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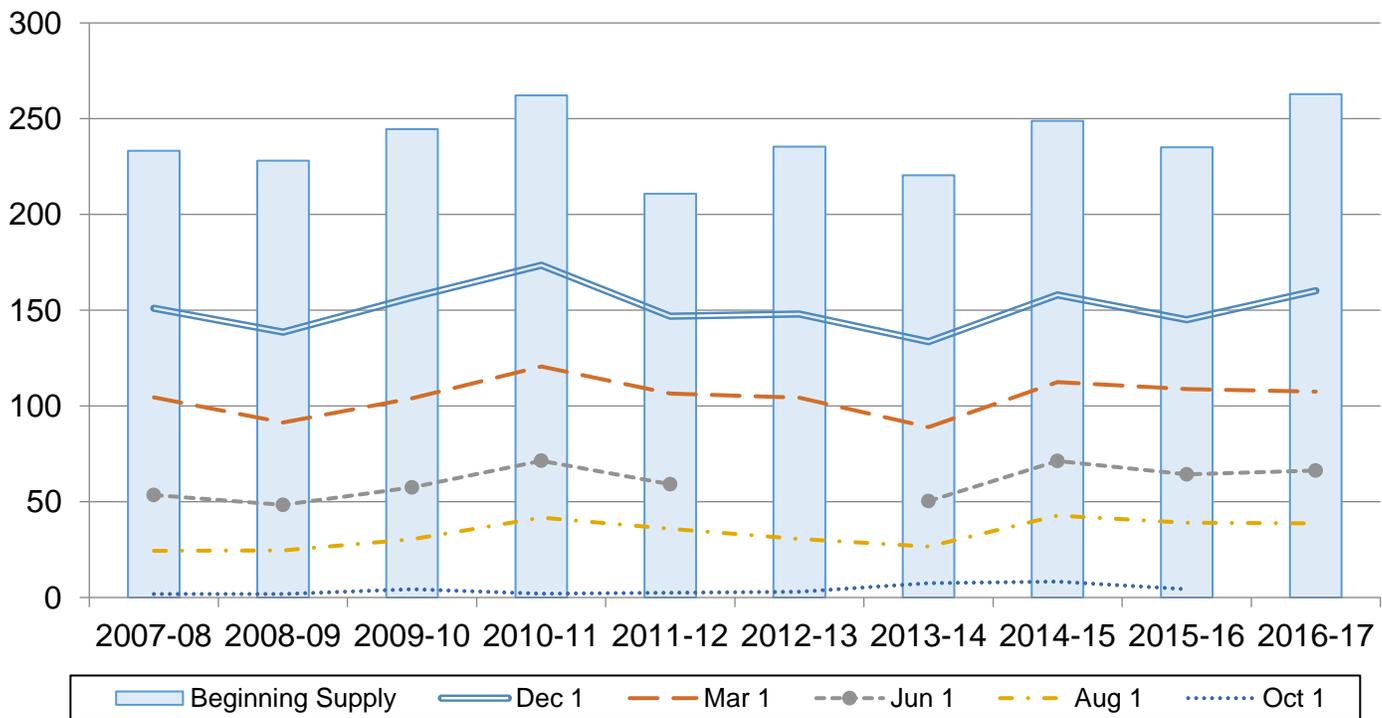
## Rough Rice Stocks Up Slightly from August 2016

**Rough rice stocks** in all positions on August 1, 2017 totaled 38.8 million hundredweight (cwt), up slightly from the total on August 1, 2016. Stocks held on farms totaled 4.69 million cwt and off-farm stocks totaled 34.1 million cwt. Long grain varieties accounted for 73 percent of the total rough rice, medium grain accounted for 25 percent, and short grain varieties accounted for 2 percent.

**Milled rice stocks** in all positions totaled 5.09 million cwt, down 6 percent from a year ago. Milled rice stocks were comprised of 2.62 million cwt of whole kernel rice and 2.47 million cwt of second heads, screenings, and brewers rice.

