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**MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS :**

- Ž The 2000/01 U.S. rice crop is projected at 200 million cwt (rough basis), down 5 percent from the year earlier's record but still the second largest. The reduction is due to smaller plantings.
- Ž U.S. 2000/01 total rice exports are projected at 87 million cwt (rough basis), unchanged from a year earlier. Milled rice exports remain projected at 64 million cwt and rough rice at 23 million.
- Ž U.S. ending stocks for 2000/01 are projected at 43.9 million cwt, up 11 percent from a year earlier and the largest since 1986/87.
- Ž The U.S. 2000/01 season-average price is projected at \$4.75 to \$5.75 per cwt, down from this year's \$6.05 to \$6.15.
- Ž Global rice production in 2000/01 is projected at 400.3 million tons (milled basis), down more than 2 million from the year earlier's record.
- Ž Global rice trade for market year 2000/01 is projected at almost 25.2 million tons (milled basis), up more 10 percent from a year earlier but still 6 percent below 1998/99.
- Ž Global ending stocks for 2000/01 are projected at nearly 59.9 million tons, down more than 4 percent from the year earlier's record.

**U.S. 2000/01 ROUGH RICE CROP PEGGED AT 200 MILLION CWT**

The first projection for the 2000/01 U.S. rice crop is 200 million cwt (rough basis), about 5 percent below last year's record but still the second highest. The decline stems from a more than 5-percent drop in plantings to 3.4 million acres. In contrast, the average yield is projected to increase slightly to 5,935 pounds per acre.

The 2000 crop projection is based on farmers=planting intentions, average abandonment, and a projected yield. The yield projection is derived from an Olympic average (drop high and low) weighted by state and grain type. A 5-year Olympic average was used for the southern rice producing States, a 10-year for California. The acreage projections are from the March 2000 *Prospective Plantings* report which surveyed farmers=planting intentions as of March 1. Actual plantings may differ. On June 30, USDA will publish the survey of actual 2000 plantings.

Total supply for 2000/01 is projected at a record 250.5 million cwt, up 3 percent from last year. A larger carryin and greater imports more than offset smaller production. Beginning stocks are projected at 39.5 million cwt up almost 79 percent from a year earlier and the largest since 1987/88. Imports (consisting mainly of aromatic varieties) are projected at a record 11 million cwt, up 250,000 from this year. Nearly 75 percent of U.S. rice imports are from Thailand (mainly jasmine) with most India and Pakistan providing most of the remainder.

Total use for 2000/01 is projected at 206.6 million cwt, up more than 1 percent from a year

earlier. The increase is the result of a 2.4-percent rise in total domestic use (food, industrial, and residual plus seed) to 119.6 million cwt. Total exports are projected at 87 million cwt, unchanged from 1999/2000. Rough rice exports are projected to remain at 23 million cwt, with Mexico, Central America, and Turkey expected to be top markets again. Milled rice exports are projected at 64 million cwt, also unchanged from 1999/2000, with the EU, Japan, Saudi Arabia, and South Africa expected to be top markets again.

Ending stocks for 2000/01 are projected to increase 11 percent to 43.9 million cwt as record total supply outstrips the small increase in total use. These will be the largest ending stocks since 1986/87. The stocks-to-use ratio is projected at 21.3 percent, up nearly 2 percentage points from 1999/2000 and the largest since 1992/93.

As of May 7, plantings were 75 percent complete, slightly ahead of a year earlier and the 5-year average. Plantings in Texas and Louisiana were nearly complete with both States ahead of their respective 5-year averages. Due to wet conditions, planting in Mississippi was 63 percent complete, well behind the 5-year average of 84 percent. Plantings in Arkansas were 71 percent complete, slightly ahead of its 5-year average. Plantings in California are 60 percent complete, well ahead of the 5-year average of 22 percent.

