	5.9	6.2	7.9	5.8	7.3	7.2	3.3	3.8	0.4	107.2
UNKNOWN	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	21.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	98.4
TOTAL	3,681.4	3,707.7	3,118.0	3,426.7	3,040.7	3,267.0	3,359.6	3,519.6	1,853.8	2,228.1

1/ Total August-July marketing year commercial shipments. 2/ Total commercial shipments and outstanding sales.
Source: *U.S. Export Sales* , USDA, Foreign Agricultural Service.
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Table 9--U.S., Thailand, and Vietnam price quotes

Month or market-year 1/	United States: Southern long-grain milled 2/	United States: Southern long-grain rough 3/	United States: California medium-grain milled 4/	Thailand 5/: 100% Grade B	Thailand 5/: 5% Parboiled	Thailand 5/: 15% Brokens	Thailand 5/: A.1 6/ Super	Vietnam 7/: 5% Brokens
	$ / metric ton							
2010/11	525	300	813	518	522	481	415	471
2011/12	560	339	703	592	587	571	521	477
2012/13	615	372	703	565	568	528	515	410
Aug. 2013	609	386	690	493	507	430	428	391
Sep. 2013	608	385	660	461	462	418	416	363
Oct. 2013	601	380	631	445	450	399	391	395
Nov. 2013	591	380	625	433	449	395	385	403
Dec. 2013	595	380	625	428	449	394	370	427
Jan. 2014	590	380	625	418	442	360	310	404
Feb. 2014	579	380	NQ	423	447	370	313	398
Mar. 2014	584	380	1,100	416	431	377	314	388
Apr. 2014	584	380	1,075	401	409	373	306	385
May 2014	584	380	1,075	399	403	368	303	403
June 2014	577	380	1,075	405	416	372	321	406
July 2014	557	365	1,039	421	429	NQ	333	431
2013/14	588	380	838	428	441	386	349	399
Aug. 2014	553	329	1030	447	441	NQ	339	454
Sep. 2014	540	325	1010	449	437	NQ	336	450
Oct. 2014	530	320	940	446	432	NQ	330	440
Nov. 2014	530	308	940	434	419	NQ	332	420
Dec. 2014	520	303	932	424	411	403	326	392
Jan. 2015	507	284	913	423	410	403	326	374
Feb. 2015	481	263	888	421	410	400	326	355
Mar. 2015	485	260	870	413	400	387	327	367
Apr. 2015	485	250	863	408	392	377	327	358
May 2015	474	229	850	393	382	371	323	355
June 2015	461	222	850	383	371	372	322	353
July 2015	474	240	850	396	390	376	324	350
2014/15	503	278	911	420	408	385	328	389
Aug. 2015	511	278	839	382	374	358	324	340
Sep. 2015	565	311	835	366	356	341	318	329
Oct. 2015	576	313	835	373	362	355	NQ	364
Nov. 2015	549	295	825	371	358	350	NQ	376
Dec. 2015	517	280	802	365	354	342	NQ	377
Jan. 2016	498	283	790	371	360	350	NQ	359
Feb. 2016	509	275	790	381	372	362	NQ	354
Mar. 2016	508	263	790	379	371	362	NQ	381
Apr. 2016	509	263	719	385	376	371	NQ	374
May 2016	510	281	685	410	410	388	NQ	376
June 2016	510	290	650	418	422	406	NQ	374
July 2016	498	279	650	431	455	410	NQ	366
2015/16	522	284	768	386	381	366	321	364
Aug. 2016	479	266	622	409	412	387	NQ	350
Sept. 2016	474	250	618	388	384	366	NQ	334
Oct. 2016	470	256	621	373	367	351	NQ	345
Nov. 2016	463	249	618	367	359	342	NQ	346
Dec. 2016	455	245	597	380	368	355	NQ	337
Jan. 2017	453	244	575	382	373	355	NQ	340
Feb. 2017	460	245	575	376	369	349	NQ	353
Mar. 2017	460	244	575	377	367	348	NQ	357
Apr. 2017	465	241	591	384	375	356	NQ	350
May 2017	485	244	603	414	405	384	NQ	360
June 2017	500	275	613	455	447	428	NQ	405
July 2017	514	284	725	424	418	394	NQ	409
2016/17 9/	474	254	611	394	387	368	NQ	357
August 2017	543	300	725	406	405	373	NQ	400
September 2017	548	305	748	413	414	380	NQ	389
October 2017	563	316	818	403	407	370	NQ	396
November 2017	565	315	848	404	405	374	NQ	403
December 2017	573	315	848	410	408	383	NQ	390
January 2018 8/	585	297	868	433	429	413	NQ	417
February 2018 9/	590	305	885	439	434	420	NQ	435
2017/18 9/	567	308	820	415	415	388	NQ	404

