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MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS:

- The U.S. 2000/01 rice crop is estimated at 191.1 million cwt, down 1.3 million from last month, a result of a slight reduction in planted area. The yield was raised fractionally.
- U.S. 2000/01 ending stocks are projected at 25.6 million cwt, down 1.7 million from a month earlier and 7 percent below 1999/2000.
- Based on data from the January 2001 *Rice Stocks* report, U.S. rice stocks on December 1, 2000 are estimated at 143 million cwt (rough basis), down 2 percent from a year earlier.
- Global rice production for 2000/01 is projected at 397.6 million tons (milled basis), down 3 million from last month's forecast. China accounts for nearly all of the reduction.
- Global trade for calendar year 2001 is projected at 23.4 million tons, virtually unchanged from last month or a year earlier.
- Global ending stocks for 2000/01 are projected at 59.8 million tons, down 2.9 million from last month's forecast and more than 5.7 million below a year earlier's record.

U.S. 2000 RICE CROP ESTIMATED AT 191.1 MILLION CWT

The 2000/01 U.S. rice crop is estimated at 191.1 million hundredweight (cwt), down fractionally from last month's forecast and more than 7 percent below a year earlier's record. The month-to-month reduction was the result of a 41,000-acre decrease in harvested area to 3.04 million acres, which was partially offset by a slightly higher yield.

Texas and Louisiana account for the bulk of this month's reduction in harvested area. In Texas, harvested area was lowered 25,000 acres to 214,000, the smallest in more than 60 years. Louisiana's harvested area was lowered 15,000 acres to 480,000, the smallest since 1987. In addition, Missouri's harvested area was lowered fractionally to 174,000 acres. Harvested area was not changed this month for Arkansas, California, and Mississippi.

Harvested area is lower this year in every major rice growing State except California. Arkansas' area, estimated at 1.41 million acres, is down 13 percent from a year earlier's record. Louisiana's harvested area is down 22 percent from a year earlier. Mississippi's harvested area, estimated at 218,000 acres, is down 105,000 acres from 1999. Missouri's rice area was lowered fractionally to 174,000 acres, down from the record of 184,000 a year earlier. Area harvested in Texas is 45,000 acres below a year earlier. In contrast, California's harvested acreage is estimated at 548,000 acres, up from 505,000 last year.

Average total yield is estimated at a record 6,278 pounds per acre, up 42 pounds from last month's projection. Yields were revised up this month for Texas, Louisiana, and Arkansas. In contrast, yields were lowered for Mississippi and California. Field yields are higher this year than in 1999 in every major rice growing State.

The Texas yield was raised 200 pounds per acre this month to a record 6,700, up 14 percent from last year. This is the largest average yield ever achieved by a southern State. Arkansas' yield is estimated at 6,100 pounds per acre, up 50 pounds from last month and 250 pounds higher than a year earlier. Louisiana's yield was raised 100 pounds per acre to a record 5,080, up 80 pounds from 1999/2000. California's yield is estimated at 7,950 pounds per acre, down 50 pounds from last month but up more than 9 percent from last year's weather damaged crop. Mississippi's yield was lowered 100 pounds per acre to 5,900, up 250 from a year earlier. Missouri's yield remains estimated at a record 5,700 pounds per acre, up 300 pounds from last year.

Production was lowered slightly this month for every major rice growing State except Arkansas. Rice production was raised 700,000 cwt to 86 million, 9 million below a year earlier's record. The California crop was lowered fractionally to 43.6 million cwt, still a record. Louisiana's production was lowered fractionally to 24.4 million, 21 percent below 1999/2000. Mississippi production was lowered nearly 2 percent to 12.9 million cwt, 5.4 million below a year earlier. Missouri production was lowered marginally to 9.9 million cwt, virtually unchanged from a year earlier's record. Rice production in Texas is estimated at 14.3 million cwt, down 1.2 million from last month's forecast and 6 percent smaller than a year earlier.

