

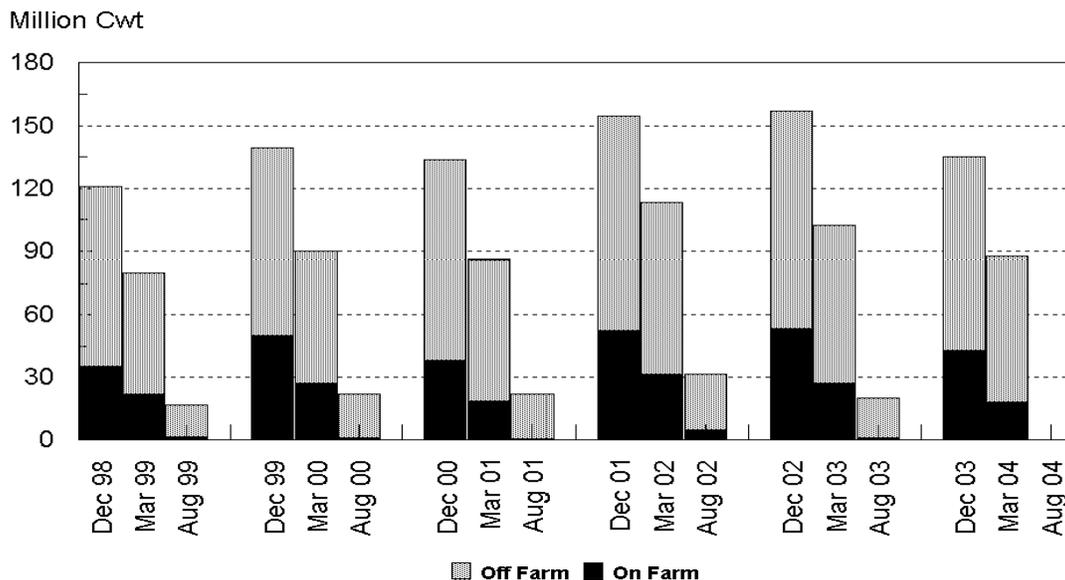
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## Rough Rice Stocks down 14 Percent from March 2003

**Rough rice stocks** in all positions on March 1, 2004, totaled 87.8 million hundredweight (cwt), down 14 percent from the total on March 1, 2003. Stocks held on farms totaled 18.3 million cwt, and off-farm stocks totaled 69.5 million cwt. Long grain varieties accounted for 68 percent of the total rough rice, medium grain accounted for 30 percent, and short grain varieties accounted for 2 percent.

**Milled rice stocks** in all positions totaled 6.33 million cwt, 4 percent below a year ago. Milled rice stocks were comprised of 5.00 million cwt of whole kernel rice and 1.34 million cwt of second heads, screenings, and brewers rice.

U.S. Rough Rice Stocks  
By Position



**Rice Stocks: By Position, United States, 2003-2004**

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 <sup>1</sup>
2004	Rough Rice - 1,000 Cwt				
Mar 1	18,325	13,755	55,150	610	87,840
Aug 1					
Oct 1 <sup>2</sup>					
Dec 1					
	Milled Rice - 1,000 Cwt				
Mar 1		4,530	146	1,657	6,333
Aug 1					
Oct 1 <sup>2</sup>					
Dec 1					
	Rough Rice - Metric Tons				
Mar 1	831,210	623,920	2,501,560	27,670	3,984,360
Aug 1					
Oct 1 <sup>2</sup>					
Dec 1					
	Milled Rice - Metric Tons				
Mar 1		205,480	6,620	75,160	287,260
Aug 1					
Oct 1 <sup>2</sup>					
Dec 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 <sup>2</sup>	*	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 <sup>2</sup>		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 <sup>2</sup>	*	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 <sup>2</sup>		41,410	0	90	41,500
Dec 1		220,400	5,350	74,340	300,100

\* Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

<sup>1</sup> Total may not add due to rounding.

<sup>2</sup> CA only.

**Rice Stocks: By Position, State and United States, March 1, 2003-2004**

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
March 1, 2004					
Rough Rice - 1,000 Cwt					
AR	10,200	7,585	27,000	0	44,785
CA	1,525	*	18,323	*	22,014
LA	2,300	*	3,197	*	8,307
MS	2,500	*	*	*	5,243
MO	*	*	*	0	*
TX	*	*	2,215	0	*
Unall*	1,800	6,170	4,415	610	7,491
US	18,325	13,755	55,150	610	87,840
Milled Rice - 1,000 Cwt					
AR		1,253	146	159	1,558
CA		2,238	0	903	3,141
LA		288	0	509	797
MS		*	0	*	*
MO		*	0	*	*
TX		608	0	0	608
Unall*		143	0	86	229
US		4,530	146	1,657	6,333
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, March 1, 2003-2004**

State	Long		Medium		Short		Total	
	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004
	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>							
CA	*	*	20,564	20,111	*	*	22,241	22,014
Oth Sts <sup>1</sup>	*	*	4,965	6,451	*	*	80,337	65,826
US	75,733	59,671	25,529	26,562	1,316	1,607	102,578	87,840

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<sup>1</sup> AR, LA, MS, MO, and TX.

**Milled Rice Stocks: By Length of Grain in All Positions,  
California, Other States, and United States, March 1, 2003-2004**

State	Whole Kernels (Head Rice)							
	Long		Medium		Short		Total	
	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004
	<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	15	26	1,134	1,997	58	121	1,207	2,144
Oth Sts <sup>1</sup>	3,641	2,656	217	197	1	1	3,859	2,854
US	3,656	2,682	1,351	2,194	59	122	5,066	4,998
Broken Kernels								
State	Second Heads		Screenings		Brewers		Total	
	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004
	<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	800	965	*	*	77	32	877	997
Oth Sts <sup>1</sup>	390	234	146	22	148	82	684	338
US	1,190	1,199	146	22	225	114	1,561	1,335

\* Screenings included with second heads in CA.

<sup>1</sup> AR, LA, MS, MO, and TX.

**Rice Stocks: By Position, 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	2003
	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>							
CA	*	*	33,937	30,533	*	*	36,759	33,380
Oth Sts <sup>1</sup>	*	*	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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<sup>1</sup> 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 <sup>1</sup>	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								
State	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 <sup>1</sup>	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.

<sup>1</sup> AR, LA, MS, MO, and TX.

## Reliability of March 1, 2004 Rice Stocks Estimates

**Survey Procedures:** The rice stocks estimates in this report are based on surveys conducted during the first 2 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 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 March 1, 2004. 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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