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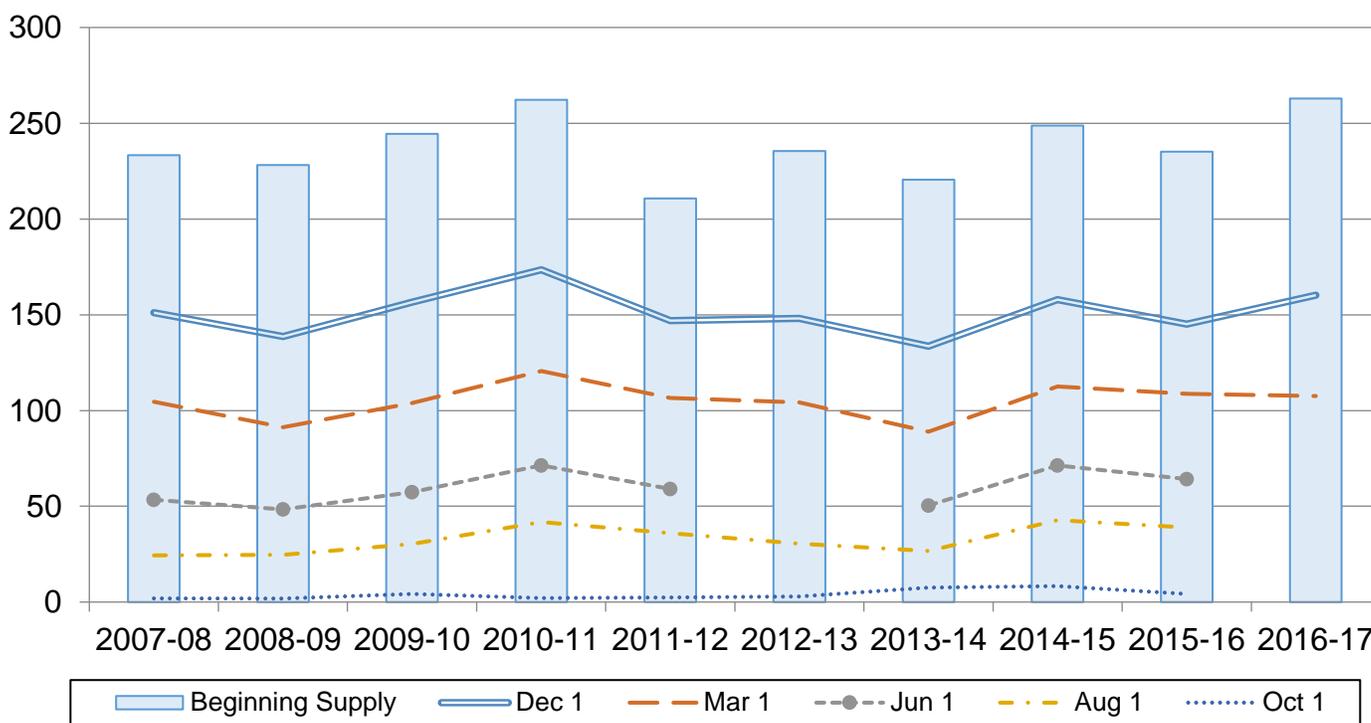
Rough Rice Stocks Down 1 Percent from March 2016

Rough rice stocks in all positions on March 1, 2017, totaled 108 million hundredweight (cwt), down 1 percent from the total on March 1, 2016. Stocks held on farms totaled 21.6 million cwt, and off-farm stocks totaled 86.0 million cwt. Long grain varieties accounted for 67 percent of the total rough rice, medium grain accounted for 31 percent, and short grain varieties accounted for 2 percent.

Milled rice stocks in all positions totaled 6.22 million cwt, up 1 percent from a year ago. Milled rice stocks were comprised of 3.71 million cwt of whole kernel rice and 2.52 million cwt of second heads, screenings, and brewers rice.

Rough Rice Stocks – United States

Million cwt



Rice Stocks by Position and Month in Domestic Units – United States: 2016 and 2017

[Blank data cells indicate estimation period has not yet begun]

Date	2016			2017		
	On farms	Off farms ¹	Total all positions	On farms	Off farms ¹	Total all positions
	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)
Rough rice						
March 1	18,255	90,507	108,762	21,600	85,969	107,569
June 1	7,965	56,299	64,264			
August 1	3,762	34,983	38,745			
October 1 ²	60	4,215	4,275			
December 1	48,595	111,734	160,329			
Milled rice						
March 1	(X)	6,135	6,135	(X)	6,220	6,220
June 1	(X)	6,916	6,916	(X)		
August 1	(X)	5,406	5,406	(X)		
October 1 ²	(X)	1,470	1,470	(X)		
December 1	(X)	5,795	5,795	(X)		

(X) Not applicable.

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

² California only.

Rice Stocks by Position and Month in Metric Units – United States: 2016 and 2017

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding. Blank data cells indicate estimation period has not yet begun]

Date	2016			2017		
	On farms	Off farms ¹	Total all positions	On farms	Off farms ¹	Total all positions
	(metric tons)	(metric tons)	(metric tons)	(metric tons)	(metric tons)	(metric tons)
Rough rice						
March 1	828,030	4,105,330	4,933,360	979,760	3,899,490	4,879,250
June 1	361,290	2,553,680	2,914,970			
August 1	170,640	1,586,800	1,757,440			
October 1 ²	2,720	191,190	193,910			
December 1	2,204,230	5,068,170	7,272,400			
Milled rice						
March 1	(X)	278,280	278,280	(X)	282,130	282,130
June 1	(X)	313,700	313,700	(X)		
August 1	(X)	245,210	245,210	(X)		
October 1 ²	(X)	66,680	66,680	(X)		
December 1	(X)	262,860	262,860	(X)		

(X) Not applicable.

