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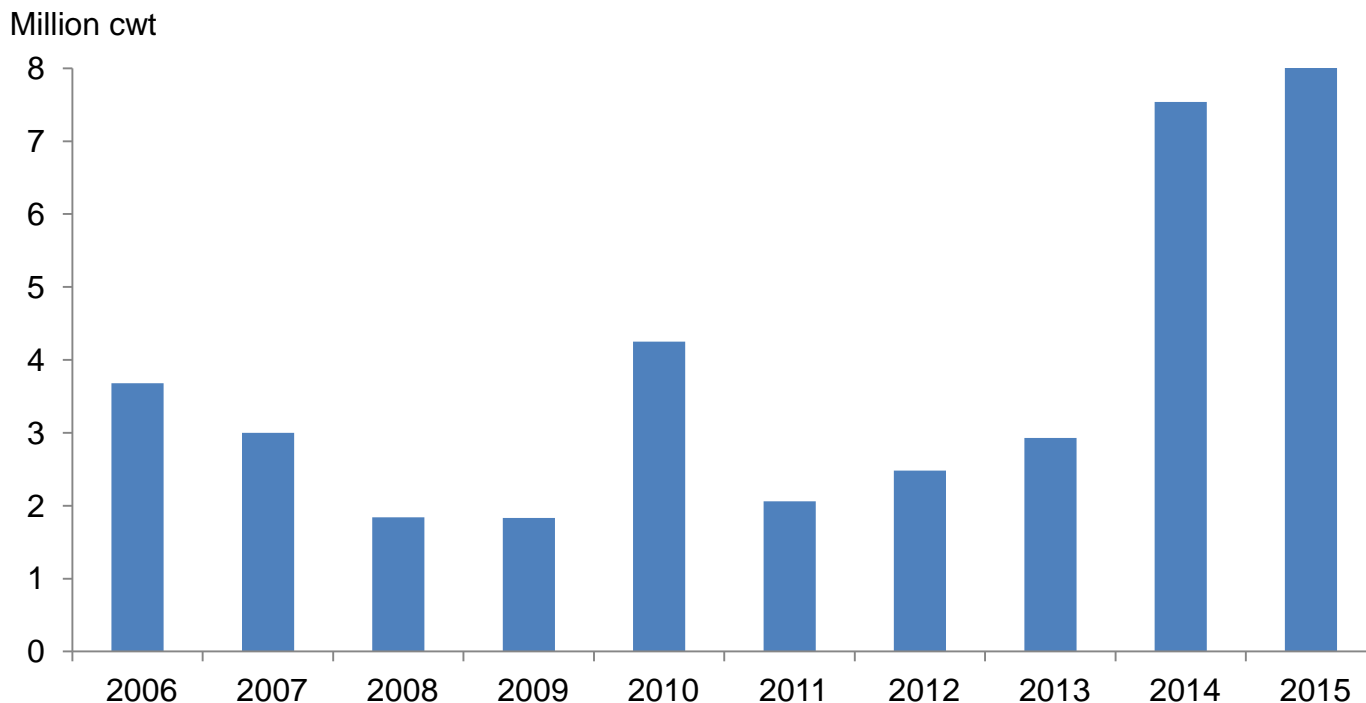
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California Rough Rice Stocks Up 10 Percent From October 2014

California **rough rice stocks** in all positions on October 1, 2015, totaled 8.31 million hundredweight (cwt), up 10 percent from the total on October 1, 2014 of 7.54 million cwt. California rough rice stocks were down 42 percent from the August 1, 2015 level. Medium grain varieties accounted for 95 percent of the total rough rice, while long and short varieties combined to account for 5 percent of the total rough rice stocks.

California **milled rice stocks** in all positions totaled 3.00 million cwt, up 91 percent from the August 1, 2015 level and 170 percent above a year ago.

