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**MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS :**

- Ź The 1999/2000 U.S. rice crop is projected at a record 212.3 million cwt, up fractionally from last month's projection, a result of slightly higher area.
- Ź U.S. 1999/2000 rice exports are projected at 82 million cwt, down 3 million from last month and slightly below a year earlier's revised level.
- Ź U.S. 1999/2000 ending stocks are projected at 50 million cwt, up 7 percent from last month and the largest since 1986/87.
- Ź Global rice production in 1999/2000 is projected at a record 393.5 million tons, up 1.5 million from last month, with India, Vietnam, Taiwan, and Liberia accounting for most of the increase. The 1998/99 crop was increased slightly to 387.5 million tons.
- Ź Global rice trade for 2000 was raised 210,000 tons from last month to almost 23.2 million. Vietnam's export projection was raised for both 1999 and 2000.
- Ź Global 1999/2000 ending stocks are projected at 51 million tons, up 500,000 from last month's projection but still more than 1 million tons below a year earlier.

**U.S. 1999/2000 RICE CROP PROJECTED AT 212.3 MILLION CWT**

The 1999 U.S. rice crop is forecast at a record 212.3 million cwt, up fractional from last month's projection and 13 percent larger than a year earlier. Long grain accounts for all of the month-to-month increase, as combined medium/short grain production was lowered. The revision is due to a slight increase in harvested area. Average yield was lowered. Total harvested area is projected at 3.57 million acres, up 16,000 from last month and second only to the 1981 record of 3.8 million. Average yield is projected to be 5,945 pounds per acre, down 22 pounds from last month but still 5 percent higher than a year earlier. This is the third highest yield on record.

Long grain production is projected at a record 152.4 million cwt, up 1 percent from last month and almost 8 percent larger than a year earlier. Medium grain production is lowered 3 percent to 56.1 million cwt, still 26 percent above a year earlier. Short grain production was revised down fractionally, but is still almost double a year earlier and the highest since 1989.

All rice producing States except Texas are expected to produce larger crops this year, with record crops projected for Arkansas, Louisiana, and Missouri. Production was revised up this month in all States except California and Texas. Mississippi accounts for the largest month-to-month increase. Its crop was raised 1.1 million cwt to 18.4 million cwt--fractionally below the 1994 record. The revision was the result of greater plantings, as average yield was actually lowered. Missouri's crop was raised more than 1 million cwt to a record 9 million, a result of a 21,000-acre increase in harvested area to a record 176,000. Rice plantings in Missouri have more than

doubled in a decade. Expectations of a 5,000-pound-per-acre yield, a record, are behind a 937,000-cwt increase in Louisiana's crop projection to a record of nearly 31.3 million cwt. Harvested area remains estimated at 625,000 acres, the highest since 1975. Production in Arkansas, the largest rice producing State, was raised 820,000 cwt to a record 96.8 million cwt, a result of a 50 pound increase in yield to 5,900, the second highest on record. Harvested area remains projected at a record 1.64 million acres.

In contrast, production in California--which experienced abnormally cool weather during pollination--was lowered 2.6 million cwt to 41.1 million. Area was lowered 20,000 acres to 548,000 and yield was reduced 200 pounds to 7,500. Although the 1999 yield is almost 10 percent above last year's abnormally low yield, it remains substantially below the 8,500 reported in 1992 and 1995. However, production in California is still the second highest on record and 26 percent above a year earlier's weather-reduced crop. Production in Texas was lowered 1.1 million cwt to 15.8 million cwt, about the same as a year earlier. Production remains well below the State's 1981 record of more than 27.2 million cwt, a result of declining acreage.

No adjustments were made this month to 1999/2000 beginning stocks or imports. Total U.S. supply is projected at a record 245 million cwt, up marginally from last month's projection--a result of the larger crop, and more than 8 percent larger than a year earlier.

Total use in 1999/2000 is projected at 195 million cwt, down 3 million from last month's forecast and nearly 5 percent below a year earlier. The month-to-month revision is due to a 3 million cwt reduction in exports to 82 million, slightly below 1998/99. The revision is based on the pace of shipments to date, larger projected crops in major competing countries, and stiffer price competition in international markets. Through September 30, combined outstanding sales and exports totaled 841,500 tons, more than 413,000 less than a year earlier.

