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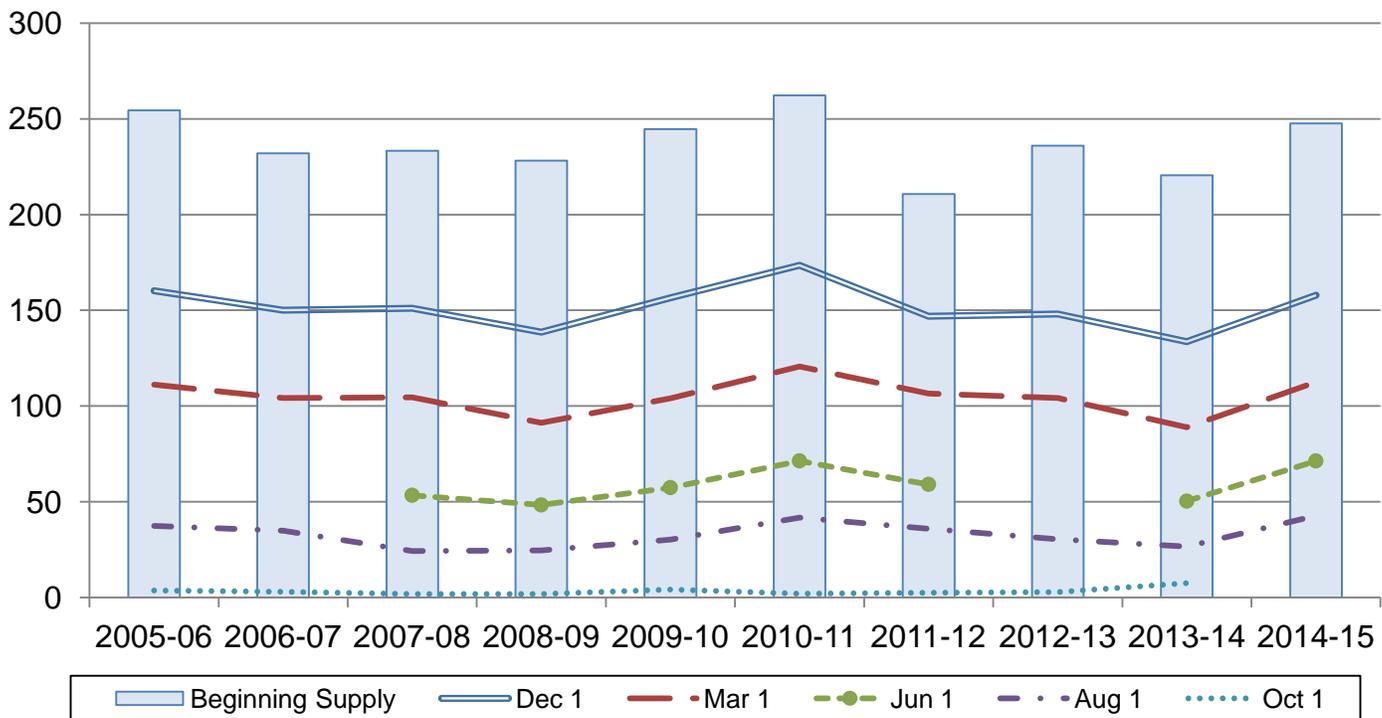
## Rough Rice Stocks Up 61 Percent from August 2014

**Rough rice stocks** in all positions on August 1, 2015 totaled 42.8 million hundredweight (cwt), up 61 percent from the total on August 1, 2014. Stocks held on farms totaled 1.48 million cwt and off-farm stocks totaled 41.3 million cwt. Long grain varieties accounted for 56 percent of the total rough rice, medium grain accounted for 42 percent, and short grain varieties accounted for 2 percent.

**Milled rice stocks** in all positions totaled 4.06 million cwt, up 9 percent from a year ago. Milled rice stocks were comprised of 2.71 million cwt of whole kernel rice and 1.35 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: 2014 and 2015

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

Date	2014			2015		
	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 .....	14,995	73,959	88,954	25,810	86,658	112,468
June 1 .....	4,830	45,521	50,351	10,227	61,113	71,340
August 1 .....	305	26,299	26,604	1,480	41,293	42,773
October 1 <sup>2</sup> .....	15	7,523	7,538			
December 1 .....	47,865	110,061	157,926			
<b>Milled rice</b>						
March 1 .....	(X)	5,844	5,844	(X)	5,869	5,869
June 1 .....	(X)	5,870	5,870	(X)	6,772	6,772
August 1 .....	(X)	3,711	3,711	(X)	4,056	4,056
October 1 <sup>2</sup> .....	(X)	1,113	1,113			
December 1 .....	(X)	5,646	5,646			

(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: 2014 and 2015

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

Date	2014			2015		
	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 .....	680,160	3,354,720	4,034,890	1,170,720	3,930,740	5,101,460
June 1 .....	219,090	2,064,800	2,283,880	463,890	2,772,040	3,235,930
August 1 .....	13,830	1,192,900	1,206,740	67,130	1,873,020	1,940,150
October 1 <sup>2</sup> .....	680	341,240	341,920			
December 1 .....	2,171,120	4,992,280	7,163,400			
<b>Milled rice</b>						
March 1 .....	(X)	265,080	265,080	(X)	266,210	266,210
June 1 .....	(X)	266,260	266,260	(X)	307,170	307,170
August 1 .....	(X)	168,330	168,330	(X)	183,980	183,980
October 1 <sup>2</sup> .....	(X)	50,480	50,480			
December 1 .....	(X)	256,100	256,100			

