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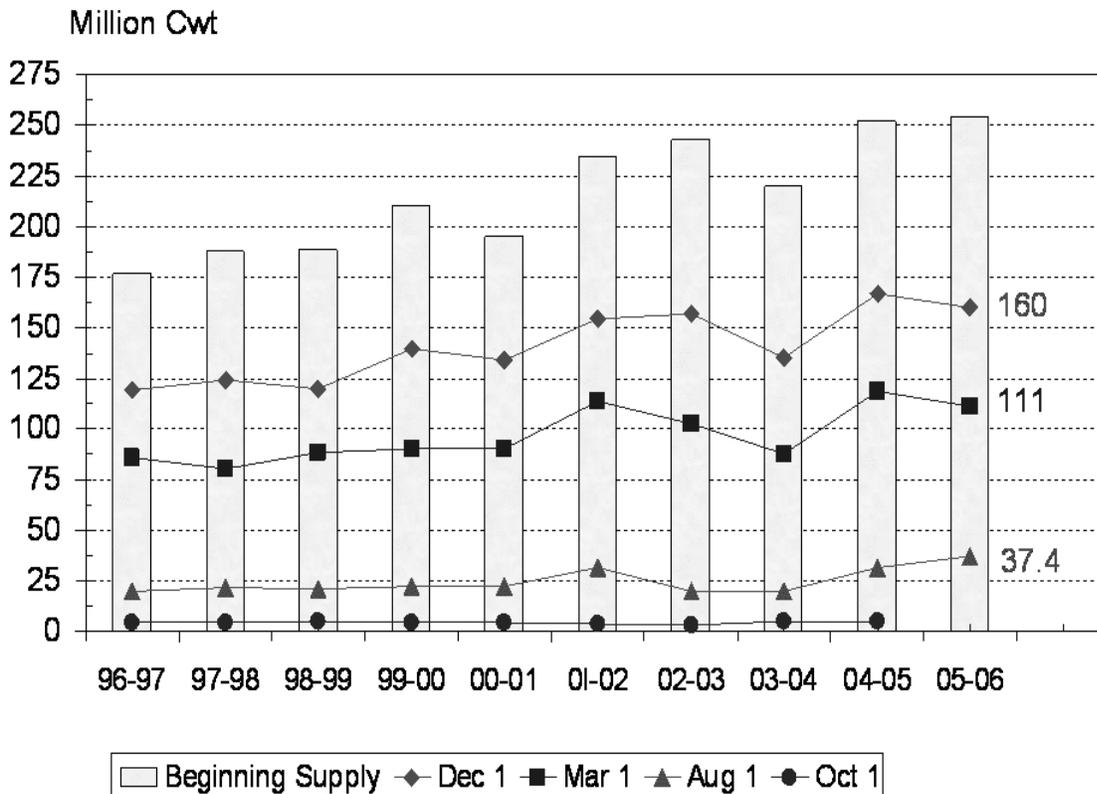
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Rough Rice Stocks Up 18 Percent From August 2005

Rough rice stocks in all positions on August 1, 2006, totaled 37 million hundredweight (cwt), up 18 percent from the total on August 1, 2005. Stocks held on farms totaled 1.55 million cwt, and off-farm stocks totaled 35.9 million cwt. Long grain varieties accounted for nearly 77 percent of the total rough rice, medium grain accounted for 21 percent, and short grain varieties accounted for 2 percent.

Milled rice stocks in all positions totaled 3.94 million cwt, 8 percent below a year ago. Milled rice stocks were comprised of 3.33 million cwt of whole kernel rice and 616,000 cwt of second heads, screenings, and brewers rice.

U.S. Rough Rice Stocks



Rice: Stocks by Position, Month, United States, 2005-2006

Date	2005			2006		
	On Farms	Off Farms ¹	Total All Positions	On Farms	Off Farms ¹	Total All Positions
Domestic Units						
Rough Rice - 1,000 Cwt						
Mar 1	37,590	81,193	118,783	30,865	80,416	111,281
Aug 1	2,815	28,822	31,637	1,553	35,825	37,378
Oct 1 ²	*	*	5,055			
Dec 1	58,630	101,518	160,148			
Milled Rice - 1,000 Cwt						
Mar 1		5,419	5,419		4,572	4,572
Aug 1		4,300	4,300		3,944	3,944
Oct 1 ²		848	848			
Dec 1		5,940	5,940			
Metric Units ³						
Rough Rice - Metric Tons						
Mar 1	1,705,050	3,682,850	5,387,910	1,400,010	3,647,610	5,047,620
Aug 1	127,690	1,307,340	1,435,030	70,440	1,624,990	1,695,440
Oct 1 ²	*	*	229,290			
Dec 1	2,659,410	4,604,780	7,264,190			
Milled Rice - Metric Tons						
Mar 1		245,800	245,800		207,380	207,380
Aug 1		195,040	195,040		178,900	178,900
Oct 1 ²		38,460	38,460			
Dec 1		269,430	269,430			

* Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

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

² CA only.

³ Total may not add due to rounding.