All of the reduction is for milled rice exports, projected at 66 million cwt, still up almost 8 million from 1998/99. Rough rice exports remain projected at 16 million cwt, nearly 10 million below a year earlier. The virtual absence of Brazil from the U.S. export picture is the main reason for weaker rough rice exports this year. Total domestic use (excluding residual or unreported loss) remains projected at a record 106.5 million cwt, almost 3 percent above a year earlier. Ending stocks are projected at 50 million cwt, up 7 percent from last month and 28 million above 1998/99. These are the largest ending stocks since 1986/87. The stocks-to-use ratio is projected at 25.6 percent, up from 23.6 percent last month and well above a year earlier's 10.7 percent. The stocks-to-use ratio is the largest since 1986/87.

### **U.S. 1999/2000 LONG GRAIN ENDING STOCKS FORECAST AT 36.9 MILLION CWT**

The 1999 U.S. long grain crop is projected at a record 152.4 million cwt, up 1.7 million from last month's projection and nearly 8 percent above a year earlier. Total long grain supplies are projected at a record 175.9 million cwt, up 1 percent from last month and 7 percent larger than a year earlier. Total long grain use in 1999/2000 is projected at 139 million cwt, down 2 million from last month and 8 percent below a year earlier. A 2-million-cwt reduction in exports to 66

million cwt accounts for this month's reduction in total use. Exports are projected to drop 3.1 million cwt from a year earlier's 69.1 million, as much weaker rough rice exports more than offset greater expected milled rice exports.

Domestic use, including residual, remains projected at 73 million cwt, down 10 percent from a year earlier. This leaves long grain ending stocks at 36.9 million cwt, up 11 percent from last month and nearly triple 1998/99 stocks. Ending stocks are the largest since 1985/86. The stocks-to-use ratio is forecast at 26.5 percent, up slightly from last month and almost three times a year earlier's 9.2 percent.

The combined medium/short grain crop is projected at 59.9 million cwt, down more than 2 percent from last month's projection, but 29 percent larger than in 1998. Medium/short grain production would be the largest since 1994/95. The year-to-year expansion is due to much larger plantings in California and the South. Medium/short grain beginning stocks remain projected at just 6.9 million cwt, the smallest since supply and use were first reported by grain type in 1982/83. Total supplies are projected at 68 million cwt, down 1.5 million from last month but 13 percent larger than a year earlier.

Total use of medium/short grain rice is projected at 56 million cwt, down 1 million from last month--a result of a smaller export forecast--but 4 percent larger than in 1998/99. Domestic use remains projected at 40 million cwt, up 2 percent from a year earlier. Exports are projected to rise 10 percent to 16 million cwt. With supplies rising faster than total use, ending stocks are projected to rise 73 percent to 11.9 million cwt. The stocks-to-use ratio is projected to rise nearly 9 percentage points to 21.3 percent. Although up substantially from a year earlier, projected stocks and the stocks-to-use ratio are similar to levels reported from 1994/95 through 1997/98.

As of October 3, the 1999 U.S. rice harvest was virtually complete in Louisiana and Texas, with both States slightly ahead of their 5-year averages. In the Delta, harvest was 87 percent complete in Arkansas and 84 percent in Mississippi, with both States slightly ahead of their 5-year averages. In contrast, harvest in California was just 30 percent complete, 9 percentage points behind its 5-year average and barely ahead of the severely delayed crop a year earlier. Overall, 82 percent of the 1999 crop was harvested, ahead of both a year earlier and the 5-year average.

## **U.S. MONTHLY CASH PRICES DECLINE**

Reported average monthly cash prices declined in August and September, the result of a record harvest in full swing and stiffer price competition in international markets. Last month, USDA estimated September's midmonth price at \$7.59 and lowered August's to \$7.62 from a preliminary \$8.06. Although a record crop has been projected since May, reported monthly cash prices have only recently started to drop more than fractionally. These are the lowest reported monthly cash prices since July 1995. Some of the previous strength was due to relatively high medium/short grain prices compared with falling prices for southern long grain.

