

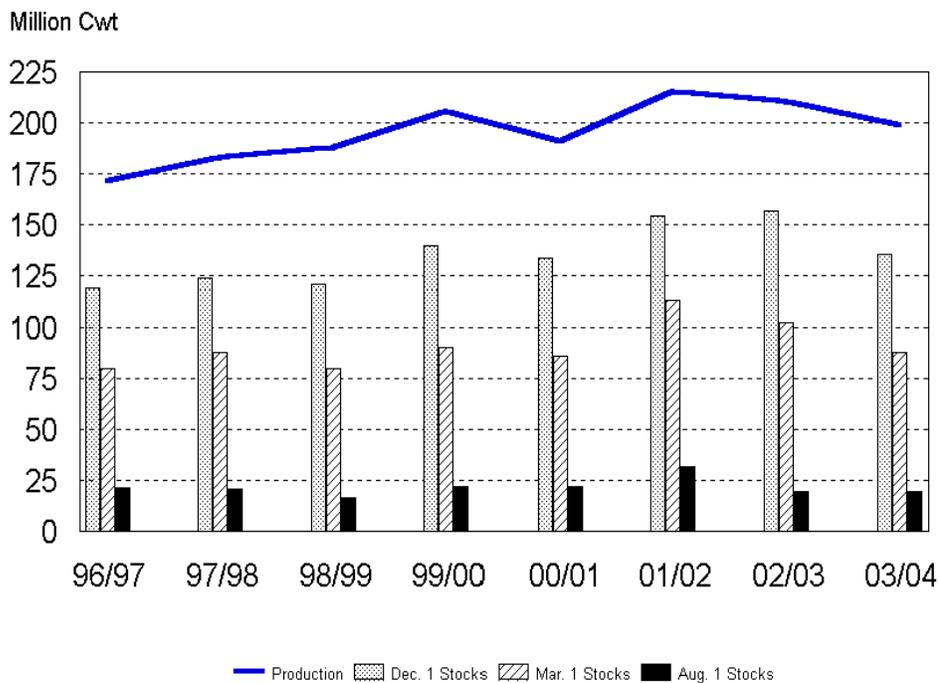
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Rough Rice Stocks Down 3 Percent from August 2003

Rough rice stocks in all positions on August 1, 2004, totaled 19.5 million hundredweight (cwt), down 3 percent from the total on August 1, 2003. Stocks held on farms totaled 571,000 cwt, and off-farm stocks totaled 18.9 million cwt. Long grain varieties accounted for 41 percent of the total rough rice, medium grain accounted for 56 percent, and short grain varieties accounted for 3 percent.

Milled rice stocks in all positions totaled 2.95 million cwt, 35 percent below a year ago. Milled rice stocks were comprised of 2.25 million cwt of whole kernel rice and 705,000 cwt of second heads, screenings, and brewers rice.

**U.S. Rough Rice Production and Stocks
All Positions**



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 ¹
2004	Rough Rice - 1,000 Cwt				
Mar 1	18,325	13,755	55,150	610	87,840
Aug 1	571	6,085	12,819	40	19,515
Oct 1 ³					
Dec 1					
Milled Rice - 1,000 Cwt					
Mar 1		4,530	146	1,657	6,333
Aug 1		2,591	105	255	2,951
Oct 1 ³					
Dec 1					
Rough Rice - Metric Tons					
Mar 1	831,210	623,920	2,501,560	27,670	3,984,360
Aug 1	25,900	276,010	581,460	1,810	885,190
Oct 1 ³					
Dec 1					
Milled Rice - Metric Tons					
Mar 1		205,480	6,620	75,160	287,260
Aug 1		117,530	4,760	11,570	133,860
Oct 1 ³					
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 ³	*	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 ³		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 ³	*	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 ³		41,410	0	90	41,500
Dec 1		220,400	5,350	74,340	300,100

* Not Published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

¹ Total may not add due to rounding.

³ CA only.

Rice Stocks: By Position, State and United States, August 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
August 1, 2004					
Rough Rice - 1,000 Cwt					
AR	400	3,244	3,632	0	7,276
CA	*	1,464	7,793	*	9,422
LA	*	*	*	*	998
MS	*	*	689	0	874
MO	*	*	*	0	560
TX	*	*	157	0	385
Unall*	171	1,377	548	40	
US	571	6,085	12,819	40	19,515
Milled Rice - 1,000 Cwt					
AR		1,088	*	*	1,304
CA		701	*	*	703
LA		*	*	*	*
MS		*	0	*	*
MO		*	0	0	*
TX		301	0	0	301
Unall*		501	105	255	643
US		2,591	105	255	2,951
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	
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

* Included in unallocated to avoid disclosing individual operations.

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

State	Long		Medium		Short		Total	
	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004
	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>							
CA	*	*	6,257	8,718	*	*	7,043	9,422
Oth Sts ¹	*	*	1,503	2,169	*	*	13,028	10,093
US	11,673	8,035	7,760	10,887	638	593	20,071	19,515

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**Milled Rice Stocks: By Length of Grain in All Positions,
California, Other States, and United States, August 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	19	13	287	393	48	76	354	482
Oth Sts ¹	2,720	1,609	256	154	12	1	2,988	1,764
US	2,739	1,622	543	547	60	77	3,342	2,246
Broken Kernels								
	Second Heads		Screenings ³		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	*	201	*	*	*	20	709	221
Oth Sts ²	1,066	314	62	77	104	93	523	484
US	1,066	515	62	77	104	113	1,232	705

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¹ AR, LA, MS, MO, and TX.

² AR, CA, LA, MS, MO, and TX for 2003 and AR, LA, MS, MO, and TX for 2004.

³ Screenings included with second heads in CA

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	
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

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**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 ¹	*	*	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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**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 ¹	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								
	Second Heads		Screenings ²		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 ¹	390	234	146	22	148	82	684	338
US	1,190	1,199	146	22	225	114	1,561	1,335

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Reliability of August 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 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, 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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For registration details or additional information for the Data Users' Meeting, see the NASS homepage at www.usda.gov/nass/ or contact Karlyn McCutcheon (NASS) at (202) 690-8141 or at karlyn_mccutcheon@nass.usda.gov.

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