

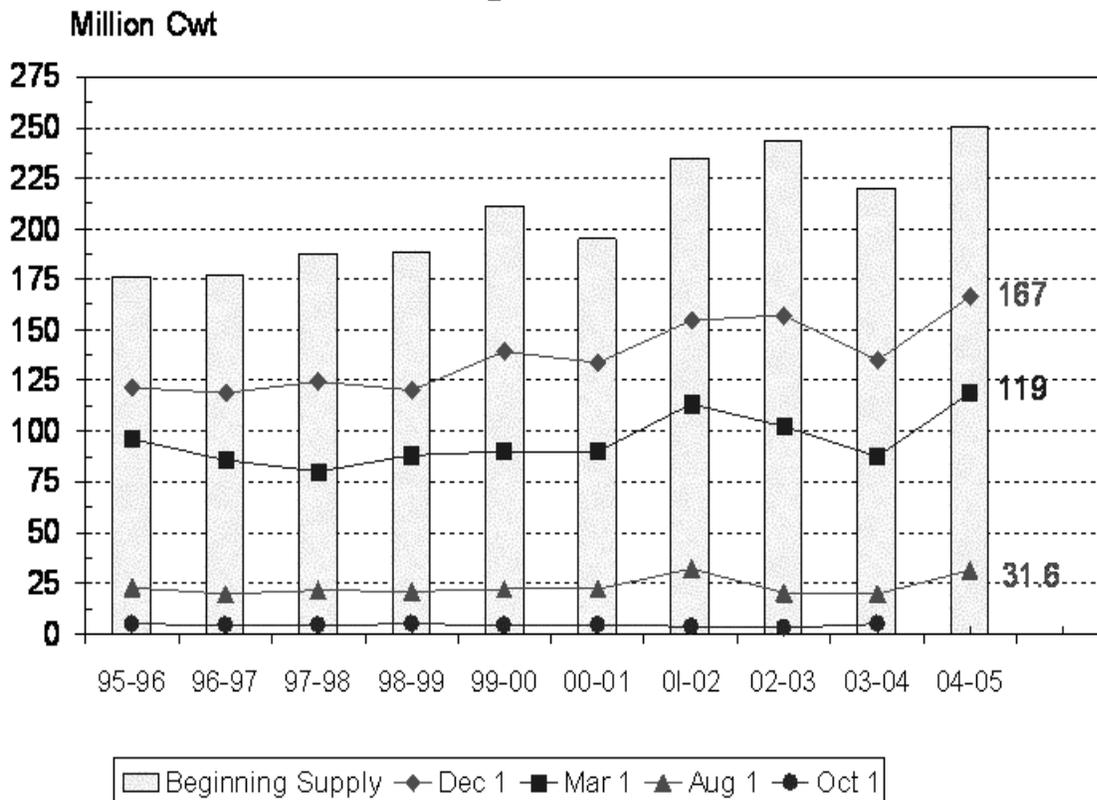
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Rough Rice Stocks up 62 Percent from August 2004

Rough rice stocks in all positions on August 1, 2005, totaled 31.6 million hundredweight (cwt), up 62 percent from the total on August 1, 2004. Stocks held on farms totaled 2.82 million cwt, and off-farm stocks totaled 28.8 million cwt. Long grain varieties accounted for 60 percent of the total rough rice, medium grain accounted for 37 percent, and short grain varieties accounted for 3 percent.

Milled rice stocks in all positions totaled 4.30 million cwt, 46 percent above a year ago. Milled rice stocks were comprised of 3.49 million cwt of whole kernel rice and 811,000 cwt of second heads, screenings, and brewers rice.

U.S. Rough Rice Stocks



Rice Stocks: By Position, United States, 2004-2005

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
2005	Rough Rice - 1,000 Cwt				
Mar 1	37,590	12,690	67,910	566	118,756
Aug 1	2,815	7,301	19,386	2,105	31,607
Oct 1 ²					
Dec 1					
Milled Rice - 1,000 Cwt					
Mar 1		3,320	52	2,047	5,419
Aug 1		3,481	60	759	4,300
Oct 1 ²					
Dec 1					
Rough Rice - Metric Tons					
Mar 1	1,705,050	575,610	3,080,350	25,670	5,386,680
Aug 1	127,690	331,170	879,330	95,480	1,433,670
Oct 1 ²					
Dec 1					
Milled Rice - Metric Tons					
Mar 1		150,590	2,360	92,850	245,800
Aug 1		157,900	2,720	34,430	195,040
Oct 1 ²					
Dec 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 ²	30	1,231	3,539	0	4,800
Dec 1	57,545	15,232	92,534	1,349	166,660
Milled Rice - 1,000 Cwt					
Mar 1		4,530	146	1,657	6,333
Aug 1		2,591	105	255	2,951
Oct 1 ²		*	*	*	541
Dec 1		3,379	48	1,214	4,641
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 ²	1,360	55,840	160,530	0	217,720
Dec 1	2,610,200	690,910	4,197,270	61,190	7,559,570
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 ²		*	*	*	24,540
Dec 1		153,270	2,180	55,070	210,510

* Not Published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

¹ Total may not add due to rounding.

