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## Special Note

This publication represents the first September 1 rice stocks estimates made by the National Agricultural Statistics Service.

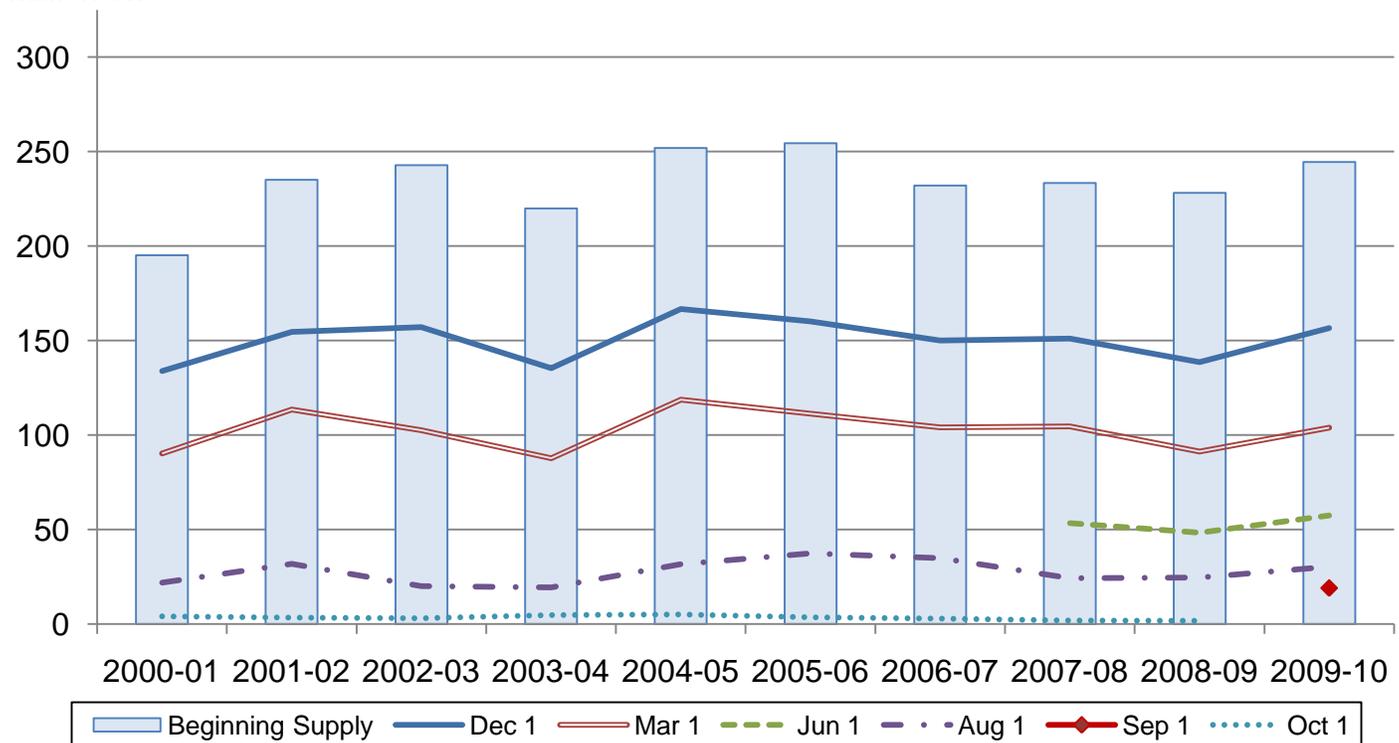
## Rough Rice Stocks Down 37 Percent from August

**Rough rice stocks** in all positions on September 1, 2010 totaled 19.1 million hundredweight (cwt), down 37 percent from the total on August 1, 2010. Stocks held on farms totaled 788,000 cwt and off-farm stocks totaled 18.3 million cwt. Long grain varieties accounted for 60 percent of the total rough rice, medium grain accounted for 34 percent, and short grain varieties accounted for 6 percent.

**Milled rice stocks** in all positions totaled 4.03 million cwt, down 8 percent from last month. Milled rice stocks were comprised of 2.96 million cwt of whole kernel rice and 1.07 million cwt of second heads, screenings, and brewers rice.