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

² California only.

Rice Stocks by Position – States and United States: March 1, 2016 and 2017

State	2016			2017		
	On farms	Off farms ¹	Total all positions	On farms	Off farms ¹	Total all positions
	(1,000 Cwt)	(1,000 Cwt)	(1,000 Cwt)	(1,000 Cwt)	(1,000 Cwt)	(1,000 Cwt)
Rough rice						
Arkansas	11,100	48,896	59,996	11,500	43,397	54,897
California	1,815	28,080	29,895	2,020	26,495	28,515
Louisiana	1,700	5,573	7,273	2,300	5,902	8,202
Mississippi	1,600	1,367	2,967	2,800	1,371	4,171
Missouri	(D)	(D)	4,105	(D)	(D)	5,052
Texas	(D)	(D)	4,526	(D)	(D)	6,732
Unallocated ²	2,040	6,591	-	2,980	8,804	-
United States	18,255	90,507	108,762	21,600	85,969	107,569
Milled rice						
Arkansas	(X)	2,199	2,199	(X)	2,364	2,364
California	(X)	2,646	2,646	(X)	1,937	1,937
Louisiana	(X)	(D)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(D)
Mississippi	(X)	(D)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(D)
Missouri	(X)	(D)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(D)
Texas	(X)	685	685	(X)	648	648
Unallocated ²	(X)	605	605	(X)	1,271	1,271
United States	(X)	6,135	6,135	(X)	6,220	6,220

- Represents zero.

(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

(X) Not applicable.

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² Unallocated includes State data withheld to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

**Rough Rice Stocks By Length of Grain in All Positions – States and United States:
March 1, 2016 and 2017**

State	Long		Medium		Short		Total	
	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017
	(1,000 cwt)							
California	(D)	(D)	27,728	25,748	(D)	(D)	29,895	28,515
Other States ¹	(D)	(D)	12,990	7,896	(D)	(D)	78,867	79,054
United States	66,307	71,636	40,718	33,644	1,737	2,289	108,762	107,569

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¹ Other States include Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, and Texas.

**Milled Rice Stocks by Length of Grain in All Positions – States and United States:
March 1, 2016 and 2017**

State	Whole kernels (head rice)							
	Long		Medium		Short		Total	
	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017
	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)
California	(D)	(D)	1,304	847	(D)	(D)	1,368	924
Other States ¹	(D)	(D)	155	124	(D)	(D)	2,769	2,781
United States	2,616	2,659	1,459	971	62	75	4,137	3,705

State	Broken kernels							
	Second heads		Screenings ²		Brewers		Total	
	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017
	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)
California	(D)	(D)	-	-	(D)	(D)	1,278	1,013
Other States ¹	(D)	(D)	61	81	(D)	(D)	720	1,502
United States	1,550	1,924	61	81	387	510	1,998	2,515

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¹ Other States include Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, and Texas.

² Screenings included with second heads in California.

Rice Stocks by Position – States and United States: December 1, 2015 and 2016

State	2015			2016		
	On farms	Off farms ¹	Total all positions	On farms	Off farms ¹	Total all positions
	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)
Rough rice						
Arkansas	21,000	48,916	69,916	23,300	52,702	76,002
California	3,220	35,147	38,367	3,625	38,125	41,750
Louisiana	10,800	7,774	18,574	10,700	8,236	18,936
Mississippi	2,800	1,813	4,613	5,000	1,790	6,790
Missouri	(D)	(D)	7,278	(D)	(D)	7,244
Texas	(D)	(D)	6,301	(D)	(D)	9,607
Unallocated ²	5,425	8,154	-	5,970	10,881	-
United States	43,245	101,804	145,049	48,595	111,734	160,329
Milled rice						
Arkansas	(X)	2,227	2,227	(X)	1,919	1,919
California	(X)	2,196	2,196	(X)	2,239	2,239
Louisiana	(X)	(D)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(D)
Mississippi	(X)	(D)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(D)
Missouri	(X)	(D)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(D)
Texas	(X)	754	754	(X)	503	503
Unallocated ²	(X)	1,068	1,068	(X)	1,134	1,134
United States	(X)	6,245	6,245	(X)	5,795	5,795

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**Rough Rice Stocks By Length of Grain in All Positions – States and United States:
December 1, 2015 and 2016**

State	Long		Medium		Short		Total	
	2015	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016
	(1,000 cwt)							
California	(D)	(D)	35,193	38,088	(D)	(D)	38,367	41,750
Other States ¹	(D)	(D)	15,389	12,459	(D)	(D)	106,682	118,579
United States	91,814	106,700	50,582	50,547	2,653	3,082	145,049	160,329

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¹ Other States include Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, and Texas.

**Milled Rice Stocks By Length of Grain in All Positions – States and United States:
December 1, 2015 and 2016**

State	Whole kernels (head rice)							
	Long		Medium		Short		Total	
	2015	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016
	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)
California	(D)	(D)	1,023	886	(D)	(D)	1,102	985
Other States ¹	(D)	(D)	256	131	(D)	(D)	2,968	2,550
United States	2,716	2,453	1,279	1,017	75	65	4,070	3,535
State	Broken kernels							
	Second heads		Screenings ²		Brewers		Total	
	2015	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016
	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)
California	(D)	(D)	-	-	(D)	(D)	1,094	1,254
Other States ¹	(D)	(D)	56	82	(D)	(D)	1,081	1,006
United States	1,385	1,777	56	82	734	401	2,175	2,260

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² Screenings included with second heads in California.

Statistical Methodology

Survey Procedures: The rice stocks estimates in this report are based on surveys conducted during the first two 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 United States 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, 2017 regardless of ownership. 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.

Estimating 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 from 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 designs 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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