Rough Rice Stocks in All Positions – California October 1, 2006 - 2015



Rice Stocks by Position and Month in Domestic Units – United States: 2014 and 2015

[Blank data cells indicate estimation period has not yet begun]

| Date | 2014 | | | 2015 | | |
|------------------------------|-------------|------------------------|---------------------|-------------|------------------------|---------------------|
| | On farms | Off farms ¹ | Total all positions | On farms | Off farms ¹ | Total all positions |
| | (1,000 cwt) | (1,000 cwt) | (1,000 cwt) | (1,000 cwt) | (1,000 cwt) | (1,000 cwt) |
| Rough rice | | | | | | |
| March 1 | 14,995 | 73,959 | 88,954 | 25,810 | 86,658 | 112,468 |
| June 1 | 4,830 | 45,521 | 50,351 | 10,227 | 61,113 | 71,340 |
| August 1 | 305 | 26,299 | 26,604 | 1,480 | 41,293 | 42,773 |
| October 1 ² | 15 | 7,523 | 7,538 | 70 | 8,238 | 8,308 |
| December 1 | 47,865 | 110,061 | 157,926 | | | |
| Milled rice | | | | | | |
| March 1 | (X) | 5,844 | 5,844 | (X) | 5,869 | 5,869 |
| June 1 | (X) | 5,870 | 5,870 | (X) | 6,772 | 6,772 |
| August 1 | (X) | 3,711 | 3,711 | (X) | 4,056 | 4,056 |
| October 1 ² | (X) | 1,113 | 1,113 | (X) | 3,003 | 3,003 |
| December 1 | (X) | 5,646 | 5,646 | | | |

(X) Not applicable.

¹ Includes stocks at mills, elevators, warehouses, ports, and in transit.

² California only.

Rice Stocks by Position and Month in Metric Units – United States: 2014 and 2015

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding. Blank data cells indicate estimation period has not yet begun]

| Date | 2014 | | | 2015 | | |
|------------------------------|---------------|------------------------|---------------------|---------------|------------------------|---------------------|
| | On farms | Off farms ¹ | Total all positions | On farms | Off farms ¹ | Total all positions |
| | (metric tons) | (metric tons) | (metric tons) | (metric tons) | (metric tons) | (metric tons) |
| Rough rice | | | | | | |
| March 1 | 680,160 | 3,354,720 | 4,034,890 | 1,170,720 | 3,930,740 | 5,101,460 |
| June 1 | 219,090 | 2,064,800 | 2,283,880 | 463,890 | 2,772,040 | 3,235,930 |
| August 1 | 13,830 | 1,192,900 | 1,206,740 | 67,130 | 1,873,020 | 1,940,150 |
| October 1 ² | 680 | 341,240 | 341,920 | 3,180 | 373,670 | 376,840 |
| December 1 | 2,171,120 | 4,992,280 | 7,163,400 | | | |
| Milled rice | | | | | | |
| March 1 | (X) | 265,080 | 265,080 | (X) | 266,210 | 266,210 |
| June 1 | (X) | 266,260 | 266,260 | (X) | 307,170 | 307,170 |
| August 1 | (X) | 168,330 | 168,330 | (X) | 183,980 | 183,980 |
| October 1 ² | (X) | 50,480 | 50,480 | (X) | 136,210 | 136,210 |
| December 1 | (X) | 256,100 | 256,100 | | | |

(X) Not applicable.

¹ Includes stocks at mills, elevators, warehouses, ports, and in transit.

² California only.

Rough Rice Stocks by Length of Grain in All Positions – California: October 1, 2014 and 2015

| State | Long | | Medium | | Short | | Total | |
|------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| | 2014 | 2015 | 2014 | 2015 | 2014 | 2015 | 2014 | 2015 |
| | (1,000 cwt) | (1,000 cwt) | (1,000 cwt) | (1,000 cwt) | (1,000 cwt) | (1,000 cwt) | (1,000 cwt) | (1,000 cwt) |
| California | (D) | (D) | 6,691 | 7,892 | (D) | (D) | 7,538 | 8,308 |