About 48 percent of the U.S. crop had emerged by May 7, slightly ahead of a year earlier and the 5-year average. About 88 percent of the Texas crop and 84 percent of the Louisiana crop had emerged, ahead of a year earlier and their 5-year averages. Only 35 percent of the Mississippi crop had emerged, well below its 56-percent 5-year average. In California, 15 percent of the crop had emerged, well ahead of the State's 4-percent average.

### **LONG GRAIN SUPPLIES ARE PROJECTED TO BE RECORD HIGH IN 2000/01**

Total long grain supplies are projected at a record 179.5 million cwt, up slightly from a year earlier as a larger carryin and greater imports more than offset a smaller crop. Beginning stocks are projected at 31.5 million cwt, more than double a year earlier's 14.1 million and the largest since 1986/87. Long grain production is projected at 138.2 million cwt, down 10 percent from the year earlier's record. Farmers indicated in March that long grain plantings would be down nearly 8 percent from the 1999 record. Imports are projected at a record 9.8 million cwt, up 250,000 cwt.

Total long grain use is projected at 148 million cwt, up more than 1 percent from a year earlier but still slightly below the 1998/99 record. The increase comes as a 3-percent increase in total domestic use (including residual) more than offset a slight reduction in long grain exports to 68 million cwt. Long grain ending stocks are projected at 31.5 million cwt, unchanged from a year earlier. The stocks-to-use ratio is projected at 21.3 percent, fractionally below a year earlier and the second largest since 1986/87.

Combined medium/short grain supplies for 2000/01 are projected at 69.8 million cwt, up more than 8 percent from a year earlier due to a 10-percent increase in production to 61.8 million cwt. Beginning stocks are projected at 6.8 million cwt, down fractionally from a year earlier and the

lowest since supply and use were first reported by grain type in 1982.

Total medium/short grain use is projected at 58.6 million cwt, up almost 2 percent from 1999/2000. The increase is the result of an almost 3-percent increase in exports to 19 million cwt and a more than 1-percent increase in domestic use and residual. Ending stocks for 2000/01 are projected to increase 65 percent to 11.2 million cwt. The stocks-to-use ratio is projected at 19.1 percent, well above a year earlier's 11.8 percent.

There were no revisions this month to the 1999/2000 U.S. rice supply and use projections. Through May 4, *U.S. Export Sales* reported combined exports and outstanding sales of all rice at 2.69 million tons (product weight basis), 2.5 percent above a year earlier. Total exports were reported at 2.47 million tons, slightly larger than a year earlier. To date, U.S. exports to Mexico, the EU, Japan, Turkey, and Central America have been well ahead of a year earlier's pace.

### **U.S. SEASON AVERAGE PRICE FORECAST AT \$4.75 TO \$5.75 PER CWT IN 2000/01**

The 2000/01 season average farm price (SAFP) is projected at \$4.75 to \$5.75 per cwt, well below a year earlier's \$6.05 to \$6.15. The 2000/01 SAFP would be the lowest since 1986/87. Record supplies and stiff price competition in the international market are behind the lower price.

The 1999/2000 U.S. SAFP has been supported by relatively high prices for California medium grain rice during most of the year, especially the first 6 months, even as southern long grain prices dropped substantially. In 2000/01, a much larger medium/short grain crop is expected to substantially reduce California's price premium over long grain. The bulk of California's rice crop is medium grain and the State produces about two-thirds of the U.S. medium grain crop.

Reported average monthly cash prices for total U.S. rice have declined since August, due to record supplies and stiff competition in global markets. Last month, USDA estimated April's midmonth price at \$5.82 per cwt and lowered March's to \$5.82 from a preliminary \$5.99. These are the lowest reported monthly cash prices since September 1993. Through mid-April, monthly cash prices weighted by marketings averaged \$6.23 per cwt, indicating prices will need to drop during the remainder of the market year to achieve the projected SAFP

Long grain cash prices for rough rice are currently quoted just below \$5.00 cwt in the Delta, down slightly from a month earlier. Prices were reported around \$5.55 in Texas, also down slightly from a month earlier. Quotes for California medium grain rice remain at \$8.23 per cwt. The bulk of the California crop has already been marketed. Quoted prices for southern medium grain--grown mostly in the Delta--were reported a little over \$6 per cwt, nearly unchanged from a month earlier. Marketings of southern medium grain have been light since mid-February.

