Rice Stocks

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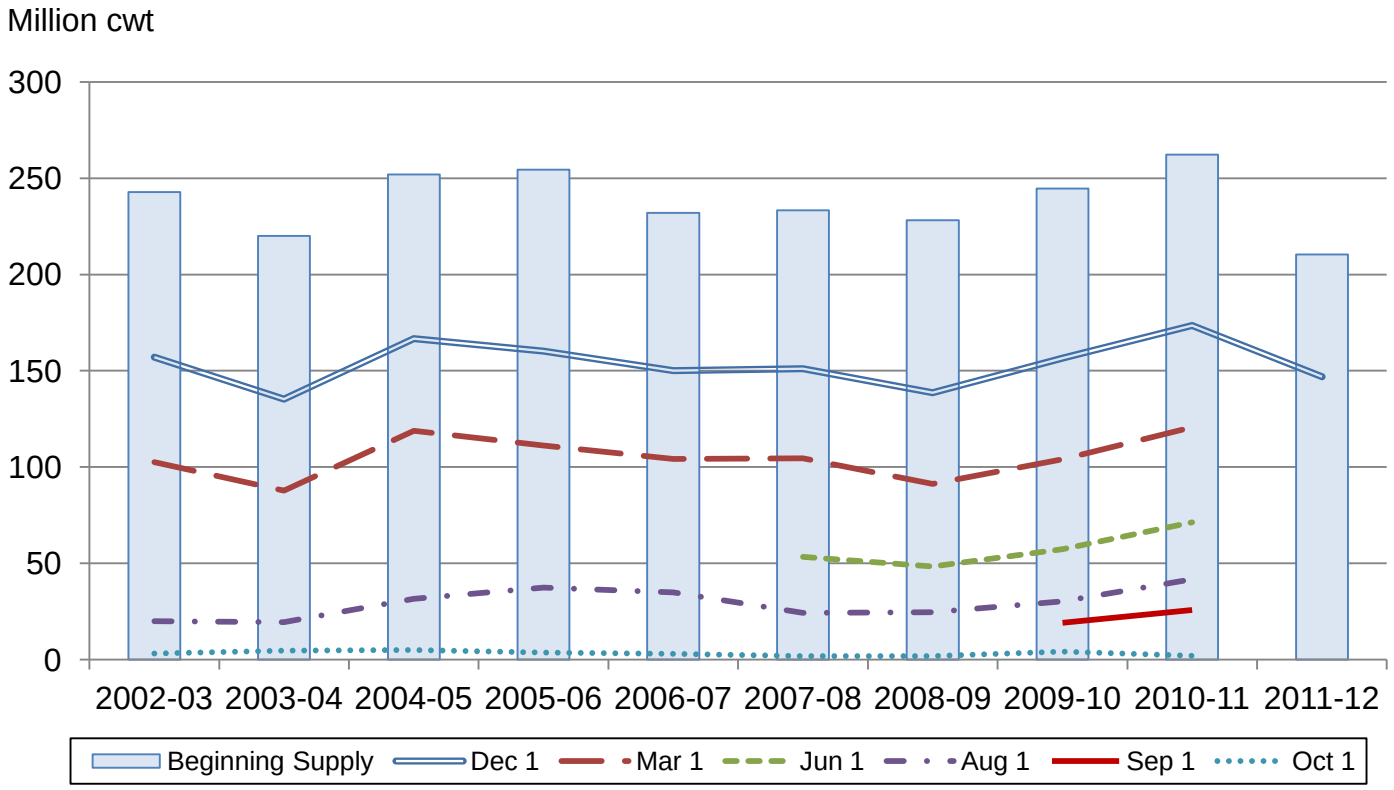
Rough Rice Stocks Down 15 Percent from December 2010

Rough rice stocks in all positions on December 1, 2011, totaled 147 million hundredweight (cwt), down 15 percent from the total on December 1, 2010. Stocks held on farms totaled 41.2 million cwt, and off-farm stocks totaled 106 million cwt. Long grain varieties accounted for 63 percent of the total rough rice, medium grain accounted for 35 percent, and short grain varieties accounted for 2 percent.

Milled rice stocks in all positions totaled 6.24 million cwt, down 1 percent from a year ago. Milled rice stocks were comprised of 4.30 million cwt of whole kernel rice and 1.94 million cwt of second heads, screenings, and brewers rice.

Rough Rice Stocks – United States



Rice Stocks by Position and Month – United States: 2010 and 2011 (Domestic Units)

Date	2010			2011		
	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	23,465	80,516	103,981	33,895	86,720	120,615
June 1	6,310	51,098	57,408	13,227	58,146	71,373
August 1	1,200	29,176	30,376	3,772	37,917	41,689
September 1	788	18,316	19,104	2,242	23,613	25,855
October 1 [2]	25	4,226	4,251	15	2,048	2,063
December 1	63,617	109,869	173,486	41,180	105,689	146,869
Milled rice						
March 1	(X)	4,895	4,895	(X)	6,275	6,275
June 1	(X)	4,520	4,520	(X)	5,968	5,968
August 1	(X)	4,380	4,380	(X)	4,667	4,667
September 1	(X)	4,026	4,026	(X)	3,998	3,998
October 1 [2]	(X)	1,149	1,149	(X)	1,337	1,337
December 1	(X)	6,302	6,302	(X)	6,243	6,243

(X) Not applicable.
[1] Includes stocks at mills, elevators, warehouses, ports, and in transit.
[2] California only.

