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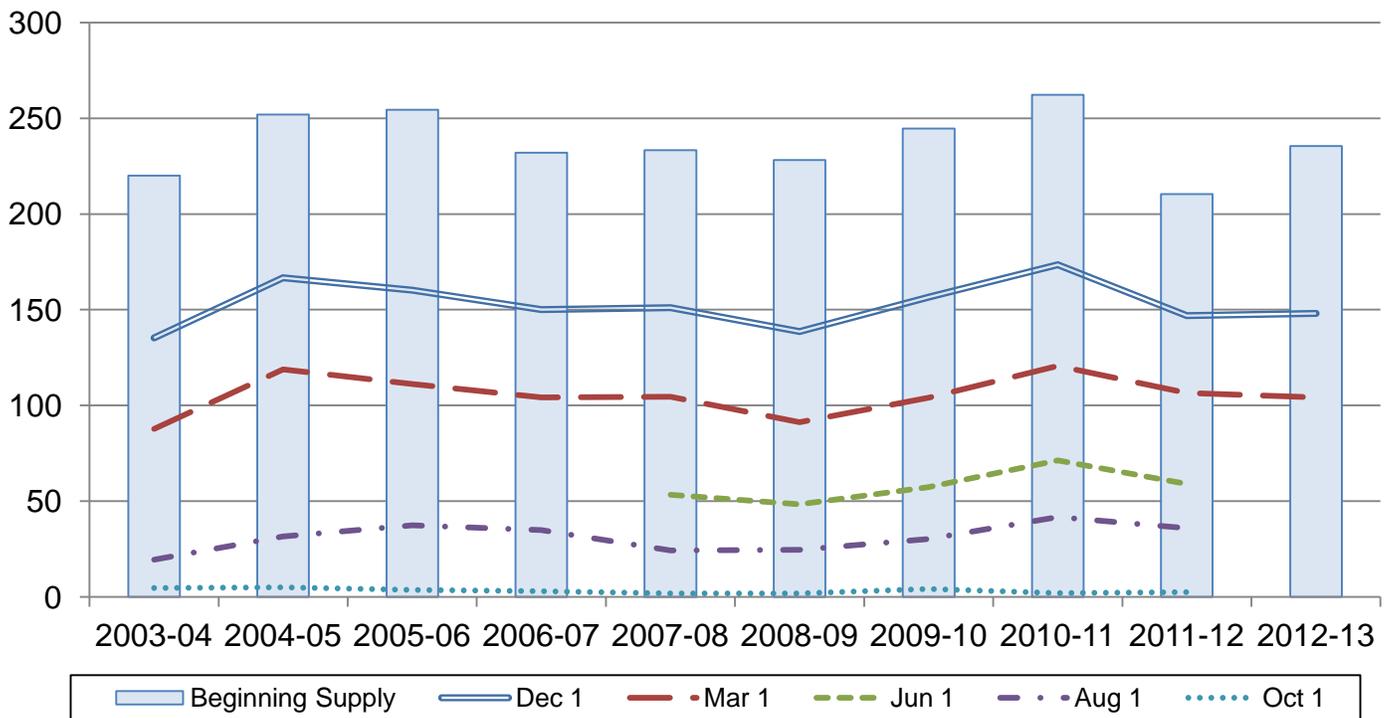
Rough Rice Stocks Down 2 Percent from March 2012

Rough rice stocks in all positions on March 1, 2013, totaled 104 million hundredweight (cwt), down 2 percent from the total on March 1, 2012. Stocks held on farms totaled 18.4 million cwt, and off-farm stocks totaled 85.8 million cwt. Long grain varieties accounted for 67 percent of the total rough rice, medium grain accounted for 31 percent, and short grain varieties accounted for 2 percent.

Milled rice stocks in all positions totaled 6.67 million cwt, up 48 percent from a year ago. Milled rice stocks were comprised of 3.98 million cwt of whole kernel rice and 2.69 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: 2012 and 2013

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

Date	2012			2013		
	On farms	Off farms ¹	Total all positions	On farms	Off farms ¹	Total all positions
	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)
Rough rice						
March 1	23,825	82,666	106,491	18,430	85,839	104,269
June 1	6,640	52,466	59,106			
August 1	910	35,052	35,962			
October 1 ²	20	2,460	2,480			
December 1	39,385	108,650	148,035			
Milled rice						
March 1	(X)	4,494	4,494	(X)	6,665	6,665
June 1	(X)	4,462	4,462			
August 1	(X)	3,578	3,578			
October 1 ²	(X)	1,445	1,445			
December 1	(X)	6,919	6,919			

(X) Not applicable.

¹ Includes stocks at mills, elevators, warehouses, ports, and in transit.

² California only.

Rice Stocks by Position and Month in Metric Units – United States: 2012 and 2013

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

Date	2012			2013		
	On farms	Off farms ¹	Total all positions	On farms	Off farms ¹	Total all positions
	(metric tons)	(metric tons)	(metric tons)	(metric tons)	(metric tons)	(metric tons)
Rough rice						
March 1	1,080,680	3,749,670	4,830,350	835,970	3,893,590	4,729,560
June 1	301,190	2,379,820	2,681,000			
August 1	41,280	1,589,930	1,631,210			
October 1 ²	910	111,580	112,490			
December 1	1,786,470	4,928,280	6,714,760			
Milled rice						
March 1	(X)	203,840	203,840	(X)	302,320	302,320
June 1	(X)	202,390	202,390			
August 1	(X)	162,300	162,300			
October 1 ²	(X)	65,540	65,540			
December 1	(X)	313,840	313,840			

(X) Not applicable.

