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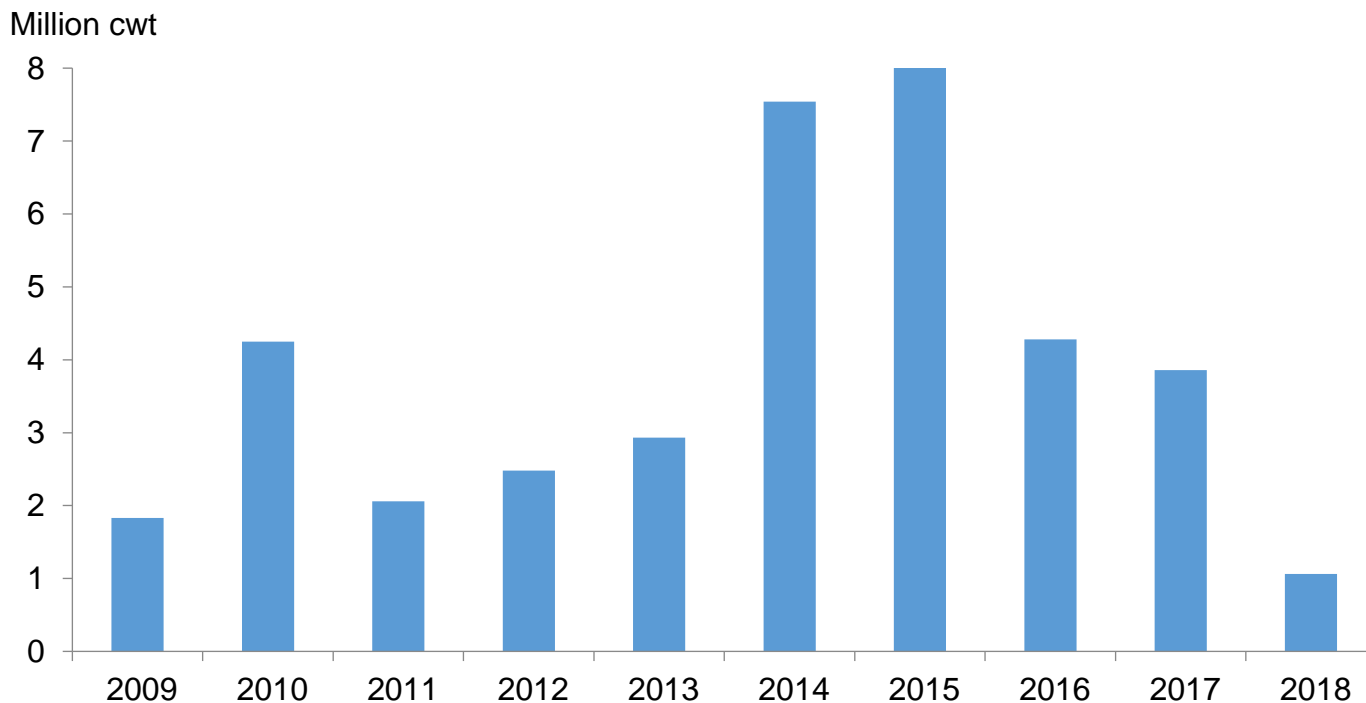
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California Rough Rice Stocks down 72 percent From October 2017

California **rough rice stocks** in all positions on October 1, 2018, totaled 1.06 million hundredweight (cwt), down 72 percent from the total on October 1, 2017 of 3.86 million cwt. California rough rice stocks were down 76 percent from the August 1, 2018 level. Medium grain varieties accounted for 51 percent of the total rough rice, while long and short varieties combined to account for 49 percent of the total rough rice stocks.

California **milled rice stocks** in all positions totaled 782,000 cwt, down 34 percent from the August 1, 2018 level and down 4 percent a year ago.

Rough Rice Stocks in All Positions – California October 1, 2009 - 2018



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	12,565	70,831	83,396
June 1	10,525	55,819	66,344	4,410	40,640	45,050
August 1	4,693	34,077	38,770	1,902	21,962	23,864
October 1 ²	35	3,820	3,855	20	1,042	1,062
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	(X)	5,054	5,054
August 1	(X)	5,093	5,093	(X)	3,862	3,862
October 1 ²	(X)	811	811	(X)	782	782
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	569,940	3,212,840	3,782,780
June 1	477,410	2,531,910	3,009,310	200,030	1,843,400	2,043,430
August 1	212,870	1,545,710	1,758,580	86,270	996,180	1,082,450
October 1 ²	1,590	173,270	174,860	910	47,260	48,170
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	(X)	229,250	229,250
August 1	(X)	231,010	231,010	(X)	175,180	175,180
October 1 ²	(X)	36,790	36,790	(X)	35,470	35,470
December 1	(X)	304,000	304,000			

(X) Not applicable.

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

² California only.

Rough Rice Stocks by Length of Grain in All Positions – California: October 1, 2017 and 2018

State	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)	3,180	546	(D)	(D)	3,855	1,062

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

Milled Rice Stocks by Length of Grain in All Positions – California: October 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)	-	388	(D)	(D)	(D)	428	582
State	Broken kernels							
	Second heads		Screenings ¹		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)	383	200

- Represents zero.

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¹ Screenings included with second heads.

Rice Stocks by Position – States and United States: August 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	2,450	20,520	22,970	1,350	11,043	12,393
California	388	7,133	7,521	176	4,286	4,462
Louisiana	210	2,188	2,398	(D)	(D)	1,821
Mississippi	(D)	(D)	1,336	(D)	(D)	538
Missouri	(D)	(D)	1,755	(D)	(D)	968
Texas	(D)	(D)	2,790	(D)	(D)	3,682
Unallocated ²	1,645	4,236	-	376	6,633	-
United States	4,693	34,077	38,770	1,902	21,962	23,864
Milled rice						
Arkansas	(X)	2,860	2,860	(X)	1,385	1,385
California	(X)	1,063	1,063	(X)	1,178	1,178
Louisiana	(X)	(D)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(D)
Mississippi	(X)	(D)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(D)
Missouri	(X)	(D)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(D)
Texas	(X)	775	775	(X)	876	876
Unallocated ²	(X)	395	395	(X)	423	423
United States	(X)	5,093	5,093	(X)	3,862	3,862

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

² Unallocated includes State data withheld to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

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

State	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)	6,602	3,407	(D)	(D)	7,521	4,462
Other States ¹	(D)	(D)	3,276	2,154	(D)	(D)	31,249	19,402
United States	28,198	17,431	9,878	5,561	694	872	38,770	23,864

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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, 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)	449	697	(D)	(D)	497	743
Other States ¹	(D)	(D)	160	107	(D)	(D)	2,126	2,130
United States	1,969	2,026	609	804	45	43	2,623	2,873

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)	566	435
Other States ¹	(D)	(D)	84	138	(D)	(D)	1,904	554
United States	1,588	566	84	138	798	285	2,470	989

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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 October. Separate surveys were conducted to obtain the on-farm and off-farm estimates. Unlike other rice stocks estimation periods, only an off farm survey was conducted. 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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