Rice imports were lowered more than 2 percent to 10 million cwt (all long grain) based on deliveries through October. Beginning stocks were lowered fractionally to 27.5 million cwt based on an adjustment in the milling rate. Total supply was lowered marginally to 228.6 million cwt, down 4 percent from a year earlier's record.

Based on data reported in the January 2001 *Rice Stocks* report, December 1, 2000 total U.S. rice stocks are estimated at 143 million cwt (rough basis), down 2 percent from a year earlier. Total long grain stocks are estimated at 87.8 million cwt, down from more than 100 million a year earlier. In contrast, combined medium/short grain stocks were estimated at 53.3 million cwt on December 1, 2000, up from 44.2 million a year earlier. Arkansas accounts for the bulk of the reduction in total stocks. Rice stocks in Arkansas are estimated at 65.5 million on December 1, 2000, down from 72.8 million a year earlier. In contrast, December 1, 2000 total rice stocks in California are estimated at 39.6 million cwt, up from 31.1 million a year earlier.

U.S. RICE EXPORTS PROJECTED TO DROP 10 PERCENT IN 2000/01

Total rice use, including exports and domestic and residual, is forecast at 203 million cwt, up marginally from last month, but nearly 4 percent lower than a year earlier's record. The month-to-month change is the result of a slight increase in expected seed use. The year-to-year reduction is the result of a 10-percent drop in exports. Total domestic use (including residual) is projected at a record 123 million cwt, up 1 percent from a year earlier.

Total exports remain projected at 80 million cwt, down from a year earlier's 88.9 million cwt. Milled rice accounts for all of the year-to-year decline in exports. Milled rice exports are projected at 55 million cwt, down nearly 14 percent from 1999/2000 and the smallest in more than a decade. Rough rice exports are projected at 25 million cwt, virtually unchanged from a year earlier. Mexico, Central America, and Turkey are the major markets for U.S. rough rice.

Through the end of December, *U.S. Export Sales* reported total commitments (exports plus outstanding sales) at 1.6 million tons (product-weight basis), down 10 percent from a year earlier. Exports were reported at 1.03 million tons, 6 percent behind a year earlier. Outstanding sales of 564,400 tons were more than 16 percent behind a year earlier. Through December, total commitments were behind a year earlier to the European Union, Japan, and Saudi Arabia. In contrast, total commitments were well ahead of a year earlier to Turkey and Mexico.

Total ending stocks are projected at 25.6 million cwt, down 6 percent from last month's forecast and 1.9 million cwt below a year earlier. The stocks-to-use ratio is projected at 12.6 percent, down from last month's 13.4 percent and 13.0 percent in 1999/2000.

COMBINED MEDIUM/SHORT GRAIN CROP LOWERED 2 MILLION CWT

Combined medium/short grain production was lowered 3 percent to 59.6 million cwt, still 10 percent higher than a year earlier. A record crop in California—the primary medium/short grain producer—accounts for all of the year-to-year increase. Beginning stocks were lowered fractionally to 10.4 million cwt, a result of a revised milling yield. Total medium/short grain supply is projected at 71.3 million cwt, down 3 percent from last month's forecast but nearly 13 percent larger than a year earlier.

Total use was raised fractionally to 61 million cwt, up more than 15 percent from a year earlier. The year-to-year increase comes exclusively from domestic use (including residual). Domestic use was raised marginally to 43 million cwt, up 24 percent from a year earlier. Medium/short grain exports remain projected at 18 million cwt, virtually unchanged from 1999/2000. Ending stocks were lowered more than 18 percent this month to 10.3 million cwt, down about 1 percent from 1999/00. The resulting stocks-to-use ratio is projected at 16.8 percent, down 4 percentage points from last month's forecast and below a year earlier's 19.7 percent.

Long grain production is estimated at 131.5 million cwt, up slightly from last month's forecast but down more than 13 percent from a year earlier's record. Long grain beginning stocks are estimated at 15.6 million cwt, down marginally from last month's estimate but up 11 percent from 1999/00. Long grain imports were lowered 250,000 cwt based on deliveries through October. Aromatic rices from South and Southeast Asia account for the bulk of long grain imports. Total supply long grain supply is projected at 155.9 million cwt, up slightly from a month earlier's forecast but down more than 10 percent from last year.