NQ = No quotes. NA = Not available. 1/ Simple average of weekly quotes.
Market year average prices are simple average of monthly prices.
2/ Number 2, 4-percent brokens, sacked, free on board vessel.. Prior to August 2015, free alongside vessel, U.S. Gulf Port.
Since August 2015, free on board vessel, U.S. Gulf port.
To convert to a free on board vessel price add $25 per ton. 3/ Bulk, free on board vessel, New Orleans, LA.
4/ New price series. Number 1, maximum 4-percent brokens, sacked, 25 kilogram, containerized, free on board, California mill.
5/ Nominal price quotes, long-grain, sacked, free on board vessel, Bangkok, Thailand.
6/ 100-percent brokens, new price series. 7/ Long-grain, double-water-polished, bagged,
free on board vessel, Ho Chi Minh City. 8/ Revised. Please note previous months' revisions in bold. 9/ Preliminary.
Sources: U.S. and Vietnam prices, *Creed Rice Market Report;* Thailand prices, *Weekly Rice Price Update,* U.S. Agricultural Office, Bangkok, Thailand (www.fas.usda.gov).
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Table 10--Global rice producers: annual production, monthly revisions, and annual changes 1/

Country	2015/16	2016/17 2/ January 2018	2016/17 2/ February 2018	2016/17 2/ Monthly revisions	2016/17 2/ Annual changes	2017/18 2/ January 2018	2017/18 2/ February 2018	2017/18 2/ Monthly revisions	2017/18 2/ Annual changes
	1,000 metric tons								
Afghanistan	398	346	346	0	-52	325	325	0	-21
Argentina	910	863	863	0	-47	812	806	-6	-57
Australia	197	586	586	0	389	576	576	0	-10
Bangladesh	34,500	34,578	34,578	0	78	33,000	32,650	-350	-1,928
Brazil	7,210	8,383	8,383	0	1,173	7,820	7,820	0	-563
Burma	12,160	12,650	12,650	0	490	12,950	12,950	0	300
Cambodia	4,847	4,950	4,950	0	103	5,000	5,000	0	50
China	145,770	144,953	144,953	0	-817	146,000	146,000	0	1,047
Colombia	1,400	1,718	1,718	0	318	1,580	1,580	0	-138
Cote d'Ivoire	1,399	1,335	1,335	0	-64	1,430	1,430	0	95
Cuba	272	335	335	0	63	370	370	0	35
Dominican Republic	536	477	477	0	-59	500	500	0	23
Ecuador	1,125	1,080	1,080	0	-45	882	882	0	-198
Egypt	4,000	4,800	4,800	0	800	4,300	4,300	0	-500
European Union	2,050	2,068	2,068	0	18	2,090	2,090	0	22
Ghana	443	519	519	0	76	519	519	0	0
Guinea	1,351	1,435	1,435	0	84	1,386	1,386	0	-49
Guyana	688	560	560	0	-128	603	603	0	43
India	104,408	110,150	110,150	0	5,742	107,500	107,500	0	-2,650
Indonesia	36,200	37,150	36,858	-292	658	37,000	37,000	0	142
Iran	1,782	1,782	1,782	0	0	1,782	1,782	0	0
Iraq	110	173	173	0	63	173	173	0	
Japan	7,670	7,780	7,780	0	110	7,600	7,600	0	-180
Korea, North	1,300	1,600	1,600	0	300	1,550	1,550	0	-50
Korea, South	4,327	4,197	4,197	0	-130	3,972	3,972	0	-225
Laos	1,925	1,950	1,950	0	25	2,000	2,000	0	50
Liberia	186	170	170	0	-16	170	170	0	0
Madagascar	2,382	2,442	2,442	0	60	2,048	2,048	0	-394
Malaysia	1,800	1,820	1,820	0	20	1,820	1,820	0	0
Mali	1,515	1,800	1,800	0	285	1,735	1,735	0	-65
Mexico	156	177	175	-2	19	185	188	3	13
Mozambique	232	213	213	0	-19	234	234	0	21
Nepal	2,863	3,224	3,224	0	361	3,250	3,250	0	26
Nigeria	3,528	3,654	3,654	0	126	3,654	3,654	0	0
Pakistan	6,800	6,850	6,850	0	50	7,200	7,200	0	350
Paraguay	450	502	502	0	52	643	643	0	141
Peru	2,174	2,185	2,185	0	11	2,446	2,446	0	261
Philippines	11,000	11,686	11,686	0	686	11,970	11,970	0	284
Russia	722	703	703	0	-19	640	640	0	-63
Sierra Leone	801	801	801	0	0	756	756	0	-45
Sri Lanka	3,294	1,997	1,997	0	-1,297	2,900	2,900	0	903
Taiwan	1,112	1,144	1,144	0	32	1,144	1,144	0	0
Tanzania	1,782	1,848	1,848	0	66	1,848	1,848	0	0
Thailand	15,800	19,200	19,200	0	3,400	20,400	20,400	0	1,200
Turkey	500	500	500	0	0	520	520	0	20
Uganda	150	150	150	0	0	150	150	0	0
United States	6,133	7,117	7,117	0	984	5,659	5,659	0	-1,458
Uruguay	930	987	987	0	57	872	872	0	-115
Venezuela	340	305	305	0	-35	290	265	-25	-40
Vietnam	27,584	27,400	27,400	0	-184	28,450	28,450	0	1,050
Subtotal	469,212	483,293	482,999	(294)	13,787	480,704	480,326	(378)	(2,673)
Others	3,751	3,785	3,784	-1	33	4,005	4,005	0	221
World total	472,963	487,078	486,783	-295	13,820	484,709	484,331	-378	-2,452