(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

Milled Rice Stocks by Length of Grain in All Positions – California: October 1, 2014 and 2015

| State | Whole kernels (head rice) | | | | | | | |
|------------------|---------------------------|-------------|-------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| | Long | | Medium | | Short | | Total | |
| | 2014 | 2015 | 2014 | 2015 | 2014 | 2015 | 2014 | 2015 |
| | (1,000 cwt) | (1,000 cwt) | (1,000 cwt) | (1,000 cwt) | (1,000 cwt) | (1,000 cwt) | (1,000 cwt) | (1,000 cwt) |
| California | (D) | (D) | 603 | 1,430 | (D) | (D) | 651 | 1,463 |
| State | Broken kernels | | | | | | | |
| | Second heads | | Screenings ¹ | | Brewers | | Total | |
| | 2014 | 2015 | 2014 | 2015 | 2014 | 2015 | 2014 | 2015 |
| | (1,000 cwt) | (1,000 cwt) | (1,000 cwt) | (1,000 cwt) | (1,000 cwt) | (1,000 cwt) | (1,000 cwt) | (1,000 cwt) |
| California | (D) | (D) | - | - | (D) | (D) | 462 | 1,540 |

- Represents zero.

(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

¹ Screenings included with second heads.

Rice Stocks by Position – States and United States: August 1, 2014 and 2015

| State | 2014 | | | 2015 | | |
|--------------------------------|-------------|------------------------|---------------------|-------------|------------------------|---------------------|
| | On farms | Off farms ¹ | Total all positions | On farms | Off farms ¹ | Total all positions |
| | (1,000 cwt) | (1,000 cwt) | (1,000 cwt) | (1,000 cwt) | (1,000 cwt) | (1,000 cwt) |
| Rough rice | | | | | | |
| Arkansas | 80 | 10,397 | 10,477 | 940 | 21,268 | 22,208 |
| California | 100 | 10,897 | 10,997 | 190 | 14,067 | 14,257 |
| Louisiana | 60 | 1,120 | 1,180 | 120 | 2,259 | 2,379 |
| Mississippi | (D) | (D) | 683 | (D) | (D) | 420 |
| Missouri | (D) | (D) | 806 | (D) | (D) | 1,506 |
| Texas | (D) | (D) | 2,461 | (D) | (D) | 2,003 |
| Unallocated ² | 65 | 3,885 | - | 230 | 3,699 | - |
| United States | 305 | 26,299 | 26,604 | 1,480 | 41,293 | 42,773 |
| Milled rice | | | | | | |
| Arkansas | (X) | 1,379 | 1,379 | (X) | 1,454 | 1,454 |
| California | (X) | 1,420 | 1,420 | (X) | 1,575 | 1,575 |
| Louisiana | (X) | (D) | (D) | (X) | (D) | (D) |
| Mississippi | (X) | (D) | (D) | (X) | (D) | (D) |
| Missouri | (X) | (D) | (D) | (X) | (D) | (D) |
| Texas | (X) | 505 | 505 | (X) | 696 | 696 |
| Unallocated ² | (X) | 407 | 407 | (X) | 331 | 331 |
| United States | (X) | 3,711 | 3,711 | (X) | 4,056 | 4,056 |

- Represents zero.

(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

(X) Not applicable.

¹ Includes stocks at mills, elevators, warehouses, ports, and in transit.

² Unallocated includes State data withheld to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

**Rough Rice Stocks by Length of Grain in All Positions – States and United States:
August 1, 2014 and 2015**

| State | Long | | Medium | | Short | | Total | |
|---------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| | 2014 | 2015 | 2014 | 2015 | 2014 | 2015 | 2014 | 2015 |
| | (1,000 cwt) | (1,000 cwt) | (1,000 cwt) | (1,000 cwt) | (1,000 cwt) | (1,000 cwt) | (1,000 cwt) | (1,000 cwt) |
| California | (D) | (D) | 9,833 | 13,431 | (D) | (D) | 10,997 | 14,257 |
| Other States ¹ | (D) | (D) | 1,798 | 4,738 | (D) | (D) | 15,607 | 28,516 |
| United States | 14,010 | 23,917 | 11,631 | 18,169 | 963 | 687 | 26,604 | 42,773 |

(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

¹ Other States include Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, and Texas.

