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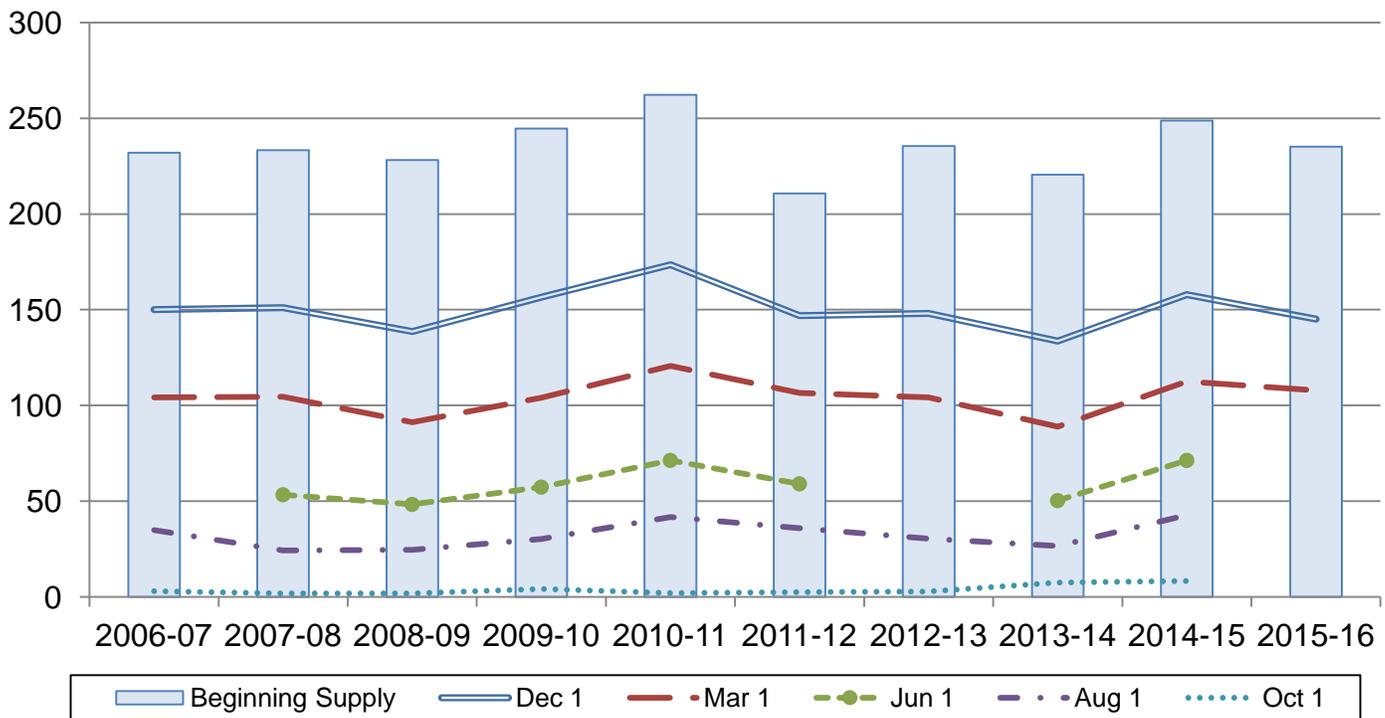
Rough Rice Stocks Down 4 Percent from March 2015

Rough rice stocks in all positions on March 1, 2016, totaled 108 million hundredweight (cwt), down 4 percent from the total on March 1, 2015. Stocks held on farms totaled 18.3 million cwt, and off-farm stocks totaled 89.6 million cwt. Long grain varieties accounted for 60 percent of the total rough rice, medium grain accounted for 38 percent, and short grain varieties accounted for 2 percent.

Milled rice stocks in all positions totaled 6.14 million cwt, up 5 percent from a year ago. Milled rice stocks were comprised of 4.14 million cwt of whole kernel rice and 2.00 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: 2015 and 2016

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

Date	2015			2016		
	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	25,810	86,658	112,468	18,255	89,585	107,840
June 1	10,227	61,113	71,340			
August 1	1,480	41,293	42,773			
October 1 ²	70	8,238	8,308			
December 1	43,245	101,804	145,049			
Milled rice						
March 1	(X)	5,869	5,869	(X)	6,135	6,135
June 1	(X)	6,772	6,772	(X)		
August 1	(X)	4,056	4,056	(X)		
October 1 ²	(X)	3,003	3,003	(X)		
December 1	(X)	6,245	6,245	(X)		

(X) Not applicable.

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

² California only.