¹ Includes stocks at mills, elevators, warehouses, ports, and in transit.

² California only.

Rice Stocks by Position – States and United States: March 1, 2012 and 2013

State	2012			2013		
	On farms	Off farms ¹	Total all positions	On farms	Off farms ¹	Total all positions
	(1,000 Cwt)	(1,000 Cwt)	(1,000 Cwt)	(1,000 Cwt)	(1,000 Cwt)	(1,000 Cwt)
Rough rice						
Arkansas	13,900	40,435	54,335	11,400	46,552	57,952
California	1,815	24,756	26,571	1,810	24,821	26,631
Louisiana	4,100	6,959	11,059	2,000	5,208	7,208
Mississippi	(D)	(D)	4,270	(D)	(D)	2,473
Missouri	(D)	(D)	4,121	(D)	(D)	4,779
Texas	880	5,255	6,135	460	4,766	5,226
Unallocated ²	3,130	5,261	-	2,760	4,492	-
United States	23,825	82,666	106,491	18,430	85,839	104,269
Milled rice						
Arkansas	(X)	1,358	1,358	(X)	2,196	2,196
California	(X)	1,891	1,891	(X)	2,217	2,217
Louisiana	(X)	(D)	(D)	(X)	1,148	1,148
Mississippi	(X)	(D)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(D)
Missouri	(X)	(D)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(D)
Texas	(X)	472	472	(X)	832	832
Unallocated ²	(X)	773	773	(X)	272	272
United States	(X)	4,494	4,494	(X)	6,665	6,665

- Represents zero.

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**Rough Rice Stocks By Length of Grain in All Positions – States and United States:
March 1, 2012 and 2013**

State	Long		Medium		Short		Total	
	2012	2013	2012	2013	2012	2013	2012	2013
	(1,000 cwt)							
California	366	(D)	24,163	23,845	2,042	(D)	26,571	26,631
Other States ¹	68,103	(D)	11,815	8,713	2	(D)	79,920	77,638
United States	68,469	69,313	35,978	32,558	2,044	2,398	106,491	104,269

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¹ Other States include Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, and Texas.

**Milled Rice Stocks by Length of Grain in All Positions – States and United States:
March 1, 2012 and 2013**

State	Whole kernels (head rice)							
	Long		Medium		Short		Total	
	2012	2013	2012	2013	2012	2013	2012	2013
	(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)	757	599	(D)	(D)	807	663
Other States ¹	(D)	(D)	178	173	(D)	(D)	2,033	3,317
United States	1,856	3,144	935	772	49	64	2,840	3,980

State	Broken kernels							
	Second heads		Screenings ²		Brewers		Total	
	2012	2013	2012	2013	2012	2013	2012	2013
	(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	674	(D)	-	-	410	(D)	1,084	1,554
Other States ¹	347	(D)	82	271	141	(D)	570	1,131
United States	1,021	1,225	82	271	551	1,189	1,654	2,685

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² Screenings included with second heads in California.

Rice Stocks by Position – States and United States: December 1, 2011 and 2012

State	2011			2012		
	On farms	Off farms ¹	Total all positions	On farms	Off farms ¹	Total all positions
	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)
Rough rice						
Arkansas	21,300	45,492	66,792	21,200	53,153	74,353
California	2,920	36,847	39,767	3,015	35,592	38,607
Louisiana	8,100	9,538	17,638	6,600	8,241	14,841
Mississippi	(D)	(D)	6,512	(D)	(D)	4,018
Missouri	(D)	(D)	6,988	(D)	(D)	8,459
Texas	2,260	6,912	9,172	1,830	5,927	7,757
Unallocated ²	6,600	6,900	-	6,740	5,737	-
United States	41,180	105,689	146,869	39,385	108,650	148,035
Milled rice						
Arkansas	(X)	1,869	1,869	(X)	2,345	2,345
California	(X)	2,321	2,321	(X)	2,879	2,879
Louisiana	(X)	837	837	(X)	569	569
Mississippi	(X)	(D)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(D)
Missouri	(X)	(D)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(D)
Texas	(X)	951	951	(X)	772	772
Unallocated ²	(X)	265	265	(X)	354	354
United States	(X)	6,243	6,243	(X)	6,919	6,919

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**Rough Rice Stocks By Length of Grain in All Positions – States and United States:
December 1, 2011 and 2012**

State	Long		Medium		Short		Total	
	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012
	(1,000 cwt)							
California	453	(D)	36,407	34,578	2,907	(D)	39,767	38,607
Other States ¹	92,574	(D)	14,528	10,771	-	(D)	107,102	109,428
United States	93,027	99,111	50,935	45,349	2,907	3,575	146,869	148,035

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**Milled Rice Stocks By Length of Grain in All Positions – States and United States:
December 1, 2011 and 2012**

State	Whole kernels (head rice)							
	Long		Medium		Short		Total	
	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012
	(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)	1,143	(D)	(D)	(D)	1,341	1,625
Other States ¹	(D)	(D)	263	(D)	(D)	(D)	2,963	2,686
United States	2,699	2,574	1,406	1,638	199	99	4,304	4,311

State	Broken kernels							
	Second heads		Screenings ²		Brewers		Total	
	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012
	(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	465	(D)	-	-	515	(D)	980	1,254
Other States ¹	572	(D)	192	136	195	(D)	959	1,354
United States	1,037	1,231	192	136	710	1,241	1,939	2,608

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² 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 March. 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 March 1, 2013 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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