**Milled Rice Stocks by Length of Grain in All Positions – States and United States:
August 1, 2014 and 2015**

| State | Whole kernels (head rice) | | | | | | | |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------|-------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| | Long | | Medium | | Short | | Total | |
| | 2014 | 2015 | 2014 | 2015 | 2014 | 2015 | 2014 | 2015 |
| | (1,000 cwt) | (1,000 cwt) | (1,000 cwt) | (1,000 cwt) | (1,000 cwt) | (1,000 cwt) | (1,000 cwt) | (1,000 cwt) |
| California | (D) | (D) | (D) | (D) | (D) | (D) | 436 | 822 |
| Other States ¹ | (D) | (D) | (D) | (D) | (D) | (D) | 1,639 | 1,885 |
| United States | 1,556 | 1,792 | 472 | 878 | 47 | 37 | 2,075 | 2,707 |
| State | Broken kernels | | | | | | | |
| | Second heads | | Screenings ² | | Brewers | | Total | |
| | 2014 | 2015 | 2014 | 2015 | 2014 | 2015 | 2014 | 2015 |
| | (1,000 cwt) | (1,000 cwt) | (1,000 cwt) | (1,000 cwt) | (1,000 cwt) | (1,000 cwt) | (1,000 cwt) | (1,000 cwt) |
| California | (D) | (D) | - | - | (D) | (D) | 984 | 753 |
| Other States ¹ | (D) | (D) | 92 | 88 | (D) | (D) | 652 | 596 |
| United States | 797 | 1,120 | 92 | 88 | 747 | 141 | 1,636 | 1,349 |

- Represents zero.

(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

¹ Other States include Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, and Texas.

² Screenings included with second heads in California.

Statistical Methodology

Survey Procedures: The rice stocks estimates in this report are based on surveys conducted during the first two weeks of October. Separate surveys were conducted to obtain the on-farm and off-farm estimates. The on-farm stocks survey is a probability survey based on a sampling procedure that ensures all operations storing rice in the United States have a chance to be selected. These producers were asked to provide the total quantities of grain stored on their operations as of October 1, 2015 regardless of ownership. Off-farm stocks are a census of all known rice storage facilities. An effort is made to obtain reports from all off-farm facilities. Estimates are made for missing facilities to assure complete coverage.

Estimating Procedures: On-farm and off-farm survey data are reviewed at the State and National levels for reasonableness, consistency with historical estimates, and current crop size. After estimates are made for on-farm and off-farm rice stocks, the total of these two are combined and evaluated using the balance sheet approach. This method utilizes other sources of data to check the reasonableness of the stocks estimates. Estimates of production, exports, and millings are reviewed to make sure beginning stocks, production, utilization, and ending stocks are within reasonable balance and present the best possible estimate of stocks.

Revision Policy: On-farm and off-farm stocks are subject to revision in the quarter following initial publication and again in the following December 1 *Rice Stocks* report published in January each year. Revisions can be made when late reports are received, errors are detected in reporting and calculating, and when production estimates are revised. Estimates will also be reviewed after data from the 5-year Census of Agriculture are available. No revisions to these years will be made after that date.

Reliability: Reliability of the on-farm and off-farm stocks must be treated separately because the survey designs for the two surveys are drastically different. The on-farm stocks estimates are subject to sampling variability because all operations holding on-farm stocks are not included in the sample.

Survey indications are also subject to non-sampling errors such as omission, duplication, imputation for missing data, and mistakes in reporting, recording, and processing the data. Off-farm, as well as on-farm stocks, are subject to these types of errors. These errors cannot be measured directly, but they are minimized through rigid quality controls in the data collection process and a careful review of all reported data for consistency and reasonableness.

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