

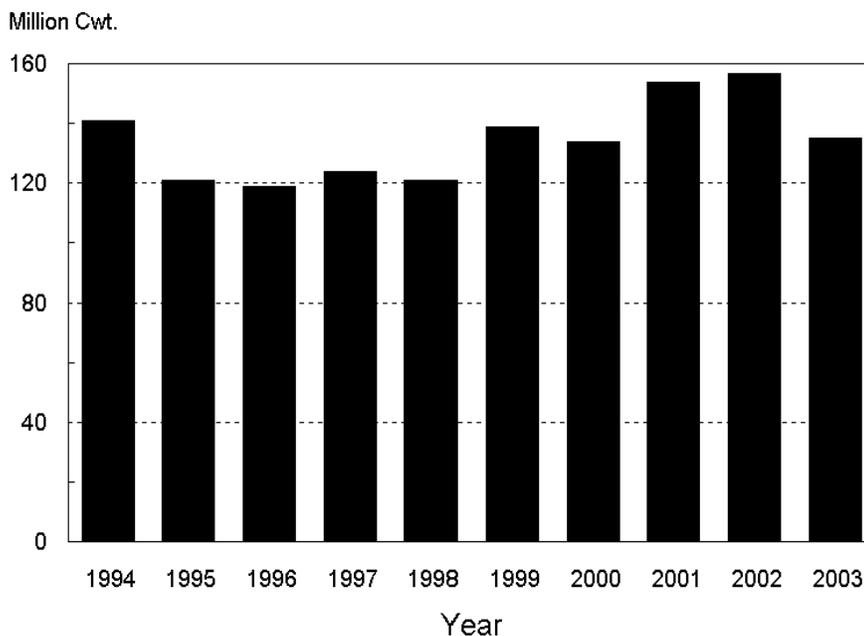
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Rough Rice Stocks down 14 Percent from December 2002

Rough rice stocks in all positions on December 1, 2003, totaled 135 million hundredweight (cwt), down 14 percent from the total on December 1, 2002. Stocks held on farms totaled 43.2 million cwt, and off-farm stocks totaled 92.2 million cwt. Long grain varieties accounted for 69 percent of the total rough rice, medium grain accounted for 29 percent, and short grain varieties accounted for 2 percent.

Milled rice stocks in all positions totaled 6.62 million cwt, 12 percent below the comparable figure a year ago. Milled rice stocks were comprised of 5.45 million cwt of whole kernel rice and 1.16 million cwt of second heads, screenings, and brewers rice.

Rough Rice Stocks, All Positions,
United States, December 1, 1994 - 2003



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 ²	*	314	2,714	*	3,154
Dec 1	43,165	13,295	77,989	870	135,319
Milled Rice - 1,000 Cwt					
Mar 1		4,494	110	2,023	6,627
Aug 1		3,783	54	737	4,574
Oct 1 ²		913	0	2	915
Dec 1		4,859	118	1,639	6,616
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 ²	*	14,240	123,100	*	143,060
Dec 1	1,957,930	603,050	3,537,520	39,460	6,137,970
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 ²		41,410	0	90	41,500
Dec 1		220,400	5,350	74,340	300,100
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 ²	*	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 ²		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 ²	*	24,450	133,760	*	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 ²		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.

² CA only.