## Rough Rice Stocks – United States

Million cwt



## Rice Stocks by Position and Month – United States: 2009 and 2010 (Domestic Units)

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

Date	2009			2010		
	On farms	Off farms <sup>1</sup>	Total all positions	On farms	Off farms <sup>1</sup>	Total all positions
	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)
<b>Rough rice</b>						
March 1 .....	21,286	70,042	91,328	23,465	80,516	103,981
June 1 .....	6,920	41,446	48,366	6,310	51,098	57,408
August 1 .....	876	23,787	24,663	1,200	29,176	30,376
September 1 <sup>2</sup> .....	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	788	18,316	19,104
October 1 <sup>3</sup> .....	(D)	(D)	1,832			
December 1 .....	51,880	104,726	156,606			
<b>Milled rice</b>						
March 1 .....	(X)	4,732	4,732	(X)	4,895	4,895
June 1 .....	(X)	5,724	5,724	(X)	4,520	4,520
August 1 .....	(X)	4,077	4,077	(X)	4,380	4,380
September 1 <sup>2</sup> .....	(X)	(NA)	(NA)	(X)	4,026	4,026
October 1 <sup>3</sup> .....	(X)	1,483	1,483			
December 1 .....	(X)	5,679	5,679			

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

<sup>2</sup> Estimates began in 2010.

<sup>3</sup> California only.

## Rice Stocks by Position and Month – United States: 2009 and 2010 (Metric Units)

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

Date	2009			2010		
	On farms	Off farms <sup>1</sup>	Total all positions	On farms	Off farms <sup>1</sup>	Total all positions
	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)
<b>Rough rice</b>						
March 1 .....	965,520	3,177,050	4,142,570	1,064,350	3,652,140	4,716,500
June 1 .....	313,890	1,879,960	2,193,850	286,220	2,317,770	2,603,980
August 1 .....	39,730	1,078,960	1,118,690	54,430	1,323,400	1,377,830
September 1 <sup>2</sup> .....	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	35,740	830,800	866,540
October 1 <sup>3</sup> .....	(D)	(D)	83,100			
December 1 .....	2,353,240	4,750,290	7,103,530			
<b>Milled rice</b>						
March 1 .....	(X)	214,640	214,640	(X)	222,030	222,030
June 1 .....	(X)	259,640	259,640	(X)	205,020	205,020
August 1 .....	(X)	184,930	184,930	(X)	198,670	198,670
September 1 <sup>2</sup> .....	(X)	(NA)	(NA)	(X)	182,620	182,620
October 1 <sup>3</sup> .....	(X)	67,270	67,270			
December 1 .....	(X)	257,600	257,600			

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## Rice Stocks by Position – States and United States: September 1, 2009 and 2010

[September estimates began in 2010]

State	2009			2010		
	On farms	Off farms <sup>1</sup>	Total all positions	On farms	Off farms <sup>1</sup>	Total all positions
	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)
<b>Rough rice</b>						
Arkansas .....	NA	NA	NA	410	9,090	9,500
California .....	NA	NA	NA	78	6,047	6,125
Louisiana .....	NA	NA	NA	(D)	(D)	788
Mississippi .....	NA	NA	NA	(D)	(D)	75
Missouri .....	NA	NA	NA	(D)	(D)	521
Texas .....	NA	NA	NA	(D)	(D)	2,095
Unallocated <sup>2</sup> .....	NA	NA	NA	300	3,179	
United States .....	NA	NA	NA	788	18,316	19,104
<b>Milled rice</b>						
Arkansas .....	NA	NA	NA	(X)	1,981	1,981
California .....	NA	NA	NA	(X)	923	923
Louisiana .....	NA	NA	NA	(X)	(D)	(D)
Mississippi .....	NA	NA	NA	(X)	(D)	(D)
Missouri .....	NA	NA	NA	(X)	(D)	(D)
Texas .....	NA	NA	NA	(X)	748	748
Unallocated <sup>2</sup> .....	NA	NA	NA	(X)	374	374
United States .....	NA	NA	NA	(X)	4,026	4,026

