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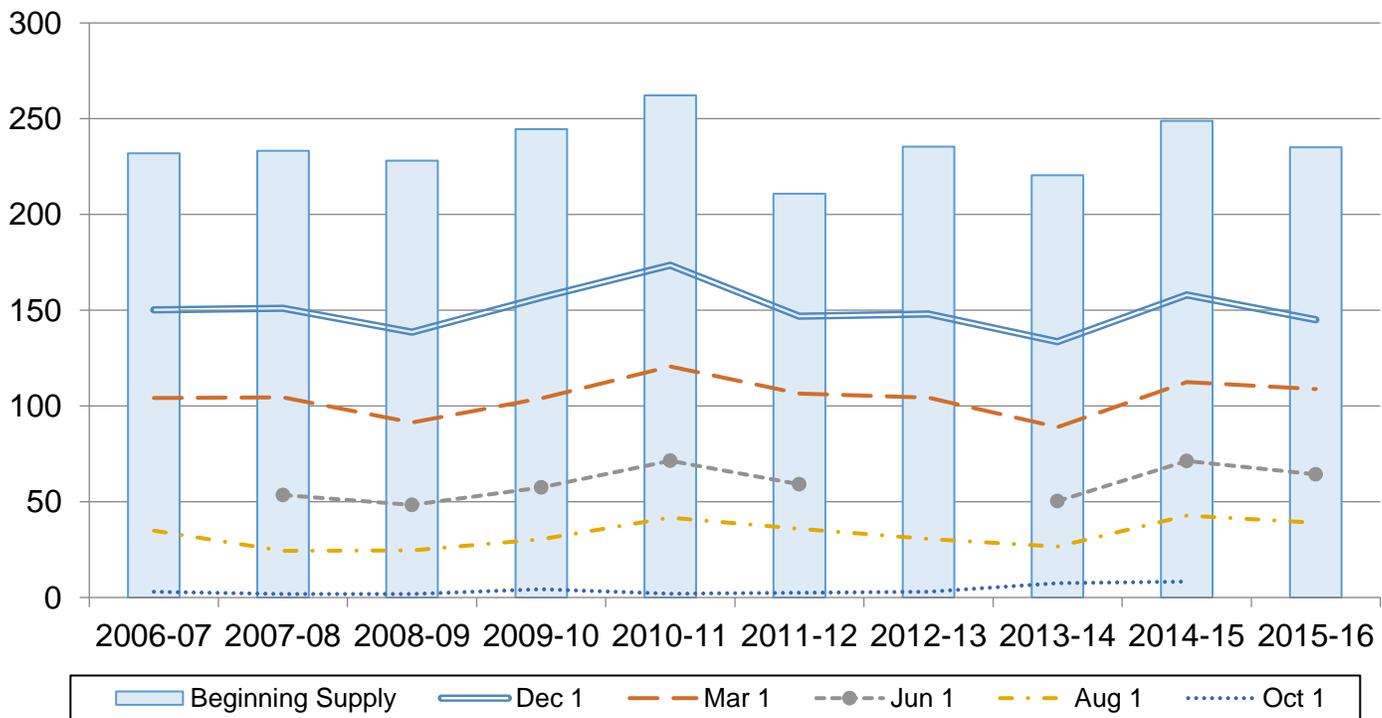
Rough Rice Stocks Down 9 Percent from August 2015

Rough rice stocks in all positions on August 1, 2016 totaled 38.7 million hundredweight (cwt), down 9 percent from the total on August 1, 2015. Stocks held on farms totaled 3.76 million cwt and off-farm stocks totaled 35.0 million cwt. Long grain varieties accounted for 51 percent of the total rough rice, medium grain accounted for 47 percent, and short grain varieties accounted for 2 percent.

Milled rice stocks in all positions totaled 5.41 million cwt, up 33 percent from a year ago. Milled rice stocks were comprised of 3.39 million cwt of whole kernel rice and 2.02 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: 2015 and 2016

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

Date	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						
March 1	25,810	86,658	112,468	18,255	90,507	108,762
June 1	10,227	61,113	71,340	7,965	56,299	64,264
August 1	1,480	41,293	42,773	3,762	34,983	38,745
October 1 ²	70	8,238	8,308			
December 1	43,245	101,804	145,049			
Milled rice						
March 1	(X)	5,869	5,869	(X)	6,135	6,135
June 1	(X)	6,772	6,772	(X)	6,916	6,916
August 1	(X)	4,056	4,056	(X)	5,406	5,406
October 1 ²	(X)	3,003	3,003			
December 1	(X)	6,245	6,245			

(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: 2015 and 2016

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

Date	2015			2016		
	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	1,170,720	3,930,740	5,101,460	828,030	4,105,330	4,933,360
June 1	463,890	2,772,040	3,235,930	361,290	2,553,680	2,914,970
August 1	67,130	1,873,020	1,940,150	170,640	1,586,800	1,757,440
October 1 ²	3,180	373,670	376,840			
December 1	1,961,560	4,617,750	6,579,310			
Milled rice						
March 1	(X)	266,210	266,210	(X)	278,280	278,280
June 1	(X)	307,170	307,170	(X)	313,700	313,700
August 1	(X)	183,980	183,980	(X)	245,210	245,210
October 1 ²	(X)	136,210	136,210			
December 1	(X)	283,270	283,270			

