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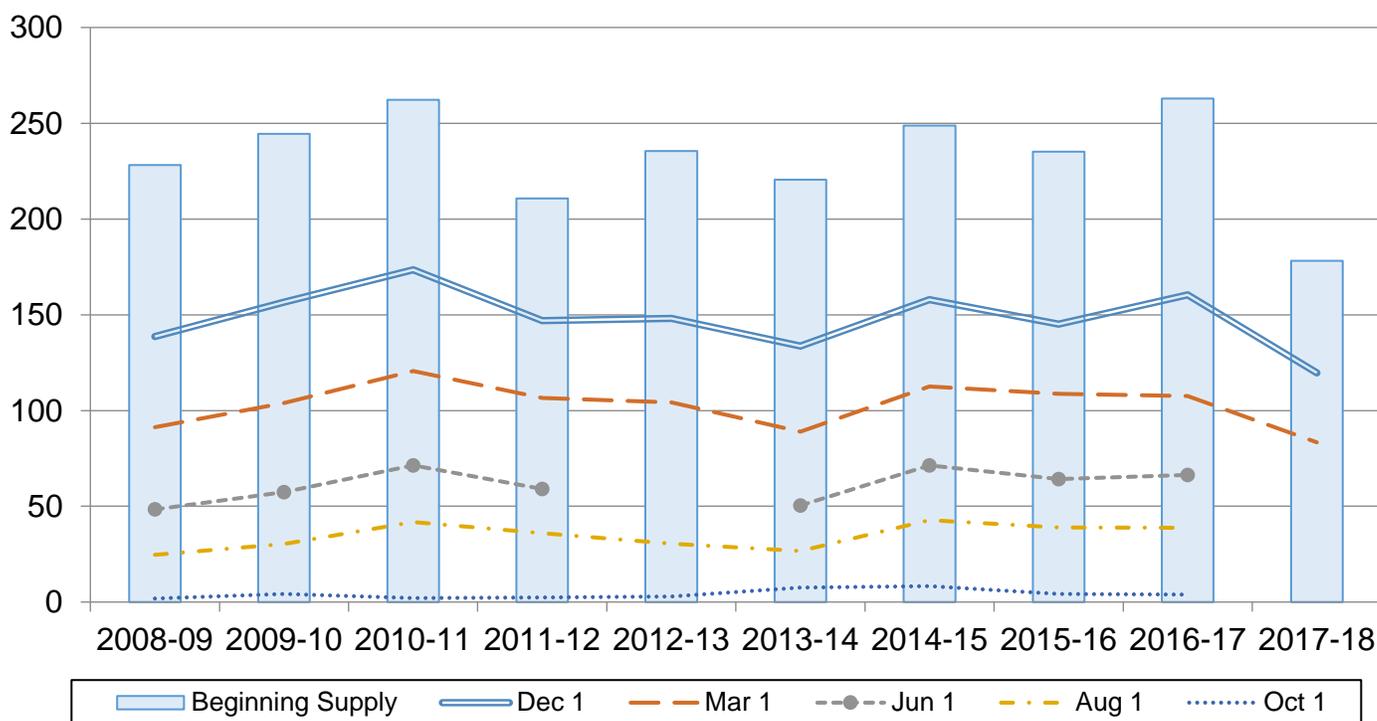
Rough Rice Stocks Down 22 Percent from March 2017

Rough rice stocks in all positions on March 1, 2018 totaled 83.4 million hundredweight (cwt), down 22 percent from the total on March 1, 2017. Stocks held on farms totaled 12.6 million cwt and off-farm stocks totaled 70.8 million cwt. Long grain varieties accounted for 70 percent of the total rough rice, medium grain accounted for 28 percent, and short grain varieties accounted for 2 percent.

Milled rice stocks in all positions totaled 5.46 million cwt, down 12 percent from a year ago. Milled rice stocks were comprised of 3.10 million cwt of whole kernel rice and 2.36 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: 2017 and 2018

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

Date	2017			2018		
	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	21,600	85,969	107,569	12,550	70,831	83,381
June 1	10,525	55,819	66,344			
August 1	4,693	34,077	38,770			
October 1 ²	35	3,820	3,855			
December 1	31,570	88,104	119,674			
Milled rice						
March 1	(X)	6,220	6,220	(X)	5,460	5,460
June 1	(X)	5,397	5,397			
August 1	(X)	5,093	5,093			
October 1 ²	(X)	811	811			
December 1	(X)	6,702	6,702			