Rice Stocks: By Position, by State and United States, December 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
December 1, 2003					
Rough Rice - 1,000 Cwt					
AR	23,500	8,307	34,416	0	66,223
CA	*	2,502	28,182	*	33,380
LA	5,400	1,106	5,257	753	12,516
MS	6,000	*	*	*	9,833
MO	*	*	*	0	5,941
TX	2,750	*	4,293	*	7,426
Unall*	5,515	1,380	5,841	117	0
US	43,165	13,295	77,989	870	135,319
Milled Rice - 1,000 Cwt					
AR		1,647	118	138	1,903
CA		*	0	*	2,691
LA		262	0	454	716
MS		*	0	*	*
MO		*	0	*	*
TX		1,040	0	0	1,040
Unall*		1,910	0	1,047	266
US		4,859	118	1,639	6,616
December 1, 2002					
Rough Rice - 1,000 Cwt					
AR	28,700	*	39,692	*	76,087
CA	*	3,285	30,386	*	36,759
LA	8,500	1,523	5,826	882	16,731
MS	7,100	*	3,641	*	11,202
MO	*	*	*	*	5,577
TX	3,500	*	*	0	10,714
Unall*	5,420	9,443	8,876	296	0
US	53,220	14,251	88,421	1,178	157,070
Milled Rice - 1,000 Cwt					
AR		1,784	117	234	2,135
CA		1,534	0	632	2,166
LA		376	0	1,524	1,900
MS		*	0	*	*
MO		*	0	*	*
TX		870	0	153	1,023
Unall*		250	0	7	257
US		4,814	117	2,550	7,481

* Included in unallocated to avoid disclosing individual operations.

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

State	Long		Medium		Short		Total	
	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002 ¹	2003
	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>						
CA	*	*	33,937	30,533	*	*	36,759	33,380
Oth Sts ¹	*	*	6,981	8,203	*	*	120,311	101,939
US	113,897	93,881	40,918	38,736	2,255	2,702	157,070	135,319

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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, December 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	23	17	1,467	1,809	57	111	1,547	1,937
Oth Sts ¹	4,367	3,321	207	191	1	3	4,575	3,515
US	4,390	3,338	1,674	2,000	58	114	6,122	5,452
	Broken Kernels							
	Second Heads		Screenings		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	513	732	*	*	106	22	619	754
Oth Sts ¹	513	236	91	71	136	103	740	410
US	1,026	968	91	71	242	125	1,359	1,164

* Screenings included with second heads in CA.

¹ AR, LA, MS, MO, and TX.

**Rough Rice Stocks: By Length of Grain in All Positions,
California, October 1, 2002-2003**

State	Long		Medium		Short		Total	
	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003
	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>							
CA	434	59	2,691	2,688	363	407	3,488	3,154

**Milled Rice Stocks: By Length of Grain in All Positions,
California, October 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	23	9	388	277	53	30	464	316
State	Broken Kernels							
	Second Heads		Screenings		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	246	587	*	*	16	12	262	599

* Screenings included with second heads in CA.

**Rice Stocks: By Position, State, and United States,
August 1 and March 1, 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	0
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
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

* Included in unallocated to avoid disclosing individual operations.

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

State	Long	Medium	Short	Total
	August 1, 2003			
	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>
CA	*	6,257	*	7,043
Oth Sts	*	1,503	*	13,028
US	11,673	7,760	638	20,071
State	Long	Medium	Short	Total
March 1, 2003				
	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>
CA	*	20,564	*	22,241
Oth Sts	*	4,965	*	80,337
US	75,733	25,529	1,316	102,578

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

State	Whole Kernels (Head Rice)			
	Long	Medium	Short	Total
	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>
CA	19	287	48	354
Oth Sts ¹	2,720	256	12	2,988
US	2,739	543	60	3,342
Broken Kernels				
State	Second Heads	Screenings	Brewers ³	Total
	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>
CA	*	*	*	709
Oth Sts ²	1,066	62	104	523
US	1,066	62	104	1,232

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² AR, CA, LA, MS, MO, and TX.

³ Screening included with second heads in CA.

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

State	Whole Kernels (Head Rice)			
	Long	Medium	Short	Total
	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>
CA	15	1,134	58	1,207
Oth Sts ¹	3,641	217	1	3,859
US	3,656	1,351	59	5,066
	Broken Kernels			
	Second Heads	Screenings	Brewers	Total
	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>
CA	800	*	77	877
Oth Sts ¹	390	146	148	684
US	1,190	146	225	1,561

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¹ AR, LA, MS, MO, and TX.

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