

Rice Stocks

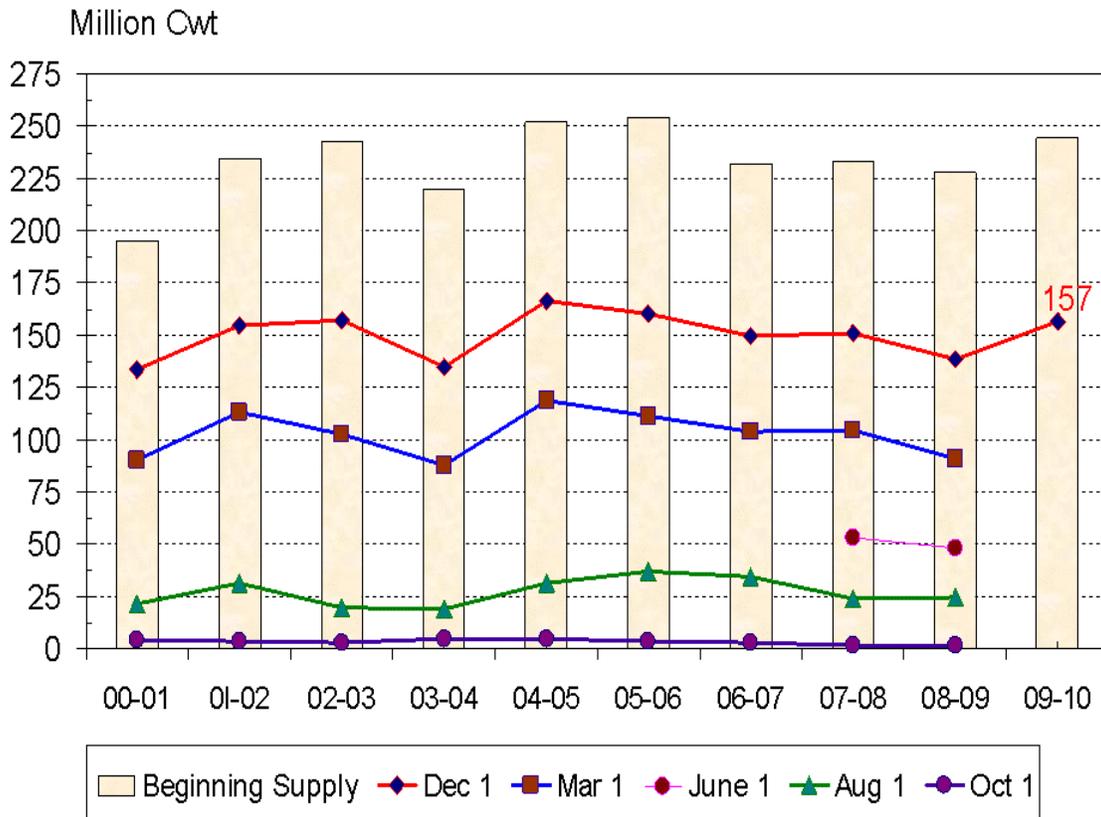
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Rough Rice Stocks Up 13 Percent from December 2008

Rough rice stocks in all positions on December 1, 2009, totaled 157 million hundredweight (cwt), up 13 percent from the total on December 1, 2008. Stocks held on farms totaled 51.9 million cwt, and off-farm stocks totaled 105 million cwt. Long grain varieties accounted for 66 percent of the total rough rice, medium grain accounted for 31 percent, and short grain varieties accounted for 3 percent.

Milled rice stocks in all positions totaled 5.68 million cwt, up 8 percent from a year ago. Milled rice stocks were comprised of 3.59 million cwt of whole kernal rice and 2.09 million cwt of second heads, screenings, and brewers rice.