Rice Stocks by Position and Month – United States: 2015 and 2016 (Metric Units)

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

Date	2015			2016		
	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	1,170,720	3,930,740	5,101,460	828,030	4,063,510	4,891,540
June 1	463,890	2,772,040	3,235,930			
August 1	67,130	1,873,020	1,940,150			
October 1 ²	3,180	373,670	376,840			
December 1	1,961,560	4,617,750	6,579,310			
Milled rice						
March 1	(X)	266,210	266,210	(X)	278,280	278,280
June 1	(X)	307,170	307,170			
August 1	(X)	183,980	183,980			
October 1 ²	(X)	136,210	136,210			
December 1	(X)	283,270	283,270			

(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, 2015 and 2016

State	2015			2016		
	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	12,900	41,638	54,538	11,100	47,722	58,822
California	2,210	29,605	31,815	1,815	28,080	29,895
Louisiana	5,700	6,256	11,956	1,700	5,573	7,273
Mississippi	2,200	1,431	3,631	1,600	1,367	2,967
Missouri	(D)	(D)	4,548	(D)	(D)	4,357
Texas	(D)	(D)	5,980	(D)	(D)	4,526
Unallocated ²	2,800	7,728	-	2,040	6,843	-
United States	25,810	86,658	112,468	18,255	89,585	107,840
Milled rice						
Arkansas	(X)	1,621	1,621	(X)	2,199	2,199
California	(X)	2,928	2,928	(X)	2,646	2,646
Louisiana	(X)	(D)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(D)
Mississippi	(X)	(D)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(D)
Missouri	(X)	(D)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(D)
Texas	(X)	818	818	(X)	685	685
Unallocated ²	(X)	502	502	(X)	605	605
United States	(X)	5,869	5,869	(X)	6,135	6,135

- Represents zero.

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

(X) Not applicable.

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

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**Rough Rice Stocks By Length of Grain in All Positions – States and United States:
March 1, 2015 and 2016**

State	Long		Medium		Short		Total	
	2015	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016
	(1,000 cwt)							
California	(D)	(D)	29,788	27,728	(D)	(D)	31,815	29,895
Other States ¹	(D)	(D)	9,717	12,990	(D)	(D)	80,653	77,945
United States	71,243	65,385	39,505	40,718	1,720	1,737	112,468	107,840

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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, 2015 and 2016**

State	Whole kernels (head rice)							
	Long		Medium		Short		Total	
	2015	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016
	(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)	1,002	1,304	(D)	(D)	1,066	1,368
Other States ¹	(D)	(D)	137	155	(D)	(D)	2,084	2,769
United States	1,952	2,616	1,139	1,459	59	62	3,150	4,137

State	Broken kernels							
	Second heads		Screenings ²		Brewers		Total	
	2015	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016
	(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)	1,862	1,278
Other States ¹	(D)	(D)	115	61	(D)	(D)	857	720
United States	1,663	1,550	115	61	941	387	2,719	1,998

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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, 2014 and 2015

State	2014			2015		
	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	22,500	51,622	74,122	21,000	48,916	69,916
California	3,415	36,001	39,416	3,220	35,147	38,367
Louisiana	11,100	9,578	20,678	10,800	7,774	18,574
Mississippi	4,000	2,100	6,100	2,800	1,813	4,613
Missouri	(D)	(D)	8,842	(D)	(D)	7,278
Texas	(D)	(D)	8,768	(D)	(D)	6,301
Unallocated ²	6,850	10,760	-	5,425	8,154	-
United States	47,865	110,061	157,926	43,245	101,804	145,049
Milled rice						
Arkansas	(X)	1,714	1,714	(X)	2,227	2,227
California	(X)	2,490	2,490	(X)	2,196	2,196
Louisiana	(X)	(D)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(D)
Mississippi	(X)	(D)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(D)
Missouri	(X)	(D)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(D)
Texas	(X)	547	547	(X)	754	754
Unallocated ²	(X)	895	895	(X)	1,068	1,068
United States	(X)	5,646	5,646	(X)	6,245	6,245

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**Rough Rice Stocks By Length of Grain in All Positions – States and United States:
December 1, 2014 and 2015**

State	Long		Medium		Short		Total	
	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015
	(1,000 cwt)							
California	(D)	(D)	36,358	35,193	(D)	(D)	39,416	38,367
Other States ¹	(D)	(D)	12,125	15,389	(D)	(D)	118,510	106,682
United States	106,786	91,814	48,483	50,582	2,657	2,653	157,926	145,049

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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, 2014 and 2015**

State	Whole kernels (head rice)							
	Long		Medium		Short		Total	
	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015
	(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)	1,487	1,023	(D)	(D)	1,540	1,102
Other States ¹	(D)	(D)	207	256	(D)	(D)	2,513	2,968
United States	2,308	2,716	1,694	1,279	51	75	4,053	4,070
State	Broken kernels							
	Second heads		Screenings ²		Brewers		Total	
	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015
	(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)	950	1,094
Other States ¹	(D)	(D)	118	56	(D)	(D)	643	1,081
United States	727	1,385	118	56	748	734	1,593	2,175

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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, 2016 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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