Long grain cash prices are currently quoted around \$5.50 per cwt in Texas and slightly lower in

the Delta and Louisiana. Prices are little changed from last month but are down 50 cents to \$1 from August. California medium grain prices for 1999 crop were reported at under \$8 per cwt in early October, down from almost \$11 in May. There were few reported marketings of the 1999 California crop prior to late September when harvest began in earnest. Prices for southern medium grain--grown mostly in the Delta--are reported about the same or slightly higher than for long grain.

The 1999/2000 season-average farm price (SAFP) remains projected at \$5.75 to \$6.25 per cwt, unchanged from last month's projection but well below \$8.83 in 1998/99. The 1999/2000 SAFP price is the lowest since 1992/93.

### **INTERNATIONAL PRICES DROP ON LACK OF NEW SALES, LARGE SUPPLIES**

Thai export prices for most grades of regular milled rice have dropped substantially since mid-September in the face of few new major sales, a weakening of the Thai baht, and expectations of large harvests this year in all major exporting countries. In addition, last month Indonesia changed its import policy, virtually halting private imports. Quotes for high-quality Thai rice (100 percent, grade B, f.o.b. Bangkok) were reported at \$218 per ton for the week ending October 4, unchanged from a week earlier but down nearly \$18-\$20 from mid-September and \$40 from early August. Thailand's main harvest begins in November. In contrast to prices for regular milled rice, quotes for parboiled and fragrant rices have not dropped much since mid-September. In fact, prices actually rose in August and September on strong demand.

Quotes for comparable qualities of Vietnamese rice have dropped as well, after remaining steady in July and August. Quotes for Vietnamese 5-percent brokeners were reported at \$200 per ton in early October, down \$5 from a week earlier and \$30 below a month earlier. Vietnam is a major supplier of rice to Indonesia. Harvest of Vietnam's 10-month crop begins this fall.

Prices for similar type and quality U.S. long grain rice (No. 2, 4-percent brokeners, bagged, f.o.b. Houston) were quoted at \$309 per ton for the week ending October 4, unchanged since late August. Prices had been slowly declining since early 1999 on expectations of a record 1999 crop and lower international prices. Recent food aid sales have kept U.S. prices from falling further. The price difference between Thai and U.S. rice has recently widened as U.S. prices have stabilized and Thai prices dropped substantially. In early October the difference was \$91 per ton, up from \$65 a month earlier. The difference will have to narrow substantially for the U.S. to be competitive with Thailand in the higher income markets in the Middle East and South Africa.

Prices for high-quality California medium grain rice (No. 1, 4-percent brokeners, bagged, f.o.b. Sacramento)--which have been very strong since the start of the 1998/99 market year--have only recently begun to drop. Prices have been quoted at \$474 per ton bagged since late September, down from \$518 in August and most of September. California entered the 1999/2000 market year with extremely low stocks and virtually no rice available for export. The start of a bumper 1999 harvest is responsible for the recent drop in prices.

Several recent Title I PL 480 sales have added support to U.S. milled export prices. On September 17, the Philippines purchased about 59,000 tons of No. 2, 4 percent long grain rice. Other recent buyers have been the Ivory Coast, Jamaica, and Indonesia. All purchases are for long grain. Although the bulk of food aid shipments are milled or brown rice, Jamaica purchased 8,000 tons of rough rice.

### **GLOBAL CROP PROJECTIONS RAISED FOR 1999/2000 AND 1998/99**

For 1999/2000, world rice production is projected at a record 393.5 million tons, up 1.5 million from last month and up almost 2 percent from a year earlier's revised crop. Total consumption is projected at a record 394.6 million tons, up 1 million from last month and nearly 2 percent higher than a year earlier. With consumption exceeding production, ending stocks are forecast to drop more than 1 million tons to 51 million, still up slightly from last month's projection. The resulting stocks-to-use ratio is 12.9 percent, fractionally above last month but below a year earlier's 13.4 percent. Although the stocks-to-use ratio in 1999/2000 would be the lowest since 1974/75, little upward price pressure is expected as bumper crops are projected in major importing countries, and all major exporters are expected to have record or near-record crops.

