

# Rice Stocks

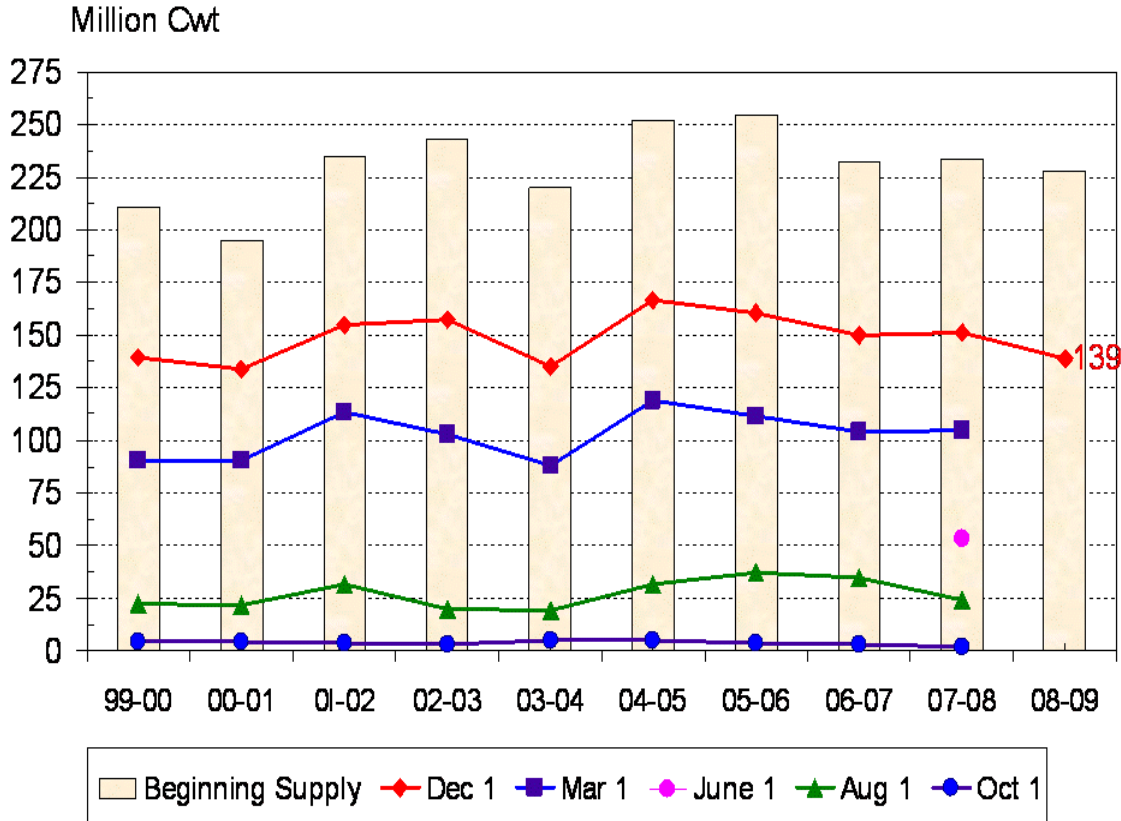
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## Rough Rice Stocks Down 8 Percent from December 2007

**Rough rice stocks** in all positions on December 1, 2008, totaled 139 million hundredweight (cwt), down 8 percent from the total on December 1, 2007. Stocks held on farms totaled 47.5 million cwt, and off-farm stocks totaled 91.1 million cwt. Long grain varieties accounted for 70 percent of the total rough rice, medium grain accounted for 27 percent, and short grain varieties accounted for 3 percent.

**Milled rice stocks** in all positions totaled 5.26 million cwt, down less than 1 percent from a year ago. Milled rice stocks were comprised of 4.12 million cwt of whole kernel rice and 1.14 million cwt of second heads, screenings, and brewers rice.

