

Rice Stocks

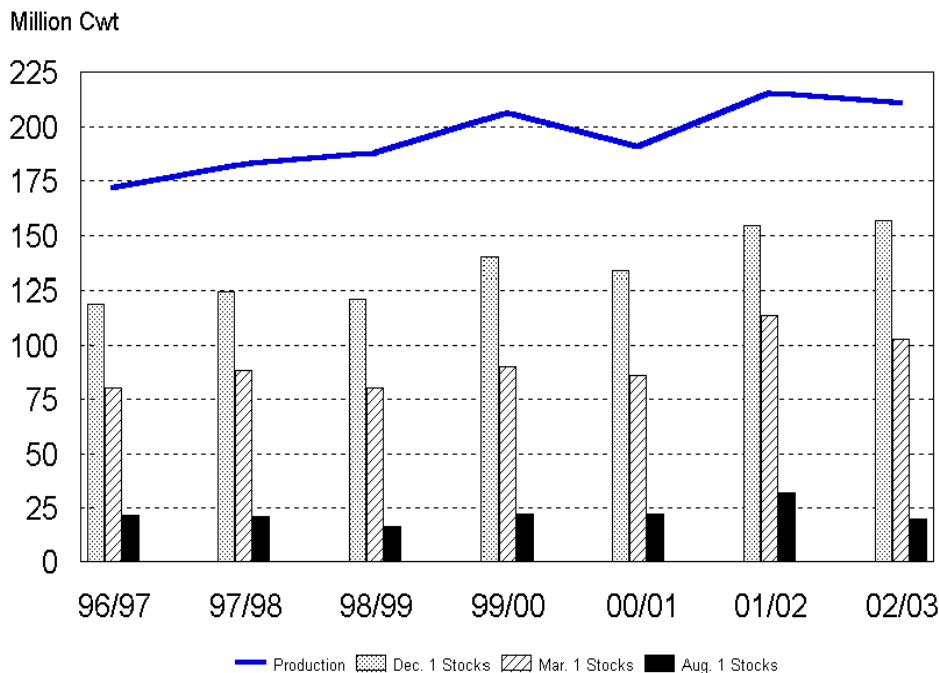
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Rough Rice Stocks Down 37 Percent From August 2002

Rough rice stocks in all positions on August 1, 2003, totaled 20.1 million hundredweight (cwt), down 37 percent from the total on August 1, 2002. Stocks held on farms totaled 1.23 million cwt, and off-farm stocks totaled 18.8 million cwt. Long grain varieties accounted for 58 percent of the total rough rice, medium grain accounted for 39 percent, and short grain varieties accounted for 3 percent.

Milled rice stocks in all positions totaled 4.57 million cwt, 7 percent below the comparable figure a year ago. Milled rice stocks were comprised of 3.34 million cwt of whole kernel rice and 1.23 million cwt of second heads, screenings, and brewers rice.