Similar to last month, major exporters account for the bulk of the month-to-month production increase. India's crop is projected at a record 85.5 million tons, up 1 million from last month, a result of larger plantings. Vietnam's crop was raised 400,000 tons to a near-record 19.8 million on larger plantings and a slightly higher yield. Taiwan's crop was raised 100,000 tons to 1.4 million due to larger plantings. In addition, Liberia's crop was revised up 100,000 tons to 160,000 based on much higher area. Note revisions in prior years' production as well. Liberian rice production appears to be recovering from nearly a decade of civil war. Mali's crop was raised 65,000 tons to 500,000 due to a much higher yield, as area was actually reduced. Crops in both Madagascar and Mauritania were raised this month as well.

In contrast, Brazil's 1999/2000 crop projection was lowered 275,000 tons to 6.9 million due to smaller plantings, a response to weaker prices. Finally, Senegal's crop was lowered 12,000 tons to 98,000 based on smaller yield and area.

For 1998/99, world rice production is projected at 387.5 million tons, up more than 600,000 from last month's projection and up 1.4 million from a year earlier. Vietnam accounted for the bulk of the month-to-month increase. Vietnam's crop was raised 636,000 tons to a record 19.97 million based on larger plantings and a slightly higher yield. Brazil's crop, harvested last spring, was raised 66,000 tons to 7.8 million based on government data reporting larger plantings. Liberia's crop was raised 65,000 tons to 125,000 due to much larger plantings. Higher yields pulled Mali's crop up 15,000 tons to 450,000. In contrast, Senegal's crop was lowered 30,000 tons to 81,000 based on a much smaller yield. Area was actually increased.

### **VIETNAM'S EXPORT PROJECTION RAISED FOR 1999 AND 2000**

Total rice trade for calendar year 2000 is projected at 23.2 million tons, up 210,000 from last

month and slightly below 1999's revised level. Trade remains more than 4.2 million tons below the 1998 record of 27.4 million tons. Vietnam accounts for most of the increase in exports. Vietnam's exports were raised 150,000 tons to 4 million, tied with the revised record of a year earlier. The increase is due to a bigger crop and a larger 1999 exports. Exports from the United Arab Emirates (U.A.E.) were raised from 0 to 60,000 tons based on expectations of continued transshipments and revisions in 1999 trade. On the import side, the U.A.E. figures were raised 60,000 tons based on expected transshipments. In addition, import projections for 2000 were raised for Zaire, Mozambique, Djibouti, Tanzania, and Angola. These revisions were based on revisions to 1999 imports and, for some, revised production data. Liberia's imports were lowered 20,000 to zero due to the larger crop.

Global rice trade in 1999 is revised up 330,000 tons to more than 23.3 million, the second largest on record. On the export side, Vietnam's exports were raised 300,000 tons to a record 4 million, a result of a larger crop and the pace of shipments through September. Also, the U.A.E.'s exports were raised to 60,000 tons from 0 based on estimates of transshipments. The U.A.E.'s imports were raised 60,000 tons to account for transshipments. In addition, import projections were raised for Zaire, Liberia, Angola, Tanzania, Madagascar, Guinea-Bissau, Mali, Mozambique, and Djibouti.

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 Detailed 1999/2000 foreign supply and use forecasts will be published on October 13, 1999 in *Grain: World Markets and Trade*, available on the Foreign Agricultural Service website at [www.fas.usda.gov](http://www.fas.usda.gov).

The next *Rice Outlook* is scheduled for release at 4 pm on December 13, 1999. On November 12, the 6 monthly tables will be released. The summary of the *1999 Rice Yearbook* will be released on November 18. Printed copies will be available a few weeks later. The report, along with the *1998 Rice Yearbook* and other commodity reports and yearbooks, may be accessed on the ERS website at [www.econ.ag.gov](http://www.econ.ag.gov).