### **THAI EXPORT PRICES CONTINUE TO FALL ON LACK OF NEW SALES**

Thai export prices for most grades of milled white rice have dropped since early April, primarily due to a lack of new sales. Quotes for high-quality Thai rice (100 percent, grade B, f.o.b. Bangkok) were reported at \$209 per ton for the week ending May 9, down from \$229 a month

earlier. Prices were \$235 in March and \$251 in February. Except for 100 percent broken, prices for lower quality grades of regular milled white have also declined. Prices for 100 percent broken have strengthened slightly since early April.

Quotes for Thai parboiled rice have declined since early March, after remaining nearly stable since late 1999. Prices for Thai 5-percent parboiled rice are currently quoted at \$219 per ton, down from \$229 in April and \$231 in March. Prices for Thai jasmine have strengthened since late April and are currently quoted at \$479 per ton, up from \$449 a month earlier. Prices had ranged from \$444 to \$453 from January 2000 through March 2000.

Quotes for comparable qualities of Vietnamese rice have remained almost unchanged since early April. Quotes for Vietnamese 5-percent broken have been reported at \$175 per ton since early April, down \$25 from early March. The government of Vietnam is pursuing policies to support farm and milled rice prices.

Price quotes for similar type and quality U.S. long grain rice have steadily dropped since mid-April. Quotes for high quality southern long grain (No. 2, 4-percent broken, bagged, f.o.b. Houston) were reported at \$254 per ton for the week ending May 8, down from \$259 a week earlier and \$265 in mid-April. Prices had remained at \$276 per ton from late February through early April. Prices are down more than \$75 per ton from the start of the 1999/2000 season. In the Delta, milled long grain prices are quoted at \$254 per ton, down \$11 from mid-March. These are the lowest prices for U.S. long grain milled rice since September 1987.

Prices for U.S. parboiled milled rice were quoted at \$397 per ton for the week ending May 8, down \$11 from a week earlier. Quotes for U.S. 5-percent broken parboiled rice had remained at \$408 per ton since early January. In contrast to prices for regular milled rice, price quotes for U.S. parboiled rice have shown little weakness in 1999/2000, a result of strong demand and limited supplies. However, prices remain below the 1998/99 average of \$418.

The price difference between Thai and U.S. rice widened in early May as Thai prices dropped faster than U.S. prices. For the week ending May 9, the difference was \$45 per ton, down slightly from a week earlier but up from \$42 in late April and \$33 in early March. However, this difference has narrowed substantially since October, primarily a result of much weaker U.S. prices. The current difference is the smallest since early 1996.

Prices for high-quality California medium grain rice (No. 1, 4-percent broken, bagged, f.o.b. Sacramento) have remained at \$441 per ton since mid-December. Prices were at near-record levels throughout 1998/99, but began to drop with the start of the 1999 harvest in October. Nearly all export sales of the 1999/2000 California medium grain crop have already occurred.

## **GLOBAL RICE PRODUCTION IN 2000/01 PROJECTED AT 400.3 MILLION TONS**

For 2000/01, world rice production is projected at 400.3 million tons (milled basis), down more than 2 million from this year's revised record. Total foreign production is projected at 394 million tons, down 1.8 million from 1999/2000. The largest rice producing countries are all

expected to produce record or near-record crops in 2000/01. Bumper crops are projected for the major exporting countries as well. The projections assume normal weather worldwide. USDA will report country specific projections for 2000/01 in July.

Total consumption is projected at a record 403 million tons, up 3.5 million tons from 1999/2000. With consumption exceeding production, ending stocks are forecast to drop 4 percent to 59.9 million tons. The resulting stocks-to-use ratio is 14.9 percent, down from 15.7 percent a year earlier.