**U.S. Rough Rice Production and Stocks
All Positions**



Rice Stocks: By Position, United States, 2002-2003

Date	On Farms or Farm Whses	In Mills and Attached Whses	In Whses not Attached to Mills	In Ports or In Transit	Total All Positions ¹
2003	Rough Rice - 1,000 Cwt				
Mar 1	27,505	11,869	61,514	1,690	102,578
Aug 1	1,225	5,749	13,080	17	20,071
Oct 1 ³					
Dec 1					
	Milled Rice - 1,000 Cwt				
Mar 1		4,494	110	2,023	6,627
Aug 1		3,783	54	737	4,574
Oct 1 ³					
Dec 1					
	Rough Rice - Metric Tons				
Mar 1	1,247,610	538,370	2,790,230	76,660	4,652,860
Aug 1	55,570	260,770	593,300	770	910,410
Oct 1 ³					
Dec 1					
	Milled Rice - Metric Tons				
Mar 1		203,840	4,990	91,760	300,600
Aug 1		171,590	2,450	33,430	207,470
Oct 1 ³					
Dec 1					
2002	Rough Rice - 1,000 Cwt				
Mar 1	31,725	15,325	66,279	179	113,508
Aug 1	5,180	6,599	19,728	302	31,809
Oct 1 ³	*	539	2,899	*	3,488
Dec 1	53,220	14,251	88,421	1,178	157,070
	Milled Rice - 1,000 Cwt				
Mar 1		3,689	155	969	4,813
Aug 1		3,581	88	1,261	4,930
Oct 1 ³		726	0	0	726
Dec 1		4,814	117	2,550	7,481
	Rough Rice - Metric Tons				
Mar 1	1,439,020	695,130	3,006,370	8,120	5,148,640
Aug 1	234,960	299,330	894,850	13,700	1,442,830
Oct 1 ³	*	24,450	131,500	*	158,210
Dec 1	2,414,020	646,410	4,010,710	53,430	7,124,580
	Milled Rice - Metric Tons				
Mar 1		167,330	7,030	43,950	218,310
Aug 1		162,430	3,990	57,200	223,620
Oct 1 ³		32,930	0	0	32,930
Dec 1		218,360	5,310	115,670	339,330

* Not Published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

¹ Total may not add due to rounding.

³ CA only.

Rice Stocks: By Position, State and United States, August 1, 2002-2003

State	On Farms or Farm Whses	In Mills and Attached Whses	In Whses not Attached to Mills	In Ports or In Transit	Total All Positions
August 1, 2003					
Rough Rice - 1,000 Cwt					
AR	600	4,111	4,816	0	9,527
CA	*	511	6,422	*	7,043
LA	*	*	*	*	709
MS	*	*	*	0	1,644
MO	*	*	*	0	570
TX	250	*	*	0	578
Unall*	375	1,127	1,842	17	
US	1,225	5,749	13,080	17	20,071
Milled Rice - 1,000 Cwt					
AR		1,420	*	*	1,545
CA		*	0	*	1,063
LA		*	*	*	*
MS		*	*	*	*
MO		*	0	0	*
TX		647	0	0	647
Unall*		1,716	54	737	1,319
US		3,783	54	737	4,574
August 1, 2002					
Rough Rice - 1,000 Cwt					
AR	2,960	3,929	9,474	0	16,363
CA	*	902	6,897	*	8,213
LA	*	*	*	0	*
MS	*	*	1,315	0	2,156
MO	700	*	*	0	*
TX	200	*	1,106	*	2,210
Unall*	1,320	1,768	936	302	2,867
US	5,180	6,599	19,728	302	31,809
Milled Rice - 1,000 Cwt					
AR		1,532	*	*	1,790
CA		733	0	600	1,333
LA		*	*	*	*
MS		134	0	7	141
MO		*	0	0	*
TX		773	0	0	773
Unall*		409	88	654	893
US		3,581	88	1,261	4,930

* Included in unallocated to avoid disclosing individual operations.

**Rough Rice Stocks: By Length of Grain in All Positions,
California, Other States, and United States, August 1, 2002-2003**

State	Long		Medium		Short		Total	
	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003
	<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	*	*	7,287	6,257	*	*	8,213	7,043
Oth Sts ¹	*	*	1,190	1,503	*	*	23,596	13,028
US	22,743	11,673	8,477	7,760	589	638	31,809	20,071

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**Milled Rice Stocks: By Length of Grain in All Positions,
California, Other States, and United States, August 1, 2002-2003**

State	Whole Kernels (Head Rice)							
	Long		Medium		Short		Total	
	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003
	<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	36	19	852	287	66	48	954	354
Oth Sts ¹	2,752	2,720	180	256	6	12	2,938	2,988
US	2,788	2,739	1,032	543	72	60	3,892	3,342
	Broken Kernels							
	Second Heads		Screenings ³		Brewers		Total	
	2002 ¹	2003 ²	2002 ¹	2003 ²	2002 ¹	2003 ²	2002 ¹	2003
	<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	345	*	*	*	34	*	379	709
Oth Sts	351	1,066	133	62	175	104	659	523
US	696	1,066	133	62	209	104	1,038	1,232

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¹ other states included AR, LA, MS, MO, and TX.