## Rough Rice Stocks – United States

Million cwt



## Rice Stocks by Position and Month in Domestic Units – United States: 2016 and 2017

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

Date	2016			2017		
	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 .....	18,255	90,507	108,762	21,600	85,969	107,569
June 1 .....	7,965	56,299	64,264	10,525	55,819	66,344
August 1 .....	3,762	34,983	38,745	4,693	34,077	38,770
October 1 <sup>2</sup> .....	60	4,215	4,275			
December 1 .....	48,595	111,734	160,329			
<b>Milled rice</b> .....						
March 1 .....	(X)	6,135	6,135	(X)	6,220	6,220
June 1 .....	(X)	6,916	6,916	(X)	5,397	5,397
August 1 .....	(X)	5,406	5,406	(X)	5,093	5,093
October 1 <sup>2</sup> .....	(X)	1,470	1,470			
December 1 .....	(X)	5,795	5,795			

(X) Not applicable.

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

<sup>2</sup> California only.

## Rice Stocks by Position and Month in Metric Units – United States: 2016 and 2017

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

Date	2016			2017		
	On farms	Off farms <sup>1</sup>	Total all positions	On farms	Off farms <sup>1</sup>	Total all positions
	(metric tons)	(metric tons)	(metric tons)	(metric tons)	(metric tons)	(metric tons)
<b>Rough rice</b> .....						
March 1 .....	828,030	4,105,330	4,933,360	979,760	3,899,490	4,879,250
June 1 .....	361,290	2,553,680	2,914,970	477,410	2,531,910	3,009,310
August 1 .....	170,640	1,586,800	1,757,440	212,870	1,545,710	1,758,580
October 1 <sup>2</sup> .....	2,720	191,190	193,910			
December 1 .....	2,204,230	5,068,170	7,272,400			
<b>Milled rice</b> .....						
March 1 .....	(X)	278,280	278,280	(X)	282,130	282,130
June 1 .....	(X)	313,700	313,700	(X)	244,800	244,800
August 1 .....	(X)	245,210	245,210	(X)	231,010	231,010
October 1 <sup>2</sup> .....	(X)	66,680	66,680			
December 1 .....	(X)	262,860	262,860			

(X) Not applicable.

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

<sup>2</sup> California only.

## Rice Stocks by Position – States and United States: August 1, 2016 and 2017

State	2016			2017		
	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 .....	2,500	17,818	20,318	2,450	20,520	22,970
California .....	387	11,206	11,593	388	7,133	7,521
Louisiana .....	750	2,393	3,143	210	2,188	2,398
Mississippi .....	(D)	(D)	500	(D)	(D)	1,336
Missouri .....	(D)	(D)	1,021	(D)	(D)	1,755
Texas .....	(D)	(D)	2,170	(D)	(D)	2,790
Unallocated <sup>2</sup> .....	125	3,566	-	1,645	4,236	-
United States .....	3,762	34,983	38,745	4,693	34,077	38,770
<b>Milled rice</b>						
Arkansas .....	(X)	1,537	1,537	(X)	2,860	2,860
California .....	(X)	2,703	2,703	(X)	1,063	1,063
Louisiana .....	(X)	(D)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(D)
Mississippi .....	(X)	(D)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(D)
Missouri .....	(X)	(D)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(D)
Texas .....	(X)	477	477	(X)	775	775
Unallocated <sup>2</sup> .....	(X)	689	689	(X)	395	395
United States .....	(X)	5,406	5,406	(X)	5,093	5,093

- Represents zero.