For 1999/2000, global rice production was revised up 1.7 million tons to a record 402.5 million, up 2 percent from a year earlier. Total consumption is projected at 399.5 million tons, up nearly 3 percent from a year earlier and the largest to date. With production exceeding consumption, ending stocks are forecast to rise to 5 percent to a record 62.6 million tons. The resulting stocks-to-use ratio is 15.7 percent, up slightly from a year earlier.

Bangladesh accounts for the bulk of the upward revision in 1999/2000 production. Bangladesh's 1999/2000 crop was raised 1.3 million tons to a record 21.5 million (milled basis) due to larger plantings and a slightly higher yield. Elsewhere in Asia, Burma's crop was raised 310,000 tons to a record 9.86 million, a result of a higher yield. Outside Asia, Brazil's production was increased 220,000 tons to 7.4 million due to slightly larger plantings. Uruguay's crop was raised 30,000 tons to 800,000 due to higher yields. Small upward revisions were made to both Iraq's and Venezuela's crops. In contrast, Iran's 1999/2000 production was lowered 50,000 tons to 1.55 million due to lower area. Iran is experiencing a severe drought this year.

## **MARKET YEAR 2000/01 GLOBAL EXPORTS PROJECTED AT 25.2 MILLION TONS**

The first forecast for market year 2000/01 pegs global rice exports at 25.2 million tons (milled basis), up more than 10 percent from a year earlier. The forecast includes intra-EU trade and is an aggregate of local marketing years. Nearly all major importing countries are expected to increase trade in 2000/01 and ample supplies are expected in virtually all exporting countries.

Total rice trade for calendar year 2000 is projected at 22 million tons, down 300,000 from last month's projection. Trade for year 2000 is 12 percent below 1999 and 19 percent smaller than the 1998 record. On the export side, Vietnam's exports were lowered 400,000 tons to 3.6 million based on the pace of shipments to date and weaker global trade. U.S. calendar year exports were lowered 150,000 tons to 2.85 based on the pace of shipments since January and smaller global trade. India's exports were lowered 100,000 tons to 1.1 million on weaker Bangladesh imports and smaller global demand. China's exports were lowered 100,00 tons to 2.6 million based on the pace to date and weaker global demand.

In contrast, Thailand's 2000 exports were raised 300,000 tons to 5.8 million based on a strong pace to date and large exportable supplies. Burma's exports were raised 100,000 tons to 150,000 based on a larger crop and recent sales. Finally, Uruguay's exports were raised 50,000 tons to 650,000 based on a larger crop and recent sales outside the Western Hemisphere.

On the import side, China accounts for almost all of the month-to-month reduction in global rice imports. China's 2000 imports were lowered 200,000 tons to 200,000 to more nearly match 1999 imports

For calendar year 1999, estimated global trade was raised slightly to 25.1 million tons based on final export data. India's exports were raised 154,000 tons to almost 2.6 million and Pakistan's exports were lowered 13,000 tons to 1.84 million.

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Detailed 1999/2000 foreign supply and use forecasts will be published on May 16, 2000 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 June 12, 2000. The *1999 Rice Yearbook* and other commodity reports may be accessed via the ERS website at <http://www.ers.usda.gov>.

To order printed copies of the *1999 Rice Yearbook*, call 1-800-999-6779.