**NOTE:** To order printed copies of the *1998 Rice Yearbook*, call 1-800-999-6779.

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Table 1- U.S. rice supply and use, 1993/94 to present 1/

Item	1993/94	1994/95	1995/96	1996/97	1997/98	1998/99 2/	1999/00 3/
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TOTAL RICE	Percent						
ARP	5.0	0.0	5.0	N/A	N/A	N/A	0.0
Area	Million acres						
Planted	2.920	3.353	3.121	2.824	3.125	3.345	3.600
Harvested	2.833	3.316	3.093	2.804	3.103	3.317	3.571
Pounds per harvested acre							
Yield	5,510	5,964	5,621	6,120	5,897	5,669	5,945
Million hundredweight							
Beginning stocks	39.4	25.8	31.3	25.0	27.2	27.9	22.0
Production	156.1	197.8	173.9	171.6	183.0	188.1	212.3
Imports	6.9	7.5	7.7	10.5	9.2	10.5	10.8
Total supply	202.5	231.1	212.8	207.1	219.4	226.5	245.0
Food	71.2	74.0	78.0	81.0	84.0	84.0	87.0
Seed	4.1	3.9	3.5	3.9	4.1	4.4	4.1
Brewer's use	14.2	14.5	15.6	15.8	16.0	15.4	15.4
Residual 4/	11.9	8.2	8.5	2.0	1.1	17.0	6.5
Domestic use	101.4	100.5	105.6	102.7	105.2	120.9	113.0
Exports	75.3	99.3	82.2	77.2	86.3	83.6	82.0
Rough	3.5	18.5	10.7	12.7	26.1	25.8	16.0
Milled 5/	71.8	80.8	71.5	64.4	60.2	57.9	66.0
Total use	176.7	199.8	187.8	179.9	191.5	204.5	195.0
Ending stocks	25.8	31.3	25.0	27.2	27.9	22.0	50.0
Percent							
Stocks-use-ratio	14.6	15.7	13.3	15.1	14.6	10.7	25.6
\$/cwt							
Average farm price 6/	7.98	6.78	9.15	9.96	9.70	8.83	5.75 to 6.25
Percent							
Average milling rate	74.0	74.1	71.4	70.2	69.5	72.0	72.0

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N/A = Not applicable under current farm legislation. 1/ Marketing year (August 1 to July 31); rough equivalent of rough and milled rice. 2/ Estimated. 3/ Projected. 4/ Residual: unreported use, processing losses and estimating errors. 5/ Rough equivalent. 6/ Market year weighted average prices received.

Table 2--U.S. monthly average farm prices and marketings, rough equivalent,  
1997/98 to present

Month	1999/00		1998/99		1997/98	
	\$/cwt	1,000 cwt	\$/cwt	1,000 cwt	\$/cwt	1,000 cwt
August	7.62	9,215	8.95	9,153	9.94	9,177
September	7.59 1/	9,215 1/	9.35	9,502	9.92	12,204
October			9.25	12,379	10.00	11,925
November			8.98	11,882	9.82	11,191
December			9.06	13,728	9.77	12,540
January			9.05	13,705	9.57	13,416
February			8.97	13,033	9.75	10,679
March			8.86	12,792	9.67	10,474
April			8.54	9,428	9.40	10,802
May			8.16	9,493	9.38	10,357
June			8.20	9,943	9.58	11,061
July			8.15	9,430	9.58	9,290
Average 2/	7.61	9,215	8.83	11,206	9.70	11,093
Total 3/	5.75-6.25 4/			134,468		133,116

N/A=Not available. 1/ Midmonth estimate. 2/ Price is market year weighted average; 1999/00 is through current month. 3/ Total volume marketed; 1999/00 is August to current month only. 4/ Preliminary.

Table 3--USDA calculated world market rice prices, 1997/98 to 1999/00 1/

Month	1999/00			1998/99			1997/98		
	Long	Medium	Short	Long	Medium	Short	Long	Medium	Short
	\$/cwt								
August	5.37	5.02	4.92	8.77	7.71	7.56	8.45	7.24	7.12
September	5.26	4.90	4.80	8.90	7.76	7.61	7.89	7.39	7.24
October	5.12	4.75	4.65 2/	8.42	7.55	7.40	8.00	7.59	7.44
November				8.03	7.48	7.31	8.20	7.63	7.48
December				7.54	7.20	7.03	8.34	7.71	7.56
January				7.54	7.09	6.92	8.76	7.80	7.67
February				7.33	7.08	7.14	9.41	7.88	7.72
March				6.85	6.86	6.92	9.50	7.86	7.70
April				6.43	6.70	6.76	9.80	7.91	7.76
May				6.49	6.76	6.81	8.79	7.81	7.63
June				6.56	6.75	6.80	9.19	7.91	7.74
July				6.56	6.69	6.75	9.22	7.92	7.75
Average 3	5.25	4.89	4.79 2/	7.45	7.14	7.08	8.80	7.72	7.57