Total long grain use remains projected at 142 million cwt, down 10 percent from last year's record. Domestic use (including residual) remains forecast at 80 million cwt, down more than 8 percent from last year's record. Long grain exports remain forecast at 62 million cwt, down 12 percent from last year. Ending stocks are projected at 13.9 million cwt, up nearly 5 percent from

last month's forecast but almost 11 percent below a year earlier. These are the smallest long grain stocks since 1995/96. The stocks-to-use ratio is projected at 9.8 percent, up slightly from last month and virtually unchanged from 1999/2000.

U.S. MONTHLY CASH PRICES ARE THE LOWEST IN 7 YEARS

Average monthly cash prices for total U.S. rice have been well below a year earlier since the start of the 2000/01 market year. Last month, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) estimated December's mid-month price at \$5.56 per cwt and lowered November's to \$5.63 from a preliminary \$5.64. Monthly cash prices are currently the lowest in more than 7 years. Since August, reported monthly cash prices have averaged \$5.62 per cwt.

The 2000/01 season-average farm price (SAFP) is projected at \$5.50 to \$6.00 per cwt, unchanged from last month but below a year earlier's \$6.11. The mid-point of the 2000/01 SAFR range is the lowest since 1986/87.

Reported prices for U.S. southern long grain rice have strengthened since late September, primarily in response to tighter supplies and strong rough rice exports. In addition, long grain prices firmed towards the end of the year because producers were holding on to new crop supplies for tax reasons and in hopes of higher prices later in the marketing year.

For the week ending January 9, cash prices in Texas and Southwest Louisiana for long grain rough rice were quoted around \$6.25 per cwt, up slightly from a month earlier and well above \$5.80 reported in mid-November. Prices were reported at slightly more than \$5.00 in mid-September. These are the highest reported prices since the start of the 1999/2000 market year. In the Delta, long grain prices were reported at just over \$6.20 per cwt for the week ending January 9, up fractionally from last week, but down about 20 cents from late November. Long grain prices were reported around \$5.60 per cwt during the peak of harvest in mid-September.

Quoted prices for medium grain in California and the South have dropped substantially since the start of the 1999/2000 market year. There has been little reporting of California rough rice prices since November when prices were calculated at a little more than \$5.00 per cwt, more than \$2 per cwt below reported prices a year earlier. Because the bulk of California's rough rice is sold under some type of a pooling method, rough rice prices are determined by the price of the milled rice.

For the week ending January 9, prices for medium grain rice in the Delta were quoted at about \$5 per cwt, down slightly from the start of the market year and about 50 cents below a year earlier. Medium grain prices were reported slightly higher in Southwest Louisiana. A projected record crop in California plus expanded medium grain acreage in the South are behind the lower prices for medium grain rice.

INTERNATIONAL RICE PRICES NEARLY UNCHANGED SINCE LATE JULY

Thai export prices for high and medium grades of regular milled white rice have traded in a very narrow range since late July. Quotes for high-quality Thai white rice (100-percent, Grade B,

f.o.b. Bangkok) were reported at \$191 per ton for the week ending January 8, nearly the same as a month earlier and down only fractionally from late July. Reported Thai prices since late July have been the lowest since the spring of 1993.

Prices for Thailand's parboiled rice (5-percent broken) were reported at \$185 per ton for the week ending January 8, down \$5 from a week earlier but virtually unchanged from early December. Prices for parboiled rice have traded in a very narrow range since early September. In contrast to near-steady prices for regular milled rice and parboiled rice, prices for Thailand's premium jasmine rice have declined substantially since early August. Prices were reported at \$374 per ton for the week ending January 3, down \$14 from a month earlier and almost \$100 below early November. Prices for Thai jasmine were quoted at \$570 per ton in late July. Large supplies and weak international demand are behind the large price drop. Prices for lower quality Thai rice (A. 1 Special 100-percent broken) have risen slightly since early December. Prices were reported at \$134 for the week ending January 8, up from \$127 a month earlier.