(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: 2017 and 2018

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

Date	2017			2018		
	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	979,760	3,899,490	4,879,250	569,260	3,212,840	3,782,100
June 1	477,410	2,531,910	3,009,310			
August 1	212,870	1,545,710	1,758,580			
October 1 ²	1,590	173,270	174,860			
December 1	1,431,990	3,996,330	5,428,320			
Milled rice						
March 1	(X)	282,130	282,130	(X)	247,660	247,660
June 1	(X)	244,800	244,800			
August 1	(X)	231,010	231,010			
October 1 ²	(X)	36,790	36,790			
December 1	(X)	304,000	304,000			

(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, 2017 and 2018

State	2017			2018		
	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	11,500	43,397	54,897	8,100	38,828	46,928
California	2,020	26,495	28,515	1,300	18,613	19,913
Louisiana	2,300	5,902	8,202	1,100	5,071	6,171
Mississippi	2,800	1,371	4,171	900	1,160	2,060
Missouri	(D)	(D)	5,052	(D)	(D)	3,324
Texas	(D)	(D)	6,732	(D)	(D)	4,985
Unallocated ²	2,980	8,804	-	1,150	7,159	-
United States	21,600	85,969	107,569	12,550	70,831	83,381
Milled rice						
Arkansas	(X)	2,364	2,364	(X)	2,379	2,379
California	(X)	1,937	1,937	(X)	1,738	1,738
Louisiana	(X)	(D)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(D)
Mississippi	(X)	(D)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(D)
Missouri	(X)	(D)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(D)
Texas	(X)	648	648	(X)	294	294
Unallocated ²	(X)	1,271	1,271	(X)	1,049	1,049
United States	(X)	6,220	6,220	(X)	5,460	5,460

- Represents zero.

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

(X) Not applicable.

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**Rough Rice Stocks By Length of Grain in All Positions – States and United States:
March 1, 2017 and 2018**

State	Long		Medium		Short		Total	
	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018
	(1,000 cwt)							
California	(D)	(D)	25,748	17,506	(D)	(D)	28,515	19,913
Other States ¹	(D)	(D)	7,896	5,991	(D)	(D)	79,054	63,468
United States	71,636	57,863	33,644	23,497	2,289	2,021	107,569	83,381

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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, 2017 and 2018**

State	Whole kernels (head rice)							
	Long		Medium		Short		Total	
	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018
	(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)	847	883	(D)	(D)	924	950
Other States ¹	(D)	(D)	124	434	(D)	(D)	2,781	2,146
United States	2,659	1,717	971	1,317	75	62	3,705	3,096
State	Broken kernels							
	Second heads		Screenings ²		Brewers		Total	
	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018
	(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)	1,013	788
Other States ¹	(D)	(D)	81	118	(D)	(D)	1,502	1,576
United States	1,924	1,559	81	118	510	687	2,515	2,364

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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, 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	23,300	52,702	76,002	17,000	42,887	59,887
California	3,625	38,125	41,750	3,120	28,159	31,279
Louisiana	10,700	8,236	18,936	6,200	5,965	12,165
Mississippi	5,000	1,790	6,790	1,700	1,484	3,184
Missouri	(D)	(D)	7,244	(D)	(D)	5,061
Texas	(D)	(D)	9,607	(D)	(D)	8,098
Unallocated ²	5,970	10,881	-	3,550	9,609	-
United States	48,595	111,734	160,329	31,570	88,104	119,674
Milled rice						
Arkansas	(X)	1,919	1,919	(X)	3,192	3,192
California	(X)	2,239	2,239	(X)	1,926	1,926
Louisiana	(X)	(D)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(D)
Mississippi	(X)	(D)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(D)
Missouri	(X)	(D)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(D)
Texas	(X)	503	503	(X)	524	524
Unallocated ²	(X)	1,134	1,134	(X)	1,060	1,060
United States	(X)	5,795	5,795	(X)	6,702	6,702

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

State	Long		Medium		Short		Total	
	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017
	(1,000 cwt)							
California	(D)	(D)	38,088	27,732	(D)	(D)	41,750	31,279
Other States ¹	(D)	(D)	12,459	7,644	(D)	(D)	118,579	88,395
United States	106,700	81,250	50,547	35,376	3,082	3,048	160,329	119,674

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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, 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)	886	1,063	(D)	(D)	985	1,128
Other States ¹	(D)	(D)	131	157	(D)	(D)	2,550	2,461
United States	2,453	2,307	1,017	1,220	65	62	3,535	3,589

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)	1,254	798
Other States ¹	(D)	(D)	82	107	(D)	(D)	1,006	2,315
United States	1,777	1,968	82	107	401	1,038	2,260	3,113

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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, 2018 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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