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**Rough Rice Stocks by Length of Grain in All Positions – States and United States:  
September 1, 2009 and 2010**

[September estimates began in 2010]

State	Long		Medium		Short		Total	
	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010
	(1,000 cwt)							
California .....	NA	163	NA	4,772	NA	1,190	NA	6,125
Other States <sup>1</sup> .....	NA	11,193	NA	1,781	NA	5	NA	12,979
United States .....	NA	11,356	NA	6,553	NA	1,195	NA	19,104

<sup>1</sup> 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, 2009 and 2010**

[September estimates began in 2010]

State	Whole kernels (head rice)							
	Long		Medium		Short		Total	
	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010
	(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 .....	NA	(D)	NA	407	NA	(D)	NA	474
Other States <sup>1</sup> .....	NA	(D)	NA	162	NA	(D)	NA	2,481
United States .....	NA	2,325	NA	569	NA	61	NA	2,955

State	Broken kernels							
	Second heads		Screenings <sup>2</sup>		Brewers		Total	
	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010
	(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 .....	NA	(D)	NA	-	NA	(D)	NA	449
Other States <sup>1</sup> .....	NA	(D)	NA	106	NA	(D)	NA	622
United States .....	NA	543	NA	106	NA	422	NA	1,071

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<sup>1</sup> Other States include Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, and Texas.

<sup>2</sup> Screenings included with second heads in California.

## Rice Stocks by Position – States and United States: August 1, 2009 and 2010

State	2009			2010		
	On farms	Off farms <sup>1</sup>	Total all positions	On farms	Off farms <sup>1</sup>	Total all positions
	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)
<b>Rough rice</b>						
Arkansas .....	550	12,672	13,222	610	15,913	16,523
California .....	(D)	(D)	5,987	125	7,795	7,920
Louisiana .....	(D)	(D)	954	200	1,757	1,957
Mississippi .....	(D)	(D)	955	(D)	(D)	(D)
Missouri .....	(D)	(D)	837	(D)	(D)	(D)
Texas .....	(D)	(D)	2,708	(D)	(D)	2,387
Unallocated <sup>2</sup> .....	326	11,115		265	3,711	1,589
United States .....	876	23,787	24,663	1,200	29,176	30,376
<b>Milled rice</b>						
Arkansas .....	(X)	1,318	1,318	(X)	1,681	1,681
California .....	(X)	1,750	1,750	(X)	874	874
Louisiana .....	(X)	(D)	(D)	(X)	684	684
Mississippi .....	(X)	(D)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(D)
Missouri .....	(X)	(D)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(D)
Texas .....	(X)	(D)	(D)	(X)	785	785
Unallocated <sup>2</sup> .....	(X)	1,009	1,009	(X)	356	356
United States .....	(X)	4,077	4,077	(X)	4,380	4,380

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**Rough Rice Stocks by Length of Grain in All Positions – States and United States:  
August 1, 2009 and 2010**

State	Long		Medium		Short		Total	
	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010
	(1,000 cwt)							
California .....	(D)	183	4,671	6,424	(D)	1,313	5,987	7,920
Other States <sup>1</sup> .....	(D)	19,349	1,422	3,103	(D)	4	18,676	22,456
United States .....	17,698	19,532	6,093	9,527	872	1,317	24,663	30,376

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**Milled Rice Stocks by Length of Grain in All Positions – States and United States:  
August 1, 2009 and 2010**

State	Whole kernels (head rice)							
	Long		Medium		Short		Total	
	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010
	(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)	541	516	(D)	(D)	592	579
Other States <sup>1</sup> .....	(D)	(D)	148	283	(D)	(D)	1,806	2,791
United States .....	1,658	2,511	689	799	51	60	2,398	3,370

State	Broken kernels							
	Second heads		Screenings <sup>2</sup>		Brewers		Total	
	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010
	(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 .....	1,112	253	-	-	46	42	1,158	295
Other States <sup>1</sup> .....	353	417	3	93	165	205	521	715
United States .....	1,465	670	3	93	211	247	1,679	1,010

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## Statistical Methodology

**Survey Procedures:** The rice stocks estimates in this report are based on surveys conducted during the first two weeks of September. 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 September 1, 2010 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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