Quoted prices for Vietnam's 5-percent broken have remained nearly stable since early December. Prices were quoted at \$168 per ton for the week ending January 9, down fractionally from a month earlier. Prices were reported at \$180 per ton in early November and \$185 in late October. Recovery from flood damage and a lack of major new sales are behind the weaker prices. Vietnam's rice is trading about \$17 per ton below prices for the same quality of Thai rice, up from \$5 or \$6 in August and September.

Prices for high-quality California medium grain milled rice (No. 1, 4-percent broken, bagged, f.o.b. Sacramento, for the domestic market) have remained at \$331 per ton since mid-December after steadily dropping since last summer. Prices were quoted at \$441 per ton in July but declined to \$419 by early August and to \$375 by late September. Quoted prices for California medium grain milled rice are currently the lowest since early 1991. The price decline is primarily in response to a record California harvest this year.

Prices for U.S. long grain milled rice (No. 2, 4-percent broken, bagged, f.o.b. Houston, for the domestic market) have remained at \$276 per ton since mid-October. Prices had risen since late July, primarily due to large food aid purchases in September and October and a smaller long grain crop this year. Prices were reported at \$248 per ton from mid-May until late July after dropping since early 1999.

The difference between Thai 100-percent Grade B and U.S. long grain number 2, 4-percent broken has averaged about \$85 per ton since mid-October. The difference widened from July through September as U.S. prices increased and the Thai price traded in a very narrow range. For the week ending December 11, the difference was \$85 per ton, little changed since mid-October. The difference averaged \$50 per ton in 1999/2000.

CHINA'S 2000/01 RICE CROP LOWERED 3.5 MILLION TONS TO 133 MILLION

Global rice production for 2000/01 is projected at 397.6 million tons (milled basis), down 3 million from last month's forecast and more than 2 percent below a year earlier's record. Global

consumption is projected at a record 403.2 million tons, up fractionally from last month and nearly 2.3 million tons above a year earlier.

Global ending stocks are projected at 59.8 million tons, down 2.9 million from last month's forecast and 5.7 million below a year earlier's revised record. China accounts for the bulk of the month-to-month reduction in global ending stocks. The resulting stocks-to-use ratio is 14.8 percent, down from 15.6 percent last month and well below a year earlier's revised 16.3 percent.

China accounts for the bulk of this month's reduction in 2000/01 global rice production. China's crop was lowered 3.5 million tons to 133 million (milled basis) based on a 300,000-hectare reduction in harvested area to 30 million hectares. The average yield was lowered fractionally. This is the smallest rice crop for China since 1995/96 and the smallest harvested area in more than 30 years. The reductions were based on recent information from the Government of China. In addition, Turkmenistan's crop was lowered 17,000 tons to 18,000 due to smaller plantings and a lower yield. Area and production for Turkmenistan were revised for several back-years as well. The region has suffered a severe drought for the past few years.

In contrast, 2000/01 production forecasts were raised for several countries this month. Vietnam's production was raised 400,000 tons to 21.1 million tons based on a much higher yield. Despite severe flooding in late summer and early fall, information from the Government of Vietnam indicated a larger 10-month crop. Russia's production was raised 85,000 tons to 375,000, the result of a much higher yield. This is the largest rice crop for Russia since 1993/94. Japan's crop was raised 16,000 tons to more than 8.6 million based on government data reporting slightly higher area. Finally, the Ukraine's rice crop was raised 13,000 tons to 60,000 due to a much higher yield.

Global production for 1999/2000 was raised 1.3 million tons to a record 406.2 million. India accounts for nearly all of this month's production increase. India's 1999/2000 crop was raised 1.23 million tons to 89.5 million due to a higher yield. The Government of India reported record production and yield for 1999/2000. In contrast, Turkmenistan's crop was lowered 14,000 tons to 21,000 based on a much lower yield.