-- Not reported. 1/ Market year production on a milled basis. 2/ Projected.
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Table 11--Global rice exporters; calendar year exports, monthly revisions, and annual changes

Country	2016	2017 1/ January 2018	2017 1/ February 2018	2017 1/ Monthly revisions	2017 1/ Annual changes	2018 1/ January 2018	2018 1/ February 2018	2018 1/ Monthly revisions	2018 1/ Annual changes
	1,000 metric tons (milled basis)								
Argentina	527	500	392	-108	-135	430	430	0	38
Australia	165	180	180	0	15	325	325	0	145
Brazil	641	600	594	-6	-47	650	650	0	56
Burma	1,300	3,100	3,200	100	1,900	3,000	3,300	300	100
Cambodia	1,150	1,150	1,150	0	0	1,250	1,250	0	100
China	368	1,200	1,173	-27	805	1,500	1,600	100	427
Cote d'Ivoire	25	30	30	0	5	30	30	0	0
Egypt	200	100	100	0	-100	100	100	0	0
European Union	270	320	320	0	50	280	280	0	-40
Guinea	80	80	80	0	0	80	80	0	0
Guyana	431	440	440	0	9	460	460	0	20
India	10,040	12,000	12,300	300	2,260	12,000	12,500	500	200
Japan	50	55	55	0	5	60	60	0	5
Kazakhstan	41	50	50	0	9	60	60	0	10
Mexico	2	90	90	0		90	90	0	
Pakistan	4,100	3,600	3,600	0	-500	3,800	3,800	0	200
Paraguay	557	500	500	0	-57	520	520	0	20
Peru	50	40	40	0	-10	50	50	0	10
Russia	198	180	180	0	-18	160	160	0	-20
Senegal	10	10	10	0	0	10	10	0	0
South Africa	145	120	120	0	-25	120	120	0	0
Surinam	40	45	45	0	5	45	45	0	0
Tanzania	30	40	40	0	10	30	30	0	-10
Thailand	9,867	11,250	11,614	364	1,747	10,200	10,200	0	-1,414
Turkey	55	60	60	0	5	50	50	0	-10
Uganda	40	40	40	0	0	40	40	0	0
United States	3,373	3,400	3,384	-16	11	3,300	3,300	0	-84
Uruguay	996	1,000	1,000	0	4	810	810	0	-190
Venezuela	100	40	40	0	-60	30	30	0	-10
Vietnam	5,088	6,400	6,488	88	1,400	6,500	6,700	200	212
Subtotal	39,939	46,620	47,315	695	7,288	45,980	47,080	1,100	-235
Other	266	228	234	6	56	262	277	15	43
World total	40,205	46,848	47,549	701	7,344	46,242	47,357	1,115	-192
U.S. Share	8.4%	7.3%	7.1%	--	--	7.1%	7.0%	--	--