Rice Stocks by Position and Month – United States: 2010 and 2011 (Metric Units)

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

Date	2010			2011		
	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	1,064,350	3,652,140	4,716,500	1,537,450	3,933,550	5,471,000
June 1	286,220	2,317,770	2,603,980	599,970	2,637,460	3,237,430
August 1	54,430	1,323,400	1,377,830	171,100	1,719,890	1,890,980
September 1	35,740	830,800	866,540	101,700	1,071,070	1,172,760
October 1 [2]	1,130	191,690	192,820	680	92,900	93,580
December 1	2,885,620	4,983,570	7,869,190	1,867,890	4,793,970	6,661,870
Milled rice						
March 1	(X)	222,030	222,030	(X)	284,630	284,630
June 1	(X)	205,020	205,020	(X)	270,700	270,700
August 1	(X)	198,670	198,670	(X)	211,690	211,690
September 1	(X)	182,620	182,620	(X)	181,350	181,350
October 1 [2]	(X)	52,120	52,120	(X)	60,650	60,650
December 1	(X)	285,850	285,850	(X)	283,180	283,180

(X) Not applicable.
[1] Includes stocks at mills, elevators, warehouses, ports, and in transit.
[2] California only.

Rice Stocks by Position – States and United States: December 1, 2010 and 2011

State	2010			2011		
	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	34,400	52,476	86,876	21,300	45,492	66,792
California	2,815	36,048	38,863	2,920	36,847	39,767
Louisiana	10,500	9,134	19,634	8,100	9,538	17,638
Mississippi	7,000	2,026	9,026	(D)	(D)	6,512
Missouri	(D)	(D)	10,547	(D)	(D)	6,988
Texas	(D)	(D)	8,540	2,260	6,912	9,172
Unallocated [2]	8,902	10,185	-	6,600	6,900	-
United States	63,617	109,869	173,486	41,180	105,689	146,869
Milled rice						
Arkansas	(X)	(D)	(D)	(X)	1,869	1,869
California	(X)	2,367	2,367	(X)	2,321	2,321
Louisiana	(X)	624	624	(X)	837	837
Mississippi	(X)	(D)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(D)
Missouri	(X)	(D)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(D)
Texas	(X)	694	694	(X)	951	951
Unallocated [2]	(X)	2,617	2,617	(X)	265	265
United States	(X)	6,302	6,302	(X)	6,243	6,243

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Rough Rice Stocks by Length of Grain in All Positions – States and United States: December 1, 2010 and 2011

State	Long		Medium		Short		Total	
	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011
	(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)	453	35,403	36,407	(D)	2,907	38,863	39,767
Other States [1]	(D)	92,574	11,450	14,528	(D)	-	134,623	107,102
United States	123,521	93,027	46,853	50,935	3,112	2,907	173,486	146,869

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

Milled Rice Stocks by Length of Grain in All Positions – States and United States: December 1, 2010 and 2011

State	Whole kernels (head rice)							
	Long		Medium		Short		Total	
	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011
	(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	2	(D)	1,533	1,143	96	(D)	1,631	1,341
Other States [1]	2,663	(D)	210	263	1	(D)	2,874	2,963
United States	2,665	2,699	1,743	1,406	97	199	4,505	4,304

State	Broken kernels							
	Second heads		Screenings [2]		Brewers		Total	
	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011
	(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)	465	-	-	(D)	515	736	980
Other States [1]	(D)	572	110	192	(D)	195	1,061	959
United States	888	1,037	110	192	799	710	1,797	1,939

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[1] Other States include Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, and Texas.
[2] Screenings included with second heads in California.

Rough Rice Stocks by Length of Grain in All Positions – California: October 1, 2010 and 2011

State	Long		Medium		Short		Total	
	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011
	(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)	3,053	1,366	(D)	(D)	4,251	2,063

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Milled Rice Stocks by Length of Grain in All Positions – California: October 1, 2010 and 2011

State	Whole kernels (head rice)							
	Long		Medium		Short		Total	
	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011
	(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)	454	399	(D)	(D)	(D)	457

State	Broken kernels							
	Second heads		Screenings [1]		Brewers		Total	
	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011
	(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)	880

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[1] Screenings included with second heads.

