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# Rice Stocks

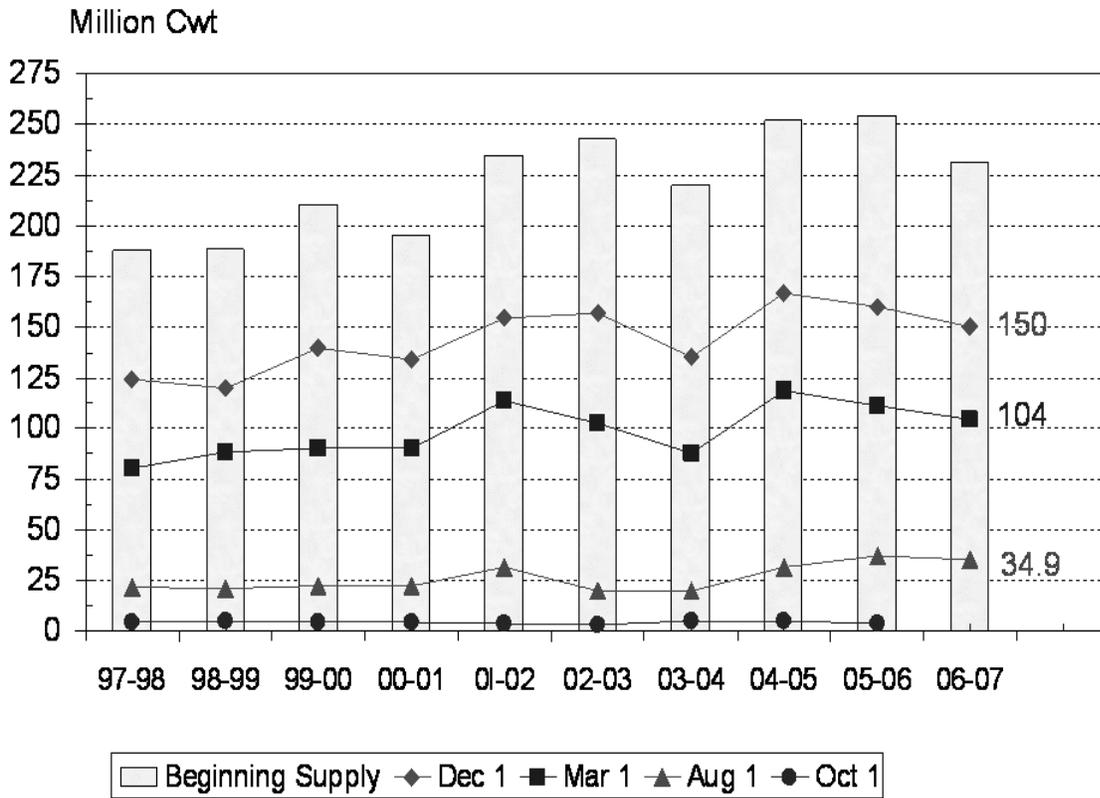
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## Rough Rice Stocks Down 7 Percent From August 2006

**Rough rice stocks** in all positions on August 1, 2007, totaled 34.9 million hundredweight (cwt), down 7 percent from the total on August 1, 2006. Stocks held on farms totaled 1.22 million cwt, and off-farm stocks totaled 33.7 million cwt. Long grain varieties accounted for 74 percent of the total rough rice, medium grain accounted for 24 percent, and short grain varieties accounted for 2 percent.

**Milled rice stocks** in all positions totaled 3.11 million cwt, down 21 percent from a year ago. Milled rice stocks were comprised of 2.57 million cwt of whole kernel rice and 538,000 cwt of second heads, screenings, and brewers rice.

## U.S. Rough Rice Stocks



**Rice: Stocks by Position, Month, United States, 2006-2007**

Date	2006			2007		
	On Farms	Off Farms <sup>1</sup>	Total All Positions	On Farms	Off Farms <sup>1</sup>	Total All Positions
	Domestic Units					
Rough Rice - 1,000 Cwt						
Mar 1	30,865	80,416	111,281	28,015	76,145	104,160
Aug 1	1,553	35,825	37,378	1,220	33,713	34,933
Oct 1 <sup>2</sup>	25	3,651	3,676			
Dec 1	52,420	97,706	150,126			
Milled Rice - 1,000 Cwt						
Mar 1		4,572	4,572		4,560	4,560
Aug 1		3,944	3,944		3,111	3,111
Oct 1 <sup>2</sup>		768	768			
Dec 1		4,004	4,004			
Metric Units <sup>3</sup>						
Rough Rice - Metric Tons						
Mar 1	1,400,010	3,647,610	5,047,620	1,270,740	3,453,880	4,724,620
Aug 1	70,440	1,624,990	1,695,440	55,340	1,529,200	1,584,530
Oct 1 <sup>2</sup>	1,130	165,610	166,740			
Dec 1	2,377,730	4,431,870	6,809,600			
Milled Rice - Metric Tons						
Mar 1		207,380	207,380		206,840	206,840
Aug 1		178,900	178,900		141,110	141,110
Oct 1 <sup>2</sup>		34,840	34,840			
Dec 1		181,620	181,620			

<sup>1</sup> Includes stocks at mills, elevators, warehouses, ports, and in transit.

<sup>2</sup> CA only.

<sup>3</sup> Total may not add due to rounding.