-- Not reported. Note: All trade data are reported on a calendar year basis.
1/ Projected.
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Table 12--Global rice importers; calendar year imports, monthly revisions, and annual changes

Country	2016	2017 1/ January 2018	2017 1/ February 2018	2017 1/ Monthly revisions	2017 1/ Annual changes	2018 1/ January 2018	2018 1/ February 2018	2018 1/ Monthly revisions	2018 1/ Annual changes
	1,000 tons (milled basis)								
Afghanistan	340	400	420	20	80	400	450	50	30
Australia	163	155	155	0	-8	155	155	0	0
Bangladesh	35	2,200	2,200	0	2,165	1,600	1,600	0	-600
Brazil	786	800	800	0	14	600	600	0	-200
Cameroon	500	550	550	0	50	575	575	0	25
Canada	356	350	350	0	-6	370	370	0	20
China	4,600	5,300	5,500	200	900	5,250	5,500	250	0
Colombia	300	110	110	0	-190	110	110	0	0
Costa Rica	164	200	200	0	36	170	170	0	-30
Cote d'Ivoire	1,300	1,350	1,350	0	50	1,500	1,500	0	150
Cuba	544	500	500	0	-44	540	540	0	40
Egypt	116	150	150	0	34	50	50	0	-100
European Union	1,816	1,875	1,875	0	59	1,900	1,900	0	25
Ghana	700	600	600	0	-100	600	600	0	0
Guinea	650	725	725	0	75	800	800	0	75
Haiti	431	540	540	0	109	540	540	0	0
Honduras	204	145	145	0	-59	150	150	0	5
Hong Kong	330	345	345	0	15	345	345	0	0
Indonesia	1,000	300	300	0	-700	300	800	500	500
Iran	1,100	1,600	1,600	0	500	1,300	1,300	0	-300
Iraq	930	1,050	1,070	20	140	1,100	1,100	0	30
Japan	685	685	685	0	0	685	685	0	0
Jordan	205	210	210	0	5	210	210	0	0
Korea, North	50	90	90	0	40	80	80	0	-10
Korea, South	313	400	412	12	99	410	410	0	-2
Liberia	200	370	370	0	170	400	400	0	30
Libya	200	250	250	0	50	250	250	0	0
Madagascar	220	400	400	0	180	500	500	0	100
Malaysia	823	1,000	1,000	0	177	900	900	0	-100
Mexico	731	870	870	0	139	850	850	0	-20
Mozambique	625	750	750	0	125	700	700	0	-50
Nicaragua	121	70	70	0	-51	75	75	0	5
Niger	300	310	310	0	10	320	320	0	10
Nigeria	2,100	2,500	2,500	0	400	2,600	2,600	0	100
Philippines	800	1,100	1,100	0	300	1,300	1,300	0	200
Russia	211	230	230	0	19	260	260	0	30
Saudi Arabia	1,300	1,400	1,400	0	100	1,450	1,450	0	50
Senegal	980	1,000	1,000	0	20	1,100	1,100	0	100
Sierra Leone	200	400	400	0	200	425	475	50	75
Singapore	319	300	300	0	-19	325	325	0	25
South Africa	954	1,000	1,000	0	46	950	950	0	-50
Sri Lanka	30	750	750	0	720	400	400	0	-350
Syria	150	140	140	0	-10	130	130	0	-10
Taiwan	119	126	126	0	7	126	126	0	0
Thailand	300	250	250	0	-50	250	250	0	0
Turkey	275	300	300	0	25	320	350	30	50
United Arab Emirates	670	750	750	0	80	825	825	0	75
United States	768	760	787	27	19	775	775	0	-12
Venezuela	400	350	350	0	-50	330	330	0	-20
Vietnam	300	500	500	0	200	400	400	0	-100
Yemen	350	390	390	0	40	410	410	0	20
Subtotal	31,064	36,896	37,175	279	6,111	36,111	36,991	880	-184
Other countries 2/	9,141	9,952	10,374	422	1,233	10,131	10,366	235	-8
World total	40,205	46,848	47,549	701	7,344	46,242	47,357	1,115	-192

Note: All trade data are reported on a calendar-year basis.
-- = Not reported. 1/ Projected. 2/ Includes unaccounted imports (imports not assigned a particular market).
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