1/ Loans are repayable at the lower of the loan level or prevailing world market price. 2/ Preliminary. 3/ Simple average of weekly prices.



Table 4- U.S. exports and sales commitments, 1995/96 to present 1/

Country or region	1999/2000 as of 9/30/99	1998/99 as of 9/30/98	1998/99 Final	1997/98 Final	1996/97 Final	1995/96 Final
	1,000 metric tons					
European Union	142	93	340	324	342	417
Other Western Europe	11	11	20	17	16	19
Turkey	17	42	100	115	202	187
Eastern Europe	0	0	0	0	4	34
Former Soviet Union	56	0	43	2	23	37
Japan	25	27	324	250	212	192
OTHER ASIA/MIDDLE EAST	265	85	203	183	315	344
Iran	0	0	0	0	0	72
Iraq	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jordan	11	0	41	42	56	22
Indonesia	113	26	26	0	76	15
Saudi Arabia	74	50	106	96	168	130
AFRICA	97	70	157	171	205	324
Cote d'Ivoire	21	0	0	31	31	82
Ghana	24	21	61	64	33	48
South Africa	44	41	81	67	114	147
WESTERN HEMISPHERE	225	883	1,741	1,718	934	1,010
Brazil	3	505	555	28	1	1
Canada	43	66	122	107	109	107
Colombia	0	11	11	297	34	28
Costa Rica	0	0	41	102	55	110
Dominican Republic	0	0	61	93	19	3
Ecuador	0	0	0	148	0	0
Guatemala	0	18	29	25	32	31
Haiti	21	19	164	100	86	121
Honduras	9	13	47	63	52	30
Jamaica	12	0	15	26	28	80
Leeward & Windward Is.	5	10	11	16	17	22
Mexico	106	84	417	397	309	318
Nicaragua	14	12	61	35	68	29
Panama	0	0	8	88	0	0
Peru	0	96	118	99	46	36
El Salvador	7	26	30	49	22	30
Trinidad	0	11	23	21	21	27
TOTAL	838	1,211	2,929	2,780	2,254	2,564
Census Bureau 2/	2,680 3/	2,730 3/	3,158	3,186	2,713	2,878
Difference 4/			229	406	459	313

N/A = Not available. "U.S. Export Sales" reports in product-weight. 1/ Columns labeled "Final" are final exports reported by the U.S. Census Bureau. Columns labeled "as of" are combined exports and sales commitments. 2/The U.S. Census export total (product-weight basis) is the official total. "U.S. Export Sales" report does not include food aid donations. 3/ USDA forecast, milled basis. 4/ Difference between Census and Export Sales.

Table 5-U.S. and Thailand f.o.b. export prices, 1991/92 to present

Month or marketing year 1/	U.S. 2/			Bangkok, long grain 5/				Vietnam	
	Long grain 3/ Houston	Medium grain 4/ Calif.	Par- boiled Houston	100% grade B	5% par- boiled	15% ----- brokens	35% ----- A 1	7/ Special	5% brokens
\$ per metric tons 8/									
1991/92	368	384	418	287	263	258	222	184	
1992/93	322	383	348	244	227	217	193	163	
1993/94	439	451	470	294	244	243	209	160	
1994/95	314	375	349	290	276	270	255	232	
1995/96	414	445	456	362	344	335	302	265	
1996/97	450	415	479	338	323	303	259	216	
1997/98	415	396	455	302	292	275	237	197	269
Aug 1998	401	421	441	334	318	305	264	229	315
Sep 1998	391	441	435	332	317	304	269	241	311
Oct 1998	375	468	419	306	298	282	264	252	295
Nov 1998	386	445	419	278	275	260	248	234	278
Dec 1998	386	474	419	282	281	261	245	232	258
Jan 1999	383	474	419	308	303	283	252	234	245
Feb 1999	373	474	419	287	279	263	234	212	239
Mar 1999	367	474	419	263	254	239	213	197	228
Apr 1999	361	474	416	242	240	221	199	184	221
May 1999	344	474	408	252	249	229	202	184	229
Jun 1999	333	506	399	262	251	240	217	200	238
Jul 1999	331	518	397	259	248	241	220	209	230
1998/99	369	470	418	284	276	261	236	217	257
Aug 1999	321	518	391	253	249	237	216	204	230
Sep 1999	309	507	386	235	256	217	198	186	225
Oct 1999 9/	309	474	386	218	252	199	183	168	200
1999/00 9/	313	500	388	235	252	218	199	186	218