(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, 2014 and 2015

State	2014			2015		
	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 .....	80	10,397	10,477	940	21,268	22,208
California .....	100	10,897	10,997	190	14,067	14,257
Louisiana .....	60	1,120	1,180	120	2,259	2,379
Mississippi .....	(D)	(D)	683	(D)	(D)	420
Missouri .....	(D)	(D)	806	(D)	(D)	1,506
Texas .....	(D)	(D)	2,461	(D)	(D)	2,003
Unallocated <sup>2</sup> .....	65	3,885	-	230	3,699	-
United States .....	305	26,299	26,604	1,480	41,293	42,773
<b>Milled rice</b>						
Arkansas .....	(X)	1,379	1,379	(X)	1,454	1,454
California .....	(X)	1,420	1,420	(X)	1,575	1,575
Louisiana .....	(X)	(D)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(D)
Mississippi .....	(X)	(D)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(D)
Missouri .....	(X)	(D)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(D)
Texas .....	(X)	505	505	(X)	696	696
Unallocated <sup>2</sup> .....	(X)	407	407	(X)	331	331
United States .....	(X)	3,711	3,711	(X)	4,056	4,056

- Represents zero.

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

(X) Not applicable.

<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, 2014 and 2015**

State	Long		Medium		Short		Total	
	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015
	(1,000 cwt)							
California .....	(D)	(D)	9,833	13,431	(D)	(D)	10,997	14,257
Other States <sup>1</sup> .....	(D)	(D)	1,798	4,738	(D)	(D)	15,607	28,516
United States .....	14,010	23,917	11,631	18,169	963	687	26,604	42,773

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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, 2014 and 2015**

State	Whole kernels (head rice)							
	Long		Medium		Short		Total	
	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015
	(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)	(D)	436	822
Other States <sup>1</sup> .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	1,639	1,885
United States .....	1,556	1,792	472	878	47	37	2,075	2,707
State	Broken kernels							
	Second heads		Screenings <sup>2</sup>		Brewers		Total	
	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015
	(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)	984	753
Other States <sup>1</sup> .....	(D)	(D)	92	88	(D)	(D)	652	596
United States .....	797	1,120	92	88	747	141	1,636	1,349

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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, 2014 and 2015

State	2014			2015		
	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 .....	2,850	21,115	23,965	6,400	32,387	38,787
California .....	690	15,309	15,999	1,077	20,617	21,694
Louisiana .....	550	2,891	3,441	1,400	2,814	4,214
Mississippi .....	200	1,034	1,234	(D)	(D)	1,434
Missouri .....	200	1,613	1,813	(D)	(D)	2,004
Texas .....	340	3,559	3,899	480	2,727	3,207
Unallocated <sup>2</sup> .....	-	-	-	870	2,568	-
United States .....	4,830	45,521	50,351	10,227	61,113	71,340
<b>Milled rice</b>						
Arkansas .....	(X)	1,481	1,481	(X)	2,128	2,128
California .....	(X)	2,666	2,666	(X)	3,175	3,175
Louisiana .....	(X)	547	547	(X)	(D)	(D)
Mississippi .....	(X)	234	234	(X)	(D)	(D)
Missouri .....	(X)	412	412	(X)	(D)	(D)
Texas .....	(X)	530	530	(X)	660	660
Unallocated <sup>2</sup> .....	(X)	-	-	(X)	809	809
United States .....	(X)	5,870	5,870	(X)	6,772	6,772

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**Rough Rice Stocks by Length of Grain in All Positions – States and United States:  
June 1, 2014 and 2015**

State	Long		Medium		Short		Total	
	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015
	(1,000 cwt)							
California .....	(D)	(D)	14,309	20,431	(D)	(D)	15,999	21,694
Other States <sup>1</sup> .....	(D)	(D)	2,985	7,557	(D)	(D)	34,352	49,646
United States .....	31,622	42,295	17,294	27,988	1,435	1,057	50,351	71,340

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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, 2014 and 2015**

State	Whole kernels (head rice)							
	Long		Medium		Short		Total	
	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015
	(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)	1,462	1,526	(D)	(D)	1,534	1,583
Other States <sup>1</sup> .....	(D)	(D)	139	136	(D)	(D)	2,516	2,656
United States .....	(D)	2,523	1,601	1,662	(D)	54	4,050	4,239

State	Broken kernels							
	Second heads		Screenings <sup>2</sup>		Brewers		Total	
	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015
	(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)	1,132	1,592
Other States <sup>1</sup> .....	(D)	(D)	72	153	(D)	(D)	688	941
United States .....	1,159	1,227	72	153	589	1,153	1,820	2,533

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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.

## Statistical Methodology

**Survey Procedures:** The rice stocks estimates in this report are based on surveys conducted during the first two 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 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, 2015 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**  
**Wednesday, October 28, 2015**

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The USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service will be organizing an open forum for data users. The purpose will be to provide updates on pending changes in the various statistical and information programs and seek comments and input from data users. Other USDA agencies to be represented will include the Agricultural Marketing Service, the Economic Research Service, the Foreign Agricultural Service, and the World Agricultural Outlook Board. The Foreign Trade Division from the Census Bureau will also be included in the meeting.

For registration details or additional information for the Data Users' Meeting, see the NASS homepage at <http://www.nass.usda.gov/meeting/> or contact Tina Hall (NASS) at 202-720-3896 or at [tina.hall@nass.usda.gov](mailto:tina.hall@nass.usda.gov).

This Data Users' Meeting precedes the Industry Outlook Conference that will be held at the same location on Thursday, October 29, 2015. 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 Conference, see the conference webpage on the LMIC website: <http://lmic.info/page/meetings>. For more information, contact James Robb at (303) 716-9933.