## U.S. Rough Rice Stocks



**Rice Stocks: By Position, Month, United States, 2007-2008**

Date	2007			2008		
	On Farms	Off Farms <sup>1</sup>	Total All Positions	On Farms	Off Farms <sup>1</sup>	Total All Positions
	Domestic Units					
Rough Rice - 1,000 Cwt						
Mar 1	28,015	76,145	104,160	22,923	81,623	104,546
Jun 1 <sup>2</sup>				6,095	47,323	53,418
Aug 1	1,220	33,713	34,933	395	23,981	24,376
Oct 1 <sup>3</sup>	25	2,970	2,995	15	1,822	1,837
Dec 1	48,250	102,815	151,065	47,530	91,071	138,601
Milled Rice - 1,000 Cwt						
Mar 1		4,560	4,560		5,604	5,604
Jun 1 <sup>2</sup>					4,373	4,373
Aug 1		3,111	3,111		3,575	3,575
Oct 1 <sup>3</sup>		651	651		612	612
Dec 1		5,269	5,269		5,255	5,255
Metric Units <sup>4</sup>						
Rough Rice - Metric Tons						
Mar 1	1,270,740	3,453,880	4,724,620	1,039,770	3,702,360	4,742,130
Jun 1 <sup>2</sup>				276,460	2,146,540	2,423,000
Aug 1	55,340	1,529,200	1,584,530	17,920	1,087,760	1,105,680
Oct 1 <sup>3</sup>	1,130	134,720	135,850	680	82,640	83,320
Dec 1	2,188,580	4,663,610	6,852,190	2,155,920	4,130,910	6,286,840
Milled Rice - Metric Tons						
Mar 1		206,840	206,840		254,190	254,190
Jun 1 <sup>2</sup>					198,360	198,360
Aug 1		141,110	141,110		162,160	162,160
Oct 1 <sup>3</sup>		29,530	29,530		27,760	27,760
Dec 1		239,000	239,000		238,360	238,360

<sup>1</sup> Includes stocks at mills, elevators, warehouses, ports, and in transit.

<sup>2</sup> Estimates began in 2008.

<sup>3</sup> CA only.

<sup>4</sup> Total may not add due to rounding.

**Rice: Stocks by Position, State, and United States,  
December 1, 2007-2008**

State	2007			2008		
	On Farms	Off Farms <sup>1</sup>	Total All Positions	On Farms	Off Farms <sup>1</sup>	Total All Positions
Rough Rice - 1,000 Cwt						
AR	25,000	50,331	75,331	25,700	41,381	67,081
CA	2,830	35,359	38,189	2,730	33,118	35,848
LA	9,050	6,991	16,041	7,100	6,064	13,164
MS	*	*	6,937	*	*	6,663
MO	*	*	6,066	*	*	8,158
TX	*	*	8,501	1,800	5,887	7,687
Unall*	11,370	10,134		10,200	4,621	
US	48,250	102,815	151,065	47,530	91,071	138,601
Milled Rice - 1,000 Cwt						
AR		1,559	1,559		1,336	1,336
CA		1,565	1,565		2,293	2,293
LA		*	*		602	602
MS		*	*		*	*
MO		*	*		*	*
TX		*	*		682	682
Unall*		2,145	2,145		342	342
US		5,269	5,269		5,255	5,255

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

<sup>1</sup> 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, 2007-2008**

State	Long		Medium		Short		Total	
	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008
	<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	*	*	33,820	31,583	*	*	38,189	35,848
Oth Sts <sup>1</sup>	*	*	9,700	6,406	*	*	112,876	102,753
US	103,620	96,994	43,520	37,989	3,925	3,618	151,065	138,601

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<sup>1</sup> AR, LA, MS, MO, and TX.

**Milled Rice: Stocks by Length of Grain in All Positions,  
California, Other States, and United States, December 1, 2007-2008**

State	Whole Kernels (Head Rice)							
	Long		Medium		Short		Total	
	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008
	<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	*	*	880	1,399	*	*	986	1,481
Oth Sts <sup>1</sup>	*	*	78	132	*	*	2,702	2,634
US	2,638	2,504	958	1,531	92	80	3,688	4,115
	Broken Kernels							
	Second Heads		Screenings <sup>2</sup>		Brewers		Total	
	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008
	<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	*	*	*	*	*	*	579	812
Oth Sts <sup>1</sup>	*	*	*	*	*	*	1,002	328
US	853	661	195	42	533	437	1,581	1,140

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<sup>1</sup> AR, LA, MS, MO, and TX.

<sup>2</sup> Screenings included with second heads in CA.

**Rough Rice: Stocks by Length of Grain in All Positions,  
California, October 1, 2007-2008**

State	Long		Medium		Short		Total	
	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008
	<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	77	*	2,506	1,084	412	*	2,995	1,837

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**Milled Rice: Stocks by Length of Grain in All Positions,  
California, October 1, 2007-2008**

State	Whole Kernels (Head Rice)							
	Long		Medium		Short		Total	
	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008
	<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	*	*	*	*	*	*	442	*
State	Broken Kernels							
	Second Heads		Screenings <sup>1</sup>		Brewers		Total	
	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008
		<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	*	*	*	*	*	*	209	*

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<sup>1</sup> Screenings included with second heads in CA.