Rice Stocks by Position – States and United States: September 1, 2011 and August 1, 2011

State	September 1, 2011			August 1, 2011		
	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	850	15,832	16,682	1,540	23,713	25,253
California	67	4,255	4,322	115	6,507	6,622
Louisiana	(D)	(D)	891	210	2,269	2,479
Mississippi	490	655	1,145	900	1,059	1,959
Missouri	(D)	(D)	1,489	(D)	(D)	2,216
Texas	(D)	(D)	1,326	(D)	(D)	3,160
Unallocated [2]	835	2,871	-	1,007	4,369	-
United States	2,242	23,613	25,855	3,772	37,917	41,689
Milled rice						
Arkansas	(X)	1,694	1,694	(X)	(D)	(D)
California	(X)	1,468	1,468	(X)	1,705	1,705
Louisiana	(X)	166	166	(X)	196	196
Mississippi	(X)	(D)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(D)
Missouri	(X)	(D)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(D)
Texas	(X)	239	239	(X)	625	625
Unallocated [2]	(X)	431	431	(X)	2,141	2,141
United States	(X)	3,998	3,998	(X)	4,667	4,667

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Rice Stocks by Position – States and United States: June 1, 2011 and March 1, 2011

State	June 1, 2011			March 1, 2011		
	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	7,300	33,649	40,949	18,400	43,671	62,071
California	597	12,327	12,924	1,700	25,528	27,228
Louisiana	1,290	4,799	6,089	4,900	7,039	11,939
Mississippi	1,900	1,616	3,516	(D)	(D)	6,393
Missouri	(D)	(D)	4,194	(D)	(D)	7,189
Texas	(D)	(D)	3,701	860	4,935	5,795
Unallocated [2]	2,140	5,755	-	8,035	5,547	-
United States	13,227	58,146	71,373	33,895	86,720	120,615
Milled rice						
Arkansas	(X)	(D)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(D)
California	(X)	1,769	1,769	(X)	2,368	2,368
Louisiana	(X)	998	998	(X)	360	360
Mississippi	(X)	(D)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(D)
Missouri	(X)	(D)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(D)
Texas	(X)	797	797	(X)	927	927
Unallocated [2]	(X)	2,404	2,404	(X)	2,620	2,620
United States	(X)	5,968	5,968	(X)	6,275	6,275

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Rough Rice Stocks in All Positions by Length of Grain and Month – States and United States: 2011

Date and State	Long	Medium	Short	Total
	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)
September 1				
California	(D)	3,573	(D)	4,322
Other States [1]	(D)	1,892	(D)	21,533
United States	19,739	5,465	651	25,855
August 1				
California	(D)	5,526	(D)	6,622
Other States [1]	(D)	2,344	(D)	35,067
United States	32,847	7,870	972	41,689
June 1				
California	(D)	11,348	(D)	12,924
Other States [1]	(D)	3,979	(D)	58,449
United States	54,636	15,327	1,410	71,373
March 1				
California	(D)	24,783	(D)	27,228
Other States [1]	(D)	6,765	(D)	93,387
United States	86,864	31,548	2,203	120,615

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

Milled Rice Stocks by Length of Grain in All Positions – States and United States: September 1, 2011

State	Whole kernels (head rice)			
	Long	Medium	Short	Total
	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)
California	(D)	412	(D)	484
Other States [1]	(D)	118	(D)	1,792
United States	1,680	530	66	2,276

State	Broken kernels			
	Second heads	Screenings [2]	Brewers	Total
	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)
California	(D)	-	(D)	984
Other States [1]	(D)	97	(D)	738
United States	882	97	743	1,722

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[2] Screenings included with second heads in California.

Milled Rice Stocks by Length of Grain in All Positions – States and United States: August 1, 2011

State	Whole kernels (head rice)			
	Long	Medium	Short	Total
	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)
California	(D)	664	(D)	722
Other States [1]	(D)	181	(D)	2,092
United States	1,924	845	45	2,814

State	Broken kernels			
	Second heads	Screenings [2]	Brewers	Total
	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)
California	(D)	-	(D)	983
Other States [1]	(D)	75	(D)	870
United States	992	75	786	1,853

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[2] Screenings included with second heads in California.

Milled Rice Stocks by Length of Grain in All Positions – States and United States: June 1, 2011

State	Whole kernels (head rice)			
	Long	Medium	Short	Total
	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)
California	(D)	758	(D)	816
Other States [1]	(D)	223	(D)	3,509
United States	3,291	981	53	4,325

State	Broken kernels			
	Second heads	Screenings [2]	Brewers	Total
	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)
California	(D)	-	(D)	953
Other States [1]	(D)	153	(D)	690
United States	817	153	673	1,643

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[2] Screenings included with second heads in California.

Milled Rice Stocks by Length of Grain in All Positions – States and United States: March 1, 2011

State	Whole kernels (head rice)			
	Long	Medium	Short	Total
	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)
California	(D)	1,595	(D)	1,658
Other States [1]	(D)	208	(D)	3,245
United States	3,038	1,803	62	4,903

State	Broken kernels			
	Second heads	Screenings [2]	Brewers	Total
	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)
California	358	-	352	710
Other States [1]	276	91	295	662
United States	634	91	647	1,372

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[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 December. 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 December 1, 2011 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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