**Rice: Stocks by Position, State, and United States,  
August 1, 2006-2007**

Date	2006			2007		
	On Farms	Off Farms <sup>1</sup>	Total All Positions	On Farms	Off Farms <sup>1</sup>	Total All Positions
Rough Rice - 1,000 Cwt						
AR	950	19,492	20,442	420	21,091	21,511
CA	150	7,774	7,924	115	7,292	7,407
LA	200	3,246	3,446	150	1,636	1,786
MS	*	*	1,216	*	*	380
MO	*	*	1,456	*	*	1,095
TX	*	*	2,894	*	*	2,754
Unall*	253	5,313		535	3,694	
US	1,553	35,825	37,378	1,220	33,713	34,933
Milled Rice - 1,000 Cwt						
AR		1,676	1,676		1,225	1,225
CA		642	642		591	591
LA		*	*		*	*
MS		*	*		*	*
MO		*	*		*	*
TX		739	739		*	*
Unall*		887	887		1,295	1,295
US		3,944	3,944		3,111	3,111

\* Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

<sup>1</sup> Includes stocks at mills, elevators, warehouses, ports, and in transit.

**Rough Rice: Stocks by Length of Grain in All Positions,  
California, Other States, and United States, August 1, 2006-2007**

State	Long		Medium		Short		Total	
	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007
	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>							
CA	*	*	6,786	6,450	*	*	7,924	7,407
Oth Sts <sup>1</sup>	*	*	1,226	1,922	*	*	29,454	27,526
US	28,571	25,738	8,012	8,372	795	823	37,378	34,933

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<sup>1</sup> AR, LA, MS, MO, and TX.

**Milled Rice: Stocks by Length of Grain in All Positions,  
California, Other States, and United States, August 1, 2006-2007**

State	Whole Kernels (Head Rice)							
	Long		Medium		Short		Total	
	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007
	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>
CA	10	*	*	369	*	*	349	420
Oth Sts <sup>1</sup>	2,870	1,989	395	167	53	48	2,979	2,153
US	2,880	1,989	395	536	53	48	3,328	2,573
State	Broken Kernels							
	Second Heads		Screenings		Brewers		Total	
	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007
	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>
CA	*	*	*	*	*	*	293	171
Oth Sts <sup>2</sup>	235	307	84	81	297	150	323	367
US	235	307	84	81	297	150	616	538

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<sup>1</sup> AR, LA, MS, MO, and TX for long grain in 2006, medium grain in 2007, and total. AR, CA, LA, MS, MO, and TX for long grain in 2007, medium grain in 2006, and short grain.

<sup>2</sup> AR, CA, LA, MS, MO, and TX for second heads, screenings, and brewers.

**Rice: Stocks by Position, State, and United States,  
March 1, 2006-2007**

Date	2006			2007		
	On Farms	Off Farms <sup>1</sup>	Total All Positions	On Farms	Off Farms <sup>1</sup>	Total All Positions
Rough Rice - 1,000 Cwt						
AR	18,200	43,691	61,891	16,000	40,256	56,256
CA	1,425	19,770	21,195	1,515	22,614	24,129
LA	3,500	6,298	9,798	3,800	4,924	8,724
MS	*	*	5,752	*	*	4,817
MO	*	*	5,320	*	*	4,545
TX	2,400	4,925	7,325	1,300	4,389	5,689
Unall*	5,340	5,732		5,400	3,962	
US	30,865	80,416	111,281	28,015	76,145	104,160
Milled Rice - 1,000 Cwt						
AR		1,809	1,809		1,291	1,291
CA		1,196	1,196		1,671	1,671
LA		595	595		696	696
MS		*	*		*	*
MO		*	*		*	*
TX		718	718		644	644
Unall*		254	254		258	258
US		4,572	4,572		4,560	4,560

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<sup>1</sup> Includes stocks at mills, elevators, warehouses, ports, and in transit.

**Rough Rice: Stocks by Length of Grain in All Positions,  
California, Other States, and United States, March 1, 2006-2007**

State	Long		Medium		Short		Total	
	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007
	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>							
CA	426	*	18,896	21,699	1,873	*	21,195	24,129
Oth Sts <sup>1</sup>	85,682	*	4,403	4,158	1	*	90,086	80,031
US	86,108	76,127	23,299	25,857	1,874	2,176	111,281	104,160

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<sup>1</sup> AR, LA, MS, MO, and TX.

**Milled Rice: Stocks by Length of Grain in All Positions,  
California, Other States, and United States, March 1, 2006-2007**

State	Whole Kernels (Head Rice)							
	Long		Medium		Short		Total	
	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007
	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>
CA	9	*	952	653	48	*	1,009	754
Oth Sts <sup>1</sup>	2,543	*	184	139	5	*	2,732	2,590
US	2,552	2,454	1,136	792	53	98	3,741	3,344
State	Broken Kernels							
	Second Heads		Screenings <sup>3</sup>		Brewers		Total	
	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007
	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>
CA	136	*	*	*	51	*	187	917
Oth Sts <sup>2</sup>	234	562	162	*	248	*	644	299
US	370	562	162	*	299	*	831	1,216

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<sup>1</sup> AR, LA, MS, MO, and TX.

<sup>2</sup> Includes AR, LA, MS, MO, and TX except 2007 second heads which include CA.

<sup>3</sup> Screenings included with second heads in CA.

## Reliability of August 1, 2007 Rice Stocks Estimates

**Survey Procedures:** The rice stocks estimates in this report are based on surveys conducted during the first 2 weeks of August. 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 U.S. have a chance to be selected. These producers were asked to provide the total quantities of grain stored on their operations as of August 1, 2007. 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.

**Estimation 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 for 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 design 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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This Data Users' Meeting precedes an Industry Outlook meeting that will be held at the same location on October 30, 2007. The Outlook meeting brings together analysts from various commodity sectors to discuss the outlook situation. For registration details or additional information for the Industry Outlook Meeting see the Livestock and Marketing Information Center (LMIC) homepage at [www.lmic.info](http://www.lmic.info) or contact Jim Robb at (720) 544-2941 or at [robb@lmic.info](mailto:robb@lmic.info).