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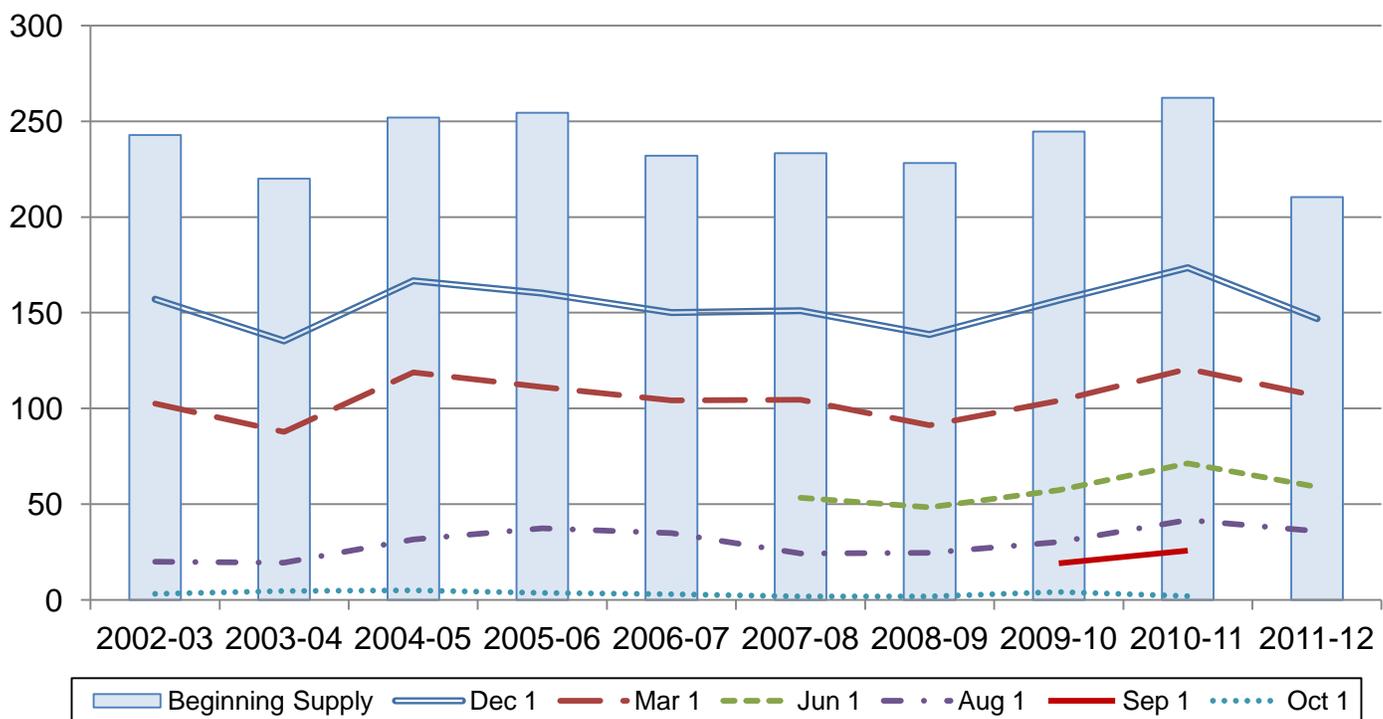
Rough Rice Stocks Down 14 Percent from August 2011

Rough rice stocks in all positions on August 1, 2012 totaled 36.0 million hundredweight (cwt), down 14 percent from the total on August 1, 2011. Stocks held on farms totaled 910,000 cwt and off-farm stocks totaled 35.1 million cwt. Long grain varieties accounted for 61 percent of the total rough rice, medium grain accounted for 36 percent, and short grain varieties accounted for 3 percent.

Milled rice stocks in all positions totaled 3.58 million cwt, down 23 percent from a year ago. Milled rice stocks were comprised of 2.08 million cwt of whole kernel rice and 1.49 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: 2011 and 2012

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

Date	2011			2012		
	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	33,895	86,720	120,615	23,825	82,666	106,491
June 1	13,227	58,146	71,373	6,640	52,466	59,106
August 1	3,772	37,917	41,689	910	35,052	35,962
September 1	2,242	23,613	25,855			
October 1 ²	15	2,048	2,063			
December 1	41,180	105,689	146,869			
Milled rice						
March 1	(X)	6,275	6,275	(X)	4,494	4,494
June 1	(X)	5,968	5,968	(X)	4,462	4,462
August 1	(X)	4,667	4,667	(X)	3,578	3,578
September 1	(X)	3,998	3,998			
October 1 ²	(X)	1,337	1,337			
December 1	(X)	6,243	6,243			