**Rice: Stocks by Position, State, and United States,  
August 1 and June 1, 2008**

State	August 1, 2008			June 1, 2008		
	On Farms	Off Farms <sup>1</sup>	Total All Positions	On Farms	Off Farms <sup>1</sup>	Total All Positions
Rough Rice - 1,000 Cwt						
AR	210	14,730	14,940	4,400	28,014	32,414
CA	*	*	5,746	*	*	13,484
LA	*	*	460	550	1,646	2,196
MS	*	*	542	*	*	969
MO	*	*	829	*	*	1,877
TX	*	*	1,859	*	*	2,478
Unall*	185	9,251		1,145	17,663	
US	395	23,981	24,376	6,095	47,323	53,418
Milled Rice - 1,000 Cwt						
AR		1,452	1,452		1,573	1,573
CA		*	*		1,343	1,343
LA		*	*		*	*
MS		*	*		*	*
MO		*	*		*	*
TX		762	762		643	643
Unall*		1,361	1,361		814	814
US		3,575	3,575		4,373	4,373

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

<sup>1</sup> Includes stocks at mills, elevators, warehouses, ports, and in transit.

**Rice: Stocks by Position, State, and United States,  
March 1, 2008**

State	On Farms	Off Farms <sup>1</sup>	Total All Positions
Rough Rice - 1,000 Cwt			
AR	13,800	42,741	56,541
CA	1,785	25,738	27,523
LA	2,350	4,820	7,170
MS	*	*	3,787
MO	*	*	4,591
TX	888	4,046	4,934
Unall*	4,100	4,278	
US	22,923	81,623	104,546
Milled Rice - 1,000 Cwt			
AR		1,916	1,916
CA		2,012	2,012
LA		*	*
MS		*	*
MO		*	*
TX		*	*
Unall*		1,676	1,676
US		5,604	5,604

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<sup>1</sup> 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, 2008**

State	Long	Medium	Short	Total
	August 1, 2008			
	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>
CA	*	4,409	*	5,746
Oth Sts <sup>1</sup>	*	2,787	*	18,630
US	16,101	7,196	1,079	24,376
	Long	Medium	Short	Total
June 1, 2008				
	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>
CA	*	11,579	*	13,484
Oth Sts <sup>1</sup>	*	4,705	*	39,934
US	35,580	16,284	1,554	53,418
	Long	Medium	Short	Total
March 1, 2008				
	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>
CA	*	24,255	*	27,523
Oth Sts <sup>1</sup>	*	8,329	*	77,023
US	69,207	32,584	2,755	104,546

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**Milled Rice Stocks: By Length of Grain in All Positions,  
California, Other States, United States, August 1, 2008**

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	4	353	56	413
Oth Sts <sup>1</sup>	2,061	155	3	2,219
US	2,065	508	59	2,632
Broken Kernels				
	Second Heads	Screenings <sup>2</sup>	Brewers	Total
	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>
CA	*	*	*	*
Oth Sts <sup>1</sup>	*	*	*	*
US	488	206	249	943

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**Milled Rice: Stocks by Length of Grain in All Positions,  
California, Other States, and United States, June 1, 2008**

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	3	707	72	782
Oth Sts <sup>1</sup>	2,012	143	6	2,161
US	2,015	850	78	2,943
	Broken Kernels			
	Second Heads	Screenings <sup>2</sup>	Brewers	Total
	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>
CA	371	*	190	561
Oth Sts <sup>1</sup>	535	*	189	869
US	906	145	379	1,430

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<sup>2</sup> Screenings included with second heads in CA.

**Milled Rice: Stocks by Length of Grain in All Positions,  
California, Other States, and United States, March 1, 2008**

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	*	1,587	*	1,664
Oth Sts <sup>1</sup>	*	148	*	2,686
US	2,546	1,735	69	4,350
	Broken Kernels			
	Second Heads	Screenings <sup>2</sup>	Brewers	Total
	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>
CA	*	*	*	348
Oth Sts <sup>1</sup>	*	*	*	906
US	852	163	239	1,254

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## Reliability of December 1, Rice Stocks Estimates

**Survey Procedures:** The rice stocks estimates in this report are based on surveys conducted during the first 2 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. 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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