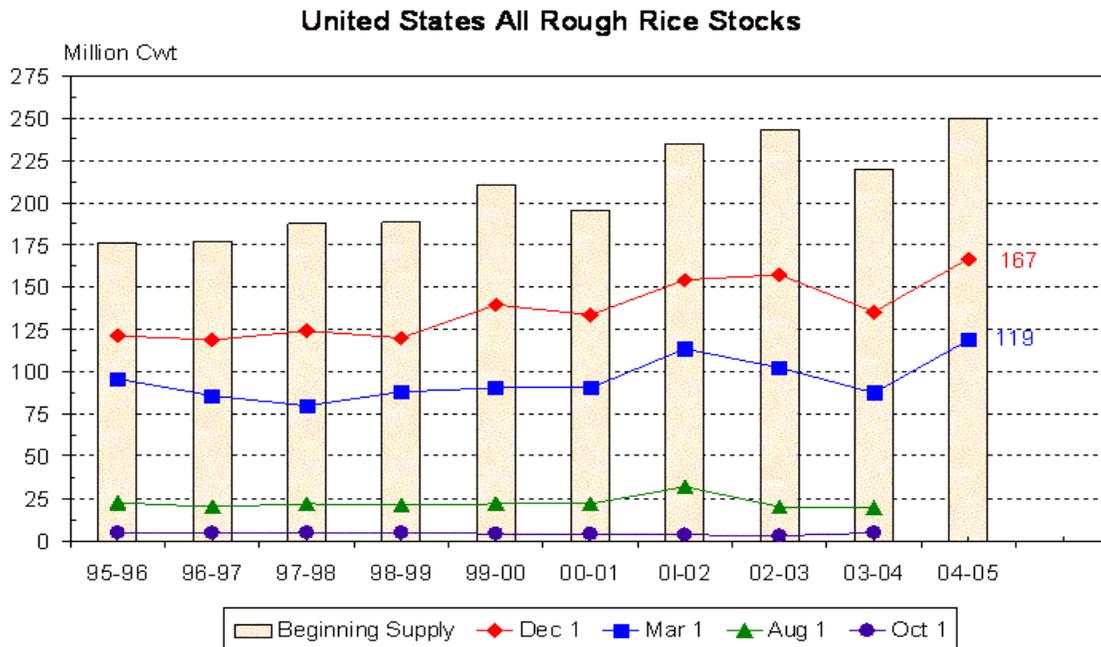


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Rough Rice Stocks up 35 Percent from March 2004

Rough rice stocks in all positions on March 1, 2005, totaled 119 million hundredweight (cwt), up 35 percent from the total on March 1, 2004. Stocks held on farms totaled 37.6 million cwt, and off-farm stocks totaled 81.2 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 5.42 million cwt, 14 percent below the comparable figure a year ago. Milled rice stocks were comprised of 4.79 million cwt of whole kernel rice and 629,000 cwt of second heads, screenings, and brewers rice.



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					
Oct 1 ²					
Dec 1					
	Milled Rice - 1,000 Cwt				
Mar 1		3,320	52	2,047	5,419
Aug 1					
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					
Oct 1 ²					
Dec 1					
	Milled Rice - Metric Tons				
Mar 1		150,590	2,360	92,850	245,800
Aug 1					
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, 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

* Included in unallocated to avoid disclosing individual operations.

**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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¹ AR, LA, MS, MO, and TX.

**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		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

* Screenings included with second heads in CA.

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Rice Stocks: By Position, State, and United States, December 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
December 1, 2004					
Rough Rice - 1,000 Cwt					
AR	32,500	9,346	36,447	677	78,970
CA	3,620	*	37,898	*	44,111
LA	8,500	*	6,944	*	17,581
MS	6,100	*	*	*	8,929
MO	*	*	*	0	7,916
TX	*	605	6,477	*	9,153
Unall*	6,825	5,281	4,768	672	0
US	57,545	15,232	92,534	1,349	166,660
Milled Rice - 1,000 Cwt					
AR		1,540	48	71	1,659
CA		*	0	*	1,001
LA		*	0	*	1,130
MS		*	0	*	*
MO		*	0	0	*
TX		669	0	0	669
Unall*		1,170	0	1,143	182
US		3,379	48	1,214	4,641
December 1, 2003					
Rough Rice - 1,000 Cwt					
AR	23,500	8,307	34,416	0	66,223
CA	*	2,502	28,182	*	33,380
LA	5,400	1,106	5,257	753	12,516
MS	6,000	*	*	*	9,833
MO	*	*	*	0	5,941
TX	2,750	*	4,293	*	7,426
Unall*	5,515	1,380	5,841	117	0
US	43,165	13,295	77,989	870	135,319
Milled Rice - 1,000 Cwt					
AR		1,647	118	138	1,903
CA		*	0	*	2,691
LA		262	0	454	716
MS		*	0	*	*
MO		*	0	*	*
TX		1,040	0	0	1,040
Unall*		1,910	0	1,047	266
US		4,859	118	1,639	6,616

* Included in unallocated to avoid disclosing individual operations.

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

State	Long		Medium		Short		Total	
	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004
	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>							
CA	*	*	30,533	40,837	*	*	33,380	44,111
Oth Sts ¹	*	*	8,203	10,168	*	*	101,939	122,549
US	93,881	112,763	38,736	51,005	2,702	2,892	135,319	166,660

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**Milled Rice Stocks: By Length of Grain in All Positions,
California, Other States, and United States, December 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	17	7	1,809	784	111	30	1,937	821
Oth Sts ¹	3,321	3,082	191	133	3	1	3,515	3,216
US	3,338	3,089	2,000	917	114	31	5,452	4,037
State	Broken Kernels							
	Second Heads		Screenings		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	732	156	*	*	22	24	754	180
Oth Sts ¹	236	304	71	21	103	99	410	424
US	968	460	71	21	125	123	1,164	604

* Screenings included with second heads in CA.

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Reliability of March 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 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, 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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