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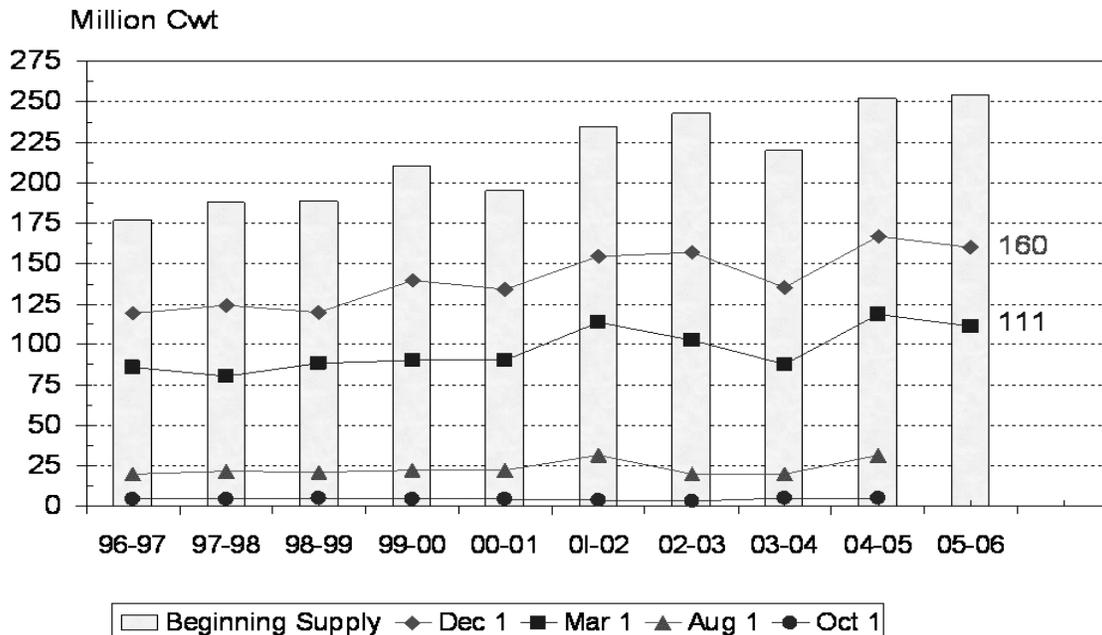
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## Rough Rice Stocks Down 6 Percent From March 2005

**Rough rice stocks** in all positions on March 1, 2006, totaled 111 million hundredweight (cwt), down 6 percent from the total on March 1, 2005. Stocks held on farms totaled 30.9 million cwt, and off-farm stocks totaled 80.4 million cwt. Long grain varieties accounted for 77 percent of the total rough rice, medium grain accounted for 21 percent, and short grain varieties accounted for 2 percent.

**Milled rice stocks** in all positions totaled 4.57 million cwt, 16 percent below a year ago. Milled rice stocks were comprised of 3.74 million cwt of whole kernel rice and 831,000 cwt of second heads, screenings, and brewers rice.

## U.S. Rough Rice Stocks



**Rice Stocks: By Position, Month, United States, 2005-2006**

Date	2005			2006		
	On Farms	Off Farms <sup>1</sup>	Total All Positions	On Farms	Off Farms <sup>1</sup>	Total All Positions
	Domestic Units					
Rough Rice - 1,000 Cwt						
Mar 1	37,590	81,193	118,783	30,865	80,416	111,281
Aug 1	2,815	28,822	31,637			
Oct 1 <sup>2</sup>	*	*	5,055			
Dec 1	58,630	101,518	160,148			
Milled Rice - 1,000 Cwt						
Mar 1		5,419	5,419		4,572	4,572
Aug 1		4,300	4,300			
Oct 1 <sup>2</sup>		848	848			
Dec 1		5,940	5,940			
Metric Units <sup>3</sup>						
Rough Rice - Metric Tons						
Mar 1	1,705,050	3,682,850	5,387,910	1,400,010	3,647,610	5,047,620
Aug 1	127,690	1,307,340	1,435,030			
Oct 1 <sup>2</sup>	*	*	229,290			
Dec 1	2,659,410	4,604,780	7,264,190			
Milled Rice - Metric Tons						
Mar 1		245,800	245,800		207,380	207,380
Aug 1		195,040	195,040			
Oct 1 <sup>2</sup>		38,460	38,460			
Dec 1		269,430	269,430			

\* Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

<sup>1</sup> Includes stocks at mills, elevators, warehouses, ports, and in transit.

<sup>2</sup> CA only.