² other states included AR, CA, LA, MS, MO, and TX.

³ Screenings included with second heads in CA

Rice Stocks: By Position, State, and United States, March 1, 2002-2003

State	On Farms or Farm Whses	In Mills and Attached Whses	In Whses not Attached to Mills	In Ports or In Transit	Total All Positions
March 1, 2003					
Rough Rice - 1,000 Cwt					
AR	15,600	8,036	29,783	4	53,423
CA	*	1,532	18,640	*	22,241
LA	2,400	*	*	*	8,608
MS	4,800	*	3,215	*	8,566
MO	*	*	*	0	4,430
TX	1,600	620	3,090	0	5,310
Unall*	3,105	1,681	6,786	1,686	0
US	27,505	11,869	61,514	1,690	102,578
Milled Rice - 1,000 Cwt					
AR		1,619	110	290	2,019
CA		1,654	0	430	2,084
LA		135	0	1,293	1,428
MS		*	0	*	*
MO		*	0	*	*
TX		952	0	0	952
Unall*		134	0	10	144
US		4,494	110	2,023	6,627
March 1, 2002					
Rough Rice - 1,000 Cwt					
AR	18,300	7,590	31,592	62	57,544
CA	1,125	1,689	21,277	0	24,091
LA	3,400	*	*	*	9,931
MS	4,200	491	2,967	0	7,658
MO	*	*	*	0	6,502
TX	*	*	3,703	*	7,782
Unall*	4,700	5,555	6,740	117	0
US	31,725	15,325	66,279	179	113,508
Milled Rice - 1,000 Cwt					
AR		1,591	155	441	2,187
CA		925	0	0	925
LA		445	0	462	907
MS		*	0	*	*
MO		*	0	*	*
TX		606	0	0	606
Unall*		122	0	66	188
US		3,689	155	969	4,813

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**Rough Rice Stocks: By Length of Grain in All Positions,
California, Other States, and United States, March 1, 2002-2003**

State	Long		Medium		Short		Total	
	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003
	<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	*	*	22,212	20,564	*	*	24,091	22,241
Oth Sts ¹	*	*	6,303	4,965	*	*	89,417	80,337
US	83,723	75,733	28,515	25,529	1,270	1,316	113,508	102,578

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**Milled Rice Stocks: By Length of Grain in All Positions,
California, Other States, and United States, March 1, 2002-2003**

State	Whole Kernels (Head Rice)							
	Long		Medium		Short		Total	
	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003
	<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	18	15	424	1,134	110	58	552	1,207
Oth Sts ¹	3,204	3,641	198	217	0	1	3,402	3,859
US	3,222	3,656	622	1,351	110	59	3,954	5,066
	Broken Kernels							
	Second Heads		Screenings ²		Brewers		Total	
	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003
	<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	352	800	*	*	21	77	373	877
Oth Sts ¹	296	390	139	146	51	148	486	684
US	648	1,190	139	146	72	225	859	1,561

¹ AR, LA, MS, MO, and TX.

² Screenings included with second heads in CA.

Reliability of August 1, 2003 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, 2003. 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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For registration details or additional information about the Data Users' Forum, see the NASS homepage at www.usda.gov/nass/ or contact Karlyn McCutcheon of NASS at (202) 690-8141 or at karlyn_mccutcheon@nass.usda.gov.

This Data Users' Forum precedes an Industry Outlook Meeting that will be held at the same location on October 21, 2003. The outlook meeting brings together analysts from various commodity sectors to discuss the outlook situation. For more information about the outlook meeting and to register for it, contact the Livestock Marketing Information Center at (720) 544-2941 or (720) 544-2940.