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Table 1- U.S. rice supply and use, 1994/95 to present 1/

Item	1994/95	1995/96	1996/97	1997/98	1998/99	1999/00 2/	2000/01 3/
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TOTAL RICE				Percent			
ARP	0.0	5.0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Area							
Million acres							
Planted	3.353	3.121	2.824	3.125	3.345	3.581	3.395
Harvested	3.316	3.093	2.804	3.103	3.317	3.562	3.370
Pounds per harvested acre							
Yield	5,964	5,621	6,120	5,897	5,669	5,908	5,935
Million hundredweight							
Beginning stocks	25.8	31.3	25.0	27.2	27.9	22.1	39.5
Production	197.8	173.9	171.6	183.0	188.1	210.5	200.0
Imports	8.0	7.7	10.5	9.2	10.5	10.8	11.0
Total supply	231.6	212.8	207.1	219.4	226.5	243.3	250.5
Food, industrial, & residual 4/	98.3	102.1	98.8	100.5	114.7	112.6	115.5
Seed	3.9	3.5	3.9	4.1	4.4	4.2	4.1
Total							
Domestic use	102.2	105.6	102.7	104.6	119.1	116.8	119.6
Exports	98.1	82.2	77.2	86.9	85.3	87.0	87.0
Rough	18.5	10.7	12.7	26.1	25.8	23.0	23.0
Milled 5/	79.6	71.5	64.5	60.8	59.6	64.0	64.0
Total use	200.2	187.8	179.9	191.5	204.4	203.8	206.6
Ending stocks	31.3	25.0	27.2	27.9	22.1	39.5	43.9
Percent							
Stocks-use-ratio	15.6	13.3	15.1	14.6	10.8	19.4	21.3
\$/cwt							
Average farm price 6/						6.05	4.75
	6.78	9.15	9.96	9.70	8.89	to 6.15	to 5.75
Percent							
Average milling rate	74.1	71.4	70.2	69.3	69.3	69.5	69.5

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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 included unreported 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

Month	1999/00		1998/99		1997/98	
	\$/cwt	1,000 cwt	\$/cwt	1,000 cwt	\$/cwt	1,000 cwt
August	7.62	9,215	9.01	9,153	9.94	9,177
September	6.88	10,503	9.42	9,502	9.92	12,204
October	6.23	13,833	9.31	12,379	10.00	11,925
November	6.11	12,811	9.02	11,882	9.82	11,191
December	6.19	14,000	9.10	13,728	9.77	12,540
January	6.03	18,260	9.09	13,705	9.57	13,416
February	5.98	13,340	9.02	13,033	9.75	10,679
March	5.82	11,714	8.93	12,792	9.67	10,474
April	5.82 1/	12,960 1/	8.49	9,428	9.40	10,802
May			8.21	9,493	9.38	10,357
June			8.25	9,943	9.58	11,061
July			8.26	9,430	9.58	9,290
Average 2/	6.23	12,960	8.89	11,206	9.70	11,093
Total 3/	6.05-6.15 4/	116,636		134,468		133,116

N/A = Not available. 1/ Midmonth estimate. 2/ Prices 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	5.38	5.05	4.94	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	5.02	4.70	4.60	8.42	7.55	7.40	8.00	7.59	7.44
November	4.66	4.33	4.23	8.03	7.48	7.31	8.20	7.63	7.48
December	4.62	4.32	4.22	7.54	7.20	7.03	8.34	7.71	7.56
January	4.70	4.44	4.34	7.54	7.09	6.92	8.76	7.80	7.67
February	4.53	4.35	4.50	7.33	7.08	7.14	9.41	7.88	7.72
March	4.32	4.13	4.29	6.85	6.86	6.92	9.50	7.86	7.70
April	4.28	4.01	4.17	6.43	6.70	6.76	9.80	7.91	7.76
May	4.09	3.58	3.72 2/	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/	4.69	4.38	4.38 2/	7.45	7.14	7.08	8.80	7.72	7.57