U.S. Rough Rice Stocks



Rice: Stocks by Position, Month, United States, 2008-2009

Date	2008			2009		
	On Farms	Off Farms ¹	Total All Positions	On Farms	Off Farms ¹	Total All Positions
Domestic Units						
Rough Rice - 1,000 Cwt						
Mar 1	22,923	81,623	104,546	21,286	70,042	91,328
Jun 1	6,095	47,323	53,418	6,920	41,446	48,366
Aug 1	395	23,981	24,376	876	23,787	24,663
Oct 1 ²	15	1,822	1,837	*	*	1,832
Dec 1	47,530	91,071	138,601	51,880	104,726	156,606
Milled Rice - 1,000 Cwt						
Mar 1		5,604	5,604		4,732	4,732
Jun 1		4,373	4,373		5,724	5,724
Aug 1		3,575	3,575		4,077	4,077
Oct 1 ²		612	612		1,483	1,483
Dec 1		5,255	5,255		5,679	5,679
Metric Units ³						
Rough Rice - Metric Tons						
Mar 1	1,039,770	3,702,360	4,742,130	965,520	3,177,050	4,142,570
Jun 1	276,460	2,146,540	2,423,000	313,890	1,879,960	2,193,850
Aug 1	17,920	1,087,760	1,105,680	39,730	1,078,960	1,118,690
Oct 1 ²	680	82,640	83,320	*	*	83,100
Dec 1	2,155,920	4,130,910	6,286,840	2,353,240	4,750,290	7,103,530
Milled Rice - Metric Tons						
Mar 1		254,190	254,190		214,640	214,640
Jun 1		198,360	198,360		259,640	259,640
Aug 1		162,160	162,160		184,930	184,930
Oct 1 ²		27,760	27,760		67,270	67,270
Dec 1		238,360	238,360		257,600	257,600

* Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

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

² CA only.

³ Total may not add due to rounding.

**Rice: Stocks by Position, State, and United States,
December 1, 2008-2009**

State	2008			2009		
	On Farms	Off Farms ¹	Total All Positions	On Farms	Off Farms ¹	Total All Positions
Rough Rice - 1,000 Cwt						
AR	25,700	41,381	67,081	28,000	46,384	74,384
CA	2,730	33,118	35,848	3,220	38,182	41,402
LA	7,100	6,064	13,164	9,000	7,900	16,900
MS	*	*	6,663	5,000	1,714	6,714
MO	*	*	8,158	*	*	7,460
TX	1,800	5,887	7,687	*	*	9,746
Unall*	10,200	4,621		6,660	10,546	
US	47,530	91,071	138,601	51,880	104,726	156,606
Milled Rice - 1,000 Cwt						
AR		1,336	1,336		1,404	1,404
CA		2,293	2,293		2,918	2,918
LA		602	602		399	399
MS		*	*		*	*
MO		*	*		*	*
TX		682	682		677	677
Unall*		342	342		281	281
US		5,255	5,255		5,679	5,679

* "Unallocated" includes State data not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

¹ 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, 2008-2009**

State	Long		Medium		Short		Total	
	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009
	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>							
CA	*	*	31,583	37,029	*	*	35,848	41,402
Oth Sts ¹	*	*	6,406	12,235	*	*	102,753	115,204
US	96,994	103,430	37,989	49,264	3,618	3,912	138,601	156,606

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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, December 1, 2008-2009**

State	Whole Kernels (Head Rice)							
	Long		Medium		Short		Total	
	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009
	<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	*	*	1,399	1,247	*	*	1,481	1,323
Oth Sts ¹	*	*	132	249	*	*	2,634	2,268
US	2,504	2,022	1,531	1,496	80	73	4,115	3,591
	Broken Kernels							
	Second Heads		Screenings ²		Brewers		Total	
	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009
	<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	*	1,080	*		*	515	812	1,595
Oth Sts ¹	*	294	*	52	*	147	328	493
US	661	1,374	42	52	437	662	1,140	2,088

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² Screenings included with second heads in CA.