<sup>3</sup> Total may not add due to rounding.

**Rice: Stocks by Position, State, and United States,  
March 1, 2005-2006**

Date	2005			2006		
	On Farms	Off Farms <sup>1</sup>	Total All Positions	On Farms	Off Farms <sup>1</sup>	Total All Positions
Rough Rice - 1,000 Cwt						
AR	22,615	37,078	59,693	18,200	43,691	61,891
CA	*	*	31,434	1,425	19,770	21,195
LA	*	*	10,127	3,500	6,298	9,798
MS	*	*	6,802	*	*	5,752
MO	*	*	4,352	*	*	5,320
TX	1,380	4,995	6,375	2,400	4,925	7,325
Unall*	13,595	39,120		5,340	5,732	
US	37,590	81,193	118,783	30,865	80,416	111,281
Milled Rice - 1,000 Cwt						
AR		1,515	1,515		1,809	1,809
CA		2,131	2,131		1,196	1,196
LA		*	*		595	595
MS		*	*		*	*
MO		*	*		*	*
TX		867	867		718	718
Unall*		906	906		254	254
US		5,419	5,419		4,572	4,572

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<sup>1</sup> Includes stocks at mills, elevators, warehouses, ports, and in transit.

**Rough Rice: Stocks By Length of Grain in All Positions,  
California, Other States, and United States, March 1, 2005-2006**

State	Long		Medium		Short		Total	
	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006
	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>							
CA	*	426	29,102	18,896	*	1,873	31,434	21,195
Oth Sts <sup>1</sup>	*	85,682	7,659	4,403	*	1	87,349	90,086
US	79,994	86,108	36,761	23,299	2,028	1,874	118,783	111,281

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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, 2005-2006**

State	Whole Kernels (Head Rice)							
	Long		Medium		Short		Total	
	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006
	<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	6	9	1,724	952	65	48	1,795	1,009
Oth Sts <sup>1</sup>	2,790	2,543	201	184	4	5	2,995	2,732
US	2,796	2,552	1,925	1,136	69	53	4,790	3,741
State	Broken Kernels							
	Second Heads		Screenings		Brewers		Total	
	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006
	<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	311	136	*	*	25	51	336	187
Oth Sts <sup>1</sup>	201	234	28	162	64	248	293	644
US	512	370	28	162	89	299	629	831

\* 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, 2004-2005**

Date	2004			2005		
	On Farms	Off Farms <sup>1</sup>	Total All Positions	On Farms	Off Farms <sup>1</sup>	Total All Positions
Rough Rice - 1,000 Cwt						
AR	32,500	46,470	78,970	32,500	50,912	83,412
CA	3,620	40,491	44,111	2,630	27,765	30,395
LA	8,500	9,081	17,581	9,000	9,890	18,890
MS	6,100	2,829	8,929	*	*	9,111
MO	*	*	7,952	*	*	7,725
TX	*	*	9,153	4,000	6,615	10,615
Unall*	6,825	10,280		10,500	6,336	
US	57,545	109,151	166,696	58,630	101,518	160,148
Milled Rice - 1,000 Cwt						
AR		1,659	1,659		2,165	2,165
CA		1,001	1,001		*	*
LA		1,130	1,130		680	680
MS		*	*		*	*
MO		*	*		*	*
TX		669	669		1,455	1,455
Unall*		182	182		1,640	1,640
US		4,641	4,641		5,940	5,940

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<sup>1</sup> Includes stocks at mills, elevators, warehouses, ports, and in transit.

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

State	Long		Medium		Short		Total	
	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005
	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>							
CA	*	*	40,837	26,934	*	*	44,111	30,395
Oth Sts <sup>1</sup>	*	*	10,168	5,868	*	*	122,585	129,753
US	112,799	124,485	51,005	32,802	2,892	2,861	166,696	160,148

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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, 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	7	7	784	969	30	73	821	1,049
Oth Sts <sup>1</sup>	3,082	3,298	133	278	1	2	3,216	3,578
US	3,089	3,305	917	1,247	31	75	4,037	4,627
State	Broken Kernels							
	Second Heads		Screenings <sup>3</sup>		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	156	*	*	*	24	*	180	*
Oth Sts <sup>2</sup>	304	795	21	198	99	320	424	1,313
US	460	795	21	198	123	320	604	1,313

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

<sup>2</sup> AR, LA, MS, MO, and TX for 2004 and AR, CA, LA, MS, MO, and TX for 2005.

<sup>3</sup> Screenings included with second heads in CA.

## Reliability of March 1, 2006 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, 2006. 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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