(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: 2011 and 2012

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

Date	2011			2012		
	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	1,537,450	3,933,550	5,471,000	1,080,680	3,749,670	4,830,350
June 1	599,970	2,637,460	3,237,430	301,190	2,379,820	2,681,000
August 1	171,100	1,719,890	1,890,980	41,280	1,589,930	1,631,210
September 1	101,700	1,071,070	1,172,760			
October 1 ²	680	92,900	93,580			
December 1	1,867,890	4,793,970	6,661,870			
Milled rice						
March 1	(X)	284,630	284,630	(X)	203,840	203,840
June 1	(X)	270,700	270,700	(X)	202,390	202,390
August 1	(X)	211,690	211,690	(X)	162,300	162,300
September 1	(X)	181,350	181,350			
October 1 ²	(X)	60,650	60,650			
December 1	(X)	283,180	283,180			

(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, 2011 and 2012

State	2011			2012		
	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	1,540	23,713	25,253	310	21,822	22,132
California	115	6,507	6,622	120	7,029	7,149
Louisiana	210	2,269	2,479	250	1,880	2,130
Mississippi	900	1,059	1,959	30	630	660
Missouri	(D)	(D)	2,216	(D)	(D)	869
Texas	(D)	(D)	3,160	(D)	(D)	3,022
Unallocated ²	1,007	4,369	-	200	3,691	-
United States	3,772	37,917	41,689	910	35,052	35,962
Milled rice						
Arkansas	(X)	(D)	(D)	(X)	1,507	1,507
California	(X)	1,705	1,705	(X)	995	995
Louisiana	(X)	196	196	(X)	(D)	(D)
Mississippi	(X)	(D)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(D)
Missouri	(X)	(D)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(D)
Texas	(X)	625	625	(X)	443	443
Unallocated ²	(X)	2,141	2,141	(X)	633	633
United States	(X)	4,667	4,667	(X)	3,578	3,578

- 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:
August 1, 2011 and 2012**

State	Long		Medium		Short		Total	
	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012
	(1,000 cwt)							
California	(D)	(D)	5,526	5,965	(D)	(D)	6,622	7,149
Other States ¹	(D)	(D)	2,344	7,018	(D)	(D)	35,067	28,813
United States	32,847	22,034	7,870	12,983	972	945	41,689	35,962

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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, 2011 and 2012**

State	Whole kernels (head rice)							
	Long		Medium		Short		Total	
	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012
	(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)	2	664	307	(D)	38	722	347
Other States ¹	(D)	1,548	181	189	(D)	-	2,092	1,737
United States	1,924	1,550	845	496	45	38	2,814	2,084

State	Broken kernels							
	Second heads		Screenings ²		Brewers		Total	
	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012
	(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)	311	-	-	(D)	337	983	648
Other States ¹	(D)	559	75	51	(D)	236	870	846
United States	992	870	75	51	786	573	1,853	1,494

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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, 2011 and 2012

State	2011			2012		
	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	7,300	33,649	40,949	3,500	31,480	34,980
California	597	12,327	12,924	690	12,413	13,103
Louisiana	1,290	4,799	6,089	1,350	2,313	3,663
Mississippi	1,900	1,616	3,516	300	1,380	1,680
Missouri	(D)	(D)	4,194	(D)	(D)	1,769
Texas	(D)	(D)	3,701	(D)	(D)	3,911
Unallocated ²	2,140	5,755	-	800	4,880	-
United States	13,227	58,146	71,373	6,640	52,466	59,106
Milled rice						
Arkansas	(X)	(D)	(D)	(X)	1,791	1,791
California	(X)	1,769	1,769	(X)	1,753	1,753
Louisiana	(X)	998	998	(X)	128	128
Mississippi	(X)	(D)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(D)
Missouri	(X)	(D)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(D)
Texas	(X)	797	797	(X)	461	461
Unallocated ²	(X)	2,404	2,404	(X)	329	329
United States	(X)	5,968	5,968	(X)	4,462	4,462

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**Rough Rice Stocks by Length of Grain in All Positions – States and United States:
June 1, 2011 and 2012**

State	Long		Medium		Short		Total	
	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012
	(1,000 cwt)							
California	(D)	(D)	11,348	11,538	(D)	(D)	12,924	13,103
Other States ¹	(D)	(D)	3,979	8,734	(D)	(D)	58,449	46,003
United States	54,636	37,552	15,327	20,272	1,410	1,282	71,373	59,106

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**Milled Rice Stocks by Length of Grain in All Positions – States and United States:
June 1, 2011 and 2012**

State	Whole kernels (head rice)							
	Long		Medium		Short		Total	
	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012
	(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)	758	937	(D)	(D)	816	1,002
Other States ¹	(D)	(D)	223	104	(D)	(D)	3,509	2,005
United States	3,291	1,906	981	1,041	53	60	4,325	3,007

State	Broken kernels							
	Second heads		Screenings ²		Brewers		Total	
	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012
	(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)	373	-	-	(D)	378	953	751
Other States ¹	(D)	405	153	145	(D)	154	690	704
United States	817	778	153	145	673	532	1,643	1,455

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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, 2012 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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