1/ Simple average of weekly quotes. 2/ Lowest quote offered. 3/ Number 2, 4 percent brokens. 4/ Number 1, 4 percent brokens. 5/ Nominal quotes collected by U.S. Embassy, Bangkok. 6/ Price quotes from industry sources. 7/ 100 percent broken. 8/ Bagged, f.o.b. mills. 9/ Preliminary. N/A=Not available.

Table 6-U.S. rice supply and use, by type, 1993/94 to present 1/

Item	1993/94	1994/95	1995/96	1996/97	1997/98	1998/99 2/	1999/00 3/
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LONG-GRAIN	Million acres						
Planted	2.102	2.410	2.335	1.983	2.327	2.629	
Harvested	2.028	2.379	2.312	1.967	2.309	2.608	
Yield	Pounds per harvested acre						
	5,082	5,609	5,265	5,777	5,391	5,430	
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Million hundredweight							
Beginning stocks	21.6	15.1	14.4	10.1	14.1	14.5	13.9
Production	103.1	133.4	121.7	113.6	124.5	141.6	152.4
Imports	5.9	6.5	6.5	9.3	8.0	8.5	9.6
Total supply	130.6	155.0	142.6	133.0	146.6	164.6	175.9
Domestic use 4/	59.9	59.6	67.8	62.2	60.7	81.6	73.0
Exports	55.6	81.0	64.8	56.6	71.4	69.1	66.0
Total use	115.5	140.6	132.5	118.9	132.1	150.7	139.0
Ending stocks	15.1	14.4	10.1	14.1	14.5	13.9	36.9
Stocks-use-ratio	Percent						
	13.0	10.2	7.6	11.9	11.0	9.2	26.5
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MEDIUM & SHORT-GRAIN	Million acres						
Planted	0.818	0.943	0.786	0.841	0.798	0.716	
Harvested	0.805	0.937	0.781	0.837	0.794	0.709	
Yield	Pounds per harvested acre						
	6,590	6,866	6,676	6,926	7,369	6,548	
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Million hundredweight							
Beginning stocks	15.8	10.0	15.8	14.3	12.1	12.3	6.9
Production	53.0	64.3	52.1	58.0	58.5	46.4	59.9
Imports	1.0	1.1	1.2	1.2	1.2	2.0	1.2
Total supply 5/	71.2	75.0	69.5	73.1	71.7	60.7	68.0
Domestic use 4/	41.6	40.9	37.9	40.5	44.5	39.3	40.0
Exports	19.6	18.3	17.4	20.5	14.9	14.5	16.0
Total use	61.2	59.2	55.3	61.0	59.4	53.8	56.0
Ending stocks	10.0	15.8	14.3	12.1	12.3	6.9	11.9
Stocks-use-ratio	Percent						
	16.3	26.7	25.8	19.9	20.7	12.8	21.3
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Ending stocks difference 1/	0.7	1.1	0.6	1.0	1.1	1.1	1.2
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1/ Stock totals by type omit brokens, screenings, and brewers. These are included in the totals for all types in Table 1. 2/ Estimated. 3/ Projected. 4/ Includes residual. 5/ Accounts for difference in beginning and ending inventories of brokens. Thus, total supply of medium and short grain rice may not equal summation of beginning stocks, production, and imports.