² CA only.

Rice Stocks: By Position, State and United States, August 1, 2004-2005

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, 2005					
Rough Rice - 1,000 Cwt					
AR	1,330	4,561	7,099	1,614	14,604
CA	*	1,092	9,154	*	10,480
LA	*	*	*	*	2,454
MS	*	*	*	*	1,155
MO	*	*	*	*	1,505
TX	*	*	737	0	1,409
Unall*	1,485	1,648	2,396	491	0
US	2,815	7,301	19,386	2,105	31,607
Milled Rice - 1,000 Cwt					
AR		1,390	*	*	1,794
CA		*	0	*	1,113
LA		*	0	*	*
MS		*	*	*	*
MO		*	0	0	*
TX		*	0	0	*
Unall*		2,091	60	759	1,393
US		3,481	60	759	4,300
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	0
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

* 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, 2004-2005**

State	Long		Medium		Short		Total	
	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005
	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>							
CA	*	*	8,718	9,488	*	*	9,422	10,480
Oth Sts ¹	*	*	2,169	2,303	*	*	10,093	21,127
US	8,035	18,996	10,887	11,791	593	820	19,515	31,607

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**Milled Rice Stocks: By Length of Grain in All Positions,
California, Other States, and United States, August 1, 2004-2005**

State	Whole Kernels (Head Rice)							
	Long		Medium		Short		Total	
	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005
	<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	13	11	393	669	76	46	482	726
Oth Sts ¹	1,609	2,618	154	135	1	10	1,764	2,763
US	1,622	2,629	547	804	77	56	2,246	3,489
Broken Kernels								
	Second Heads		Screenings ³		Brewers		Total	
	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005
	<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	*	221	*
Oth Sts ²	314	619	77	40	93	152	484	811
US	515	619	77	40	113	152	705	811

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¹ AR, LA, MS, MO, and TX.

² AR, LA, MS, MO, and TX for 2004 and AR, CA, LA, MS, MO, and TX for 2005.

³ Screenings included with second heads in CA

Rice Stocks: By Position, State, and United States, March 1, 2004-2005

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, 2005					
Rough Rice - 1,000 Cwt					
AR	22,615	8,170	28,729	179	59,693
CA	*	2,232	26,862	*	31,434
LA	4,750	940	*	*	10,127
MS	4,600	*	*	0	6,802
MO	*	*	*	*	4,325
TX	1,380	665	4,288	42	6,375
Unall*	4,245	683	8,031	345	0
US	37,590	12,690	67,910	566	118,756
Milled Rice - 1,000 Cwt					
AR		1,303	*	*	1,515
CA		735	0	1,396	2,131
LA		*	0	*	*
MS		*	0	*	*
MO		*	0	0	*
TX		807	*	*	867
Unall*		475	52	651	906
US		3,320	52	2,047	5,419
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

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**Rough Rice Stocks: By Length of Grain in All Positions,
California, Other States, and United States, March 1, 2004-2005**

State	Long		Medium		Short		Total	
	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005
	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>							
CA	*	*	20,111	29,102	*	*	22,014	31,434
Oth Sts ¹	*	*	6,451	7,659	*	*	65,826	87,322
US	59,671	79,967	26,562	36,761	1,607	2,028	87,840	118,756

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**Milled Rice Stocks: By Length of Grain in All Positions,
California, Other States, and United States, March 1, 2004-2005**

State	Whole Kernels (Head Rice)							
	Long		Medium		Short		Total	
	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005
	<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	26	6	1,997	1,724	121	65	2,144	1,795
Oth Sts ¹	2,656	2,790	197	201	1	4	2,854	2,995
US	2,682	2,796	2,194	1,925	122	69	4,998	4,790
State	Broken Kernels							
	Second Heads		Screenings ²		Brewers		Total	
	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005
	<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	965	311	*	*	32	25	997	336
Oth Sts ¹	234	201	22	28	82	64	338	293
US	1,199	512	22	28	114	89	1,335	629

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Reliability of August 1, 2005 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, 2005. 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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