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

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

<sup>2</sup> 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, 2016 and 2017**

State	Long		Medium		Short		Total	
	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017
	(1,000 cwt)							
California .....	(D)	(D)	10,755	6,602	(D)	(D)	11,593	7,521
Other States <sup>1</sup> .....	(D)	(D)	7,592	3,276	(D)	(D)	27,152	31,249
United States .....	19,801	28,198	18,347	9,878	597	694	38,745	38,770

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<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:  
August 1, 2016 and 2017**

State	Whole kernels (head rice)							
	Long		Medium		Short		Total	
	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017
	(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)	1,191	449	(D)	(D)	1,235	497
Other States <sup>1</sup> .....	(D)	(D)	133	160	(D)	(D)	2,151	2,126
United States .....	2,022	1,969	1,324	609	40	45	3,386	2,623
State	Broken kernels							
	Second heads		Screenings <sup>2</sup>		Brewers		Total	
	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017
	(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)	1,468	566
Other States <sup>1</sup> .....	(D)	(D)	33	84	(D)	(D)	552	1,904
United States .....	1,436	1,588	33	84	551	798	2,020	2,470

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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: June 1, 2016 and 2017

State	2016			2017		
	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 .....	5,200	31,152	36,352	5,900	32,647	38,547
California .....	1,060	17,309	18,369	705	13,370	14,075
Louisiana .....	980	3,344	4,324	980	3,549	4,529
Mississippi .....	(D)	(D)	889	1,550	829	2,379
Missouri .....	(D)	(D)	1,796	(D)	(D)	3,257
Texas .....	245	2,289	2,534	(D)	(D)	3,557
Unallocated <sup>2</sup> .....	480	2,205	-	1,390	5,424	-
United States .....	7,965	56,299	64,264	10,525	55,819	66,344
<b>Milled rice</b>						
Arkansas .....	(X)	1,961	1,961	(X)	2,299	2,299
California .....	(X)	2,513	2,513	(X)	1,847	1,847
Louisiana .....	(X)	(D)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(D)
Mississippi .....	(X)	(D)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(D)
Missouri .....	(X)	(D)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(D)
Texas .....	(X)	519	519	(X)	658	658
Unallocated <sup>2</sup> .....	(X)	1,923	1,923	(X)	593	593
United States .....	(X)	6,916	6,916	(X)	5,397	5,397

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**Rough Rice Stocks by Length of Grain in All Positions – States and United States:  
June 1, 2016 and 2017**

State	Long		Medium		Short		Total	
	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017
	(1,000 cwt)							
California .....	(D)	(D)	17,047	12,200	(D)	(D)	18,369	14,075
Other States <sup>1</sup> .....	(D)	(D)	9,913	5,412	(D)	(D)	45,895	52,269
United States .....	36,305	47,199	26,960	17,612	999	1,533	64,264	66,344

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<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:  
June 1, 2016 and 2017**

State	Whole kernels (head rice)							
	Long		Medium		Short		Total	
	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017
	(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)	870	1,156	(D)	(D)	914	1,260
Other States <sup>1</sup> .....	(D)	(D)	160	136	(D)	(D)	3,620	2,189
United States .....	3,463	2,056	1,030	1,292	41	101	4,534	3,449

State	Broken kernels							
	Second heads		Screenings <sup>2</sup>		Brewers		Total	
	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017
	(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)	1,599	587
Other States <sup>1</sup> .....	(D)	(D)	70	76	(D)	(D)	783	1,361
United States .....	1,634	1,222	70	76	678	650	2,382	1,948

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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 June. 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 August 1, 2017 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.

## Information Contacts

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## **USDA NASS Data Users' Meeting Tuesday, October 24, 2017**

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USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service will hold an open forum for users of U.S. domestic and international agriculture data. NASS is organizing the 2017 Data Users' Meeting in cooperation with five other USDA agencies Agricultural Marketing Service, Economic Research Service, Farm Service Agency, Foreign Agricultural Service, and World Agricultural Outlook Board and the Census Bureau's Foreign Trade Division. Agency representatives will provide updates on recent and pending changes in statistical and information programs important to agriculture, answer questions, and welcome comments and input from data users.

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The Data Users' Meeting precedes the Industry Outlook Conference at the same location on Wednesday, October 25, 2017. The outlook meeting brings together analysts from various commodity sectors to discuss developments and trends. For registration details or additional information about the Industry Outlook Conference, see the conference page on the LMIC website (<http://lmic.info/page/meetings>) or contact James Robb at (303) 716-9933.