**Rice: Stocks by Position, State, and United States,
August 1, 2005-2006**

Date	2005			2006		
	On Farms	Off Farms ¹	Total All Positions	On Farms	Off Farms ¹	Total All Positions
Rough Rice - 1,000 Cwt						
AR	1,330	13,304	14,634	950	19,492	20,442
CA	*	*	10,480	150	7,774	7,924
LA	*	*	2,454	200	3,246	3,446
MS	*	*	1,155	*	*	1,216
MO	*	*	1,505	*	*	1,456
TX	*	*	1,409	*	*	2,894
Unall*	1,485	15,518		253	5,313	
US	2,815	28,822	31,637	1,553	35,825	37,378
Milled Rice - 1,000 Cwt						
AR		1,794	1,794		1,676	1,676
CA		*	*		642	642
LA		*	*		*	*
MS		*	*		*	*
MO		*	*		*	*
TX		*	*		739	739
Unall*		2,506	2,506		887	887
US		4,300	4,300		3,944	3,944

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

**Rough Rice: Stocks by Length of Grain in All Positions,
California, Other States, and United States, August 1, 2005-2006**

State	Long		Medium		Short		Total	
	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006
	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>							
CA	*	*	9,488	6,786	*	*	10,480	7,924
Oth Sts ¹	*	*	2,303	1,226	*	*	21,157	29,454
US	19,026	28,571	11,791	8,012	820	795	31,637	37,378

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¹ AR, LA, MS, MO, and TX.

**Milled Rice: Stocks by Length of Grain in All Positions,
California, Other States, and United States, August 1, 2005-2006**

State	Whole Kernels (Head Rice)							
	Long		Medium		Short		Total	
	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006
	<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	11	10	669	*	46	*	726	349
Oth Sts ¹	2,618	2,870	135	395	10	53	2,763	2,979
US	2,629	2,880	804	395	56	53	3,489	3,328
State	Broken Kernels							
	Second Heads		Screenings		Brewers		Total	
	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006
	<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	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	293
Oth Sts ²	619	235	40	84	152	297	811	323
US	619	235	40	84	152	297	811	616

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¹ AR, LA, MS, MO, and TX for long grain and total and AR, CA, LA, MS, MO, and TX for medium and short grain.

² AR, CA, LA, MS, MO, and TX for second heads, screenings, and brewers.

**Rice: Stocks by Position, State, and United States,
March 1, 2005-2006**

Date	2005			2006		
	On Farms	Off Farms ¹	Total All Positions	On Farms	Off Farms ¹	Total All Positions
Rough Rice - 1,000 Cwt						
AR	22,615	37,078	59,693	18,200	43,691	61,891
CA	*	*	31,434	1,425	19,770	21,195
LA	*	*	10,127	3,500	6,298	9,798
MS	*	*	6,802	*	*	5,752
MO	*	*	4,352	*	*	5,320
TX	1,380	4,995	6,375	2,400	4,925	7,325
Unall*	13,595	39,120		5,340	5,732	
US	37,590	81,193	118,783	30,865	80,416	111,281
Milled Rice - 1,000 Cwt						
AR		1,515	1,515		1,809	1,809
CA		2,131	2,131		1,196	1,196
LA		*	*		595	595
MS		*	*		*	*
MO		*	*		*	*
TX		867	867		718	718
Unall*		906	906		254	254
US		5,419	5,419		4,572	4,572

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

**Rough Rice: Stocks by Length of Grain in All Positions,
California, Other States, and United States, March 1, 2005-2006**

State	Long		Medium		Short		Total	
	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006
	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>							
CA	*	426	29,102	18,896	*	1,873	31,434	21,195
Oth Sts ¹	*	85,682	7,659	4,403	*	1	87,349	90,086
US	79,994	86,108	36,761	23,299	2,028	1,874	118,783	111,281

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¹ AR, LA, MS, MO, and TX.

**Milled Rice: Stocks by Length of Grain in All Positions,
California, Other States, and United States, March 1, 2005-2006**

State	Whole Kernels (Head Rice)							
	Long		Medium		Short		Total	
	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006
	<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	6	9	1,724	952	65	48	1,795	1,009
Oth Sts ¹	2,790	2,543	201	184	4	5	2,995	2,732
US	2,796	2,552	1,925	1,136	69	53	4,790	3,741
State	Broken Kernels							
	Second Heads		Screenings ²		Brewers		Total	
	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006
	<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	311	136	*	*	25	51	336	187
Oth Sts ¹	201	234	28	162	64	248	293	644
US	512	370	28	162	89	299	629	831

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² Screenings included with second heads in CA.

Reliability of August 1, 2006 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, 2006. 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 for the Data Users' Meeting, see the NASS homepage at www.nass.usda.gov/forum/ or contact Amy Jenkins (NASS) at (202) 690-8141 or at amy_jenkins@nass.usda.gov.

This Data Users' Meeting precedes an Industry Outlook meeting that will be held at the same location on October 17, 2006. 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 contact Jim Robb (Livestock and Marketing Information Center) at (720) 544-2941 or at robb@lmic.info.