**Rough Rice: Stocks by Length of Grain in All Positions,
California, October 1, 2008-2009**

State	Long		Medium		Short		Total	
	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009
	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>							
CA	*	372	1,084	938	*	522	1,837	1,832

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**Milled Rice: Stocks by Length of Grain in All Positions,
California, October 1, 2008-2009**

State	Whole Kernels (Head Rice)							
	Long		Medium		Short		Total	
	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009
	<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	*	*	*	*	*	36	*	645
State	Broken Kernels							
	Second Heads		Screenings ¹		Brewers		Total	
	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009
		<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	*	*			*	*	*	838

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**Rice: Stocks by Position, State, and United States,
August 1 and June 1, 2009**

State	August 1, 2009			June 1, 2009		
	On Farms	Off Farms ¹	Total All Positions	On Farms	Off Farms ¹	Total All Positions
Rough Rice - 1,000 Cwt						
AR	550	12,672	13,222	4,800	22,560	27,360
CA	*	*	5,987	*	*	11,810
LA	*	*	954	350	2,178	2,528
MS	*	*	955	*	*	1,387
MO	*	*	837	*	*	1,937
TX	*	*	2,708	*	*	3,344
Unall*	326	11,115		1,770	16,708	
US	876	23,787	24,663	6,920	41,446	48,366
Milled Rice - 1,000 Cwt						
AR		1,318	1,318		1,743	1,743
CA		1,750	1,750		1,656	1,656
LA		*	*		*	*
MS		*	*		*	*
MO		*	*		*	*
TX		*	*		792	792
Unall*		1,009	1,009		1,533	1,533
US		4,077	4,077		5,724	5,724

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

**Rice: Stocks by Position, State, and United States,
March 1, 2009**

State	On Farms	Off Farms ¹	Total All Positions
Rough Rice - 1,000 Cwt			
AR	12,600	36,306	48,906
CA	1,540	21,400	22,940
LA	1,650	3,726	5,376
MS	*	*	3,579
MO	*	*	4,257
TX	*	*	6,270
Unall*	5,496	8,610	
US	21,286	70,042	91,328
Milled Rice - 1,000 Cwt			
AR		1,611	1,611
CA		1,724	1,724
LA		*	*
MS		*	*
MO		*	*
TX		942	942
Unall*		455	455
US		4,732	4,732

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¹ 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, 2009**

State	Long	Medium	Short	Total
	August 1, 2009			
	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>
CA	*	4,671	*	5,987
Oth Sts ¹	*	1,422	*	18,676
US	17,698	6,093	872	24,663
	Long	Medium	Short	Total
June 1, 2009				
	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>
CA	*	10,039	*	11,810
Oth Sts ¹	*	2,733	*	36,556
US	34,293	12,772	1,301	48,366
	Long	Medium	Short	Total
March 1, 2009				
	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>
CA	560	20,035	2,345	22,940
Oth Sts ¹	63,666	4,720	2	68,388
US	64,226	24,755	2,347	91,328

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**Milled Rice Stocks: By Length of Grain in All Positions,
California, Other States, United States, August 1, 2009**

State	Whole Kernels (Head Rice)			
	Long	Medium	Short	Total
	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>
CA	*	541	*	592
Oth Sts ¹	*	148	*	1,806
US	1,658	689	51	2,398
Broken Kernels				
	Second Heads	Screenings ²	Brewers	Total
	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>
CA	1,112		46	1,158
Oth Sts ¹	353	3	165	521
US	1,465	3	211	1,679

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² Screenings included with second heads in CA.

**Milled Rice: Stocks by Length of Grain in All Positions,
California, Other States, and United States, June 1, 2009**

State	Whole Kernels (Head Rice)			
	Long	Medium	Short	Total
	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>
CA	6	614	53	673
Oth Sts ¹	3,245	209	4	3,458
US	3,251	823	57	4,131
	Broken Kernels			
	Second Heads	Screenings ²	Brewers	Total
	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>
CA	*		*	983
Oth Sts ¹	*	*	*	610
US	828	61	704	1,593

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**Milled Rice: Stocks by Length of Grain in All Positions,
California, Other States, and United States, March 1, 2009**

State	Whole Kernels (Head Rice)			
	Long	Medium	Short	Total
	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>
CA	*	754	*	832
Oth Sts ¹	*	224	*	2,515
US	2,300	978	69	3,347
	Broken Kernels			
	Second Heads	Screenings ²	Brewers	Total
	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>
CA	*	*	*	892
Oth Sts ¹	*	*	*	493
US	794	64	527	1,385

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Reliability of December 1, 2009 Rice Stocks Estimates

Survey Procedures: The rice stocks estimates in this report are based on surveys conducted during the first two weeks of December. 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 December 1, 2009. 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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