(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: August 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	940	21,268	22,208	2,500	17,818	20,318
California	190	14,067	14,257	387	11,206	11,593
Louisiana	120	2,259	2,379	750	2,393	3,143
Mississippi	(D)	(D)	420	(D)	(D)	500
Missouri	(D)	(D)	1,506	(D)	(D)	1,021
Texas	(D)	(D)	2,003	(D)	(D)	2,170
Unallocated ²	230	3,699	-	125	3,566	-
United States	1,480	41,293	42,773	3,762	34,983	38,745
Milled rice						
Arkansas	(X)	1,454	1,454	(X)	1,537	1,537
California	(X)	1,575	1,575	(X)	2,703	2,703
Louisiana	(X)	(D)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(D)
Mississippi	(X)	(D)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(D)
Missouri	(X)	(D)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(D)
Texas	(X)	696	696	(X)	477	477
Unallocated ²	(X)	331	331	(X)	689	689
United States	(X)	4,056	4,056	(X)	5,406	5,406

- Represents zero.

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

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

State	Long		Medium		Short		Total	
	2015	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016
	(1,000 cwt)							
California	(D)	(D)	13,431	10,755	(D)	(D)	14,257	11,593
Other States ¹	(D)	(D)	4,738	7,592	(D)	(D)	28,516	27,152
United States	23,917	19,801	18,169	18,347	687	597	42,773	38,745

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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:
August 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)	(D)	1,191	(D)	(D)	822	1,235
Other States ¹	(D)	(D)	(D)	133	(D)	(D)	1,885	2,151
United States	1,792	2,022	878	1,324	37	40	2,707	3,386

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)	753	1,468
Other States ¹	(D)	(D)	88	33	(D)	(D)	596	552
United States	1,120	1,436	88	33	141	551	1,349	2,020

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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: June 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	6,400	32,387	38,787	5,200	31,152	36,352
California	1,077	20,617	21,694	1,060	17,309	18,369
Louisiana	1,400	2,814	4,214	980	3,344	4,324
Mississippi	(D)	(D)	1,434	(D)	(D)	889
Missouri	(D)	(D)	2,004	(D)	(D)	1,796
Texas	480	2,727	3,207	245	2,289	2,534
Unallocated ²	870	2,568	-	480	2,205	-
United States	10,227	61,113	71,340	7,965	56,299	64,264
Milled rice						
Arkansas	(X)	2,128	2,128	(X)	1,961	1,961
California	(X)	3,175	3,175	(X)	2,513	2,513
Louisiana	(X)	(D)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(D)
Mississippi	(X)	(D)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(D)
Missouri	(X)	(D)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(D)
Texas	(X)	660	660	(X)	519	519
Unallocated ²	(X)	809	809	(X)	1,923	1,923
United States	(X)	6,772	6,772	(X)	6,916	6,916

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

State	Long		Medium		Short		Total	
	2015	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016
	(1,000 cwt)							
California	(D)	(D)	20,431	17,047	(D)	(D)	21,694	18,369
Other States ¹	(D)	(D)	7,557	9,913	(D)	(D)	49,646	45,895
United States	42,295	36,305	27,988	26,960	1,057	999	71,340	64,264

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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:
June 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)	1,526	870	(D)	(D)	1,583	914
Other States ¹	(D)	(D)	136	160	(D)	(D)	2,656	3,620
United States	2,523	3,463	1,662	1,030	54	41	4,239	4,534
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)	1,592	1,599
Other States ¹	(D)	(D)	153	70	(D)	(D)	941	783
United States	1,227	1,634	153	70	1,153	678	2,533	2,382

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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 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 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 August 1, 2016 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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USDA NASS Data Users' Meeting

Tuesday, October 18, 2016

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The USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service will be organizing an open forum for data users. The purpose will be to provide updates on pending changes in the various statistical and information programs and seek comments and input from data users. Other USDA agencies to be represented will include the Agricultural Marketing Service, the Economic Research Service, the Foreign Agricultural Service, and the World Agricultural Outlook Board. The Foreign Trade Division from the Census Bureau will also be included in the meeting.

For registration details or additional information for the Data Users' Meeting, see the NASS homepage at <http://www.nass.usda.gov/meeting/> or contact Tina Hall (NASS) at 202-720-3896 or at tina.hall@nass.usda.gov.

This Data Users' Meeting precedes the Industry Outlook Conference that will be held at the same location on Wednesday, October 19, 2016. The outlook meeting brings together analysts from various commodity sectors to discuss the outlook situation. For registration details or additional information for the Industry Outlook Conference, see the conference webpage on the LMIC website: <http://lmic.info/page/meetings>. For more information, contact James Robb at (303) 716-9933.