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



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

Month or Market year 1/	U.S. 2/			Thai, long grain 5/				Viet 6/	
	Long grain 3/ Houston	Medium grain 4/ Calif.	Par- boiled Houston	100% Grade B	5% par- boiled	15% ----- brokens	35% ----- brokens	A1 7/ Special	5% brokens
\$ per metric tons 8/									
1991/92	368	384	418	287	263	258	222	184	N/A
1992/93	322	383	348	244	227	217	193	163	N/A
1993/94	439	451	470	294	244	243	209	160	N/A
1994/95	314	375	349	290	276	270	255	232	N/A
1995/96	414	445	456	362	344	335	302	265	N/A
1996/97	450	415	479	338	323	303	259	216	N/A
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	417	284	276	261	236	217	257
Aug 1999	321	518	390	253	249	237	216	205	230
Sep 1999	309	507	386	235	256	217	198	185	221
Oct 1999	309	458	386	223	257	205	186	170	201
Nov 1999	300	445	386	236	268	216	195	172	217
Dec 1999	298	445	393	240	252	221	195	155	227
Jan 2000	289	441	406	248	248	228	194	157	227
Feb 2000	284	441	408	251	247	225	191	156	208
Mar 2000	276	441	408	235	238	209	180	152	194
Apr 2000	269	441	408	225	229	200	173	149	175
May 2000	257	441	403	209	220	188	165	146	175
1999/00 9/	291	458	397	236	246	215	189	165	208

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

Table 6- U.S. rice supply and use, by type, 1994/95 to present 1/

Item	1994/95	1995/96	1996/97	1997/98	1998/99	1999/00 2/	2000/01 2/
LONG-GRAIN							
	Million acres						
Planted	2.410	2.335	1.983	2.327	2.629	2.751	
Harvested	2.379	2.312	1.967	2.309	2.608	2.738	
	Pounds per harvested acre						
Yield	5,609	5,265	5,777	5,391	5,430	5,629	
	Million hundredweight						
Beginning stocks	15.1	14.4	10.1	14.1	14.5	14.1	31.5
Production	133.4	121.7	113.6	124.5	141.6	154.1	138.2
Imports	7.0	6.5	9.3	8.0	8.5	9.6	9.8
Total supply	155.5	142.6	133.0	146.6	164.7	177.7	179.5
Domestic use 3/	60.3	67.7	62.3	60.5	79.9	77.7	80.0
Exports	80.8	64.8	56.6	71.6	70.7	68.5	68.0
Total use	141.1	132.5	118.9	132.1	150.6	146.2	148.0
Ending stocks	14.4	10.1	14.1	14.5	14.1	31.5	31.5
	Percent						
Stocks-use-ratio	10.2	7.6	11.9	11.0	9.3	21.6	21.3

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Table 6- U.S. rice supply and use, by type, 1994/95 to present 1/--continued

Item	1994/95	1995/96	1996/97	1997/98	1998/99	1999/00 2/	2000/01 2/
MEDIUM & SHORT-GRAIN							
Million acres							
Planted	0.943	0.786	0.841	0.798	0.716	0.830	
Harvested	0.937	0.781	0.837	0.794	0.709	0.824	
Pounds per harvested acre							
Yield	6,866	6,676	6,926	7,369	6,548	6,835	
Million hundredweight							
Beginning stocks	10.0	15.8	14.3	12.1	12.3	6.8	6.8
Production	64.3	52.1	58.0	58.5	46.4	56.3	61.8
Imports	1.1	1.2	1.2	1.2	2.0	1.2	1.2
Total supply 4/	75.0	69.5	73.1	71.7	60.7	64.3	69.8
Domestic use 3/	41.9	37.9	40.4	44.1	39.2	39.1	39.6
Exports	17.3	17.4	20.6	15.4	14.6	18.5	19.0
Total use	59.2	55.3	61.0	59.4	53.9	57.6	58.6
Ending stocks	15.8	14.3	12.1	12.3	6.8	6.8	11.2
Percent							
Stocks-use-ratio	26.7	25.8	19.9	20.7	12.7	11.8	19.1
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Ending stocks difference 1/	1.1	0.6	1.0	1.1	1.2	1.2	1.2

1/ Stock totals by type omit broken, which are included in total stocks for all types in Table 1. 2/ Projected. 3/ Includes residual. 4/ Accounts for difference in beginning and ending stocks of broken. Thus, total supply of medium/short grain may not equal sum of beginning stocks, production, and imports.