LITTLE GROWTH IN GLOBAL TRADE FORECAST FOR 2001

Global rice trade for calendar year 2001 is projected at 23.4 million tons (milled), virtually unchanged from last month's forecast and nearly the same as a year earlier's revised level. Trade for calendar year 2001 is projected to be almost 14 percent below the 1998 record.

The only export revision made this month was for the United Arab Emirates (UAE). Exports for the UAE (all transshipments) were raised 50,000 tons to 185,000 based on higher exports in 2000. On the import side, the UAE's imports were raised 50,000 tons to 275,000 based on larger 2000 imports and expectations of higher exports in 2001. Saudi Arabia's imports were raised 25,000 tons to a near-record 875,000 based on larger imports in 2000. Finally, Cambodia's imports were raised 15,000 tons to 25,000 based on a weak 2000/01 crop and higher imports in 2000. Nearly offsetting these upward revisions were two reductions. Russia's 2001 imports were lowered 40,000 tons to 440,000 based on a larger crop. The Ukraine's imports

were lowered 5,000 tons to 45,000, also based on a larger 2000/01 crop. In contrast, Indonesia's imports were lowered 200,000 tons to 1.6 million based on smaller imports in 2000.

Global rice trade for calendar year 2000 is projected at more than 23.3 million tons, up 300,000 from last month's forecast but down 7 percent from a year earlier. On the export side, Thailand's exports were raised 270,000 tons to 6.57 million based on government data reporting shipments through December. Thailand's 2000 exports were just fractionally below the 1999 record. The UAE's exports (all transshipments) were raised 50,000 tons to 185,000 based on government shipment data. In contrast, South Africa's exports (all transshipments) were lowered to 25,000 from 50,000 based on shipment data.

On the import side Saudi Arabia's imports were raised 75,000 tons to a near-record 875,000 based on the deliveries through October. The UAE's imports were raised 50,000 tons to 275,000 based on delivery and shipment data. Finally, Cambodia's imports were raised 15,000 tons to 25,000 based on deliveries to date. In contrast, Indonesia's imports were lowered 200,000 tons to 1.6 million based on slower than expected deliveries during the second half of the year.

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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	3.285	3.531	3.065
Harvested	3.316	3.093	2.804	3.103	3.257	3.512	3.044
Pounds per harvested acre							
Yield	5,964	5,621	6,120	5,897	5,663	5,866	6,278
Million hundredweight							
Beginning stocks	25.8	31.3	25.0	27.2	27.9	22.1	27.5
Production	197.8	173.9	171.6	183.0	184.4	206.0	191.1
Imports	8.1	7.7	10.5	9.3	10.6	10.1	10.0
Total supply	231.6	212.9	207.2	219.5	223.0	238.2	228.6
Food, industrial, & residual	98.3	101.1	97.7	99.2	109.5	117.4	119.0
Seed	3.9	3.5	3.9	4.1	4.4	4.0	4.0
Total							
Domestic use	102.2	104.5	101.6	103.3	114.0	121.4	123.0
Exports	98.8	83.2	78.3	87.7	86.8	89.2	80.0
Rough	18.5	10.7	12.7	26.1	25.8	25.2	25.0
Milled 5/	79.6	72.6	65.6	62.1	61.1	64.0	55.0
Total use	201.0	187.8	179.9	191.0	200.8	210.6	203.0
Ending stocks	31.3	25.0	27.2	27.9	22.1	27.5	25.6
Percent							
Stocks-use-ratio	15.6	13.3	15.1	14.6	11.0	13.1	12.6
\$/cwt							
Average farm price 6/	6.78	9.15	9.96	9.70	8.89	6.11	5.50 to 6.00
Percent							
Average milling rate	74.1	71.4	70.1	69.3	69.3	69.6	69.5

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N/A = Not applicable under current farm legislation. 1/ August-July market year; rough equivalent. 2/ Estimated. 3/ Projected. 4/ Residual includes unreported use, processing losses and estimating errors. 5/ Rough equivalent. 6/ Market year weighted average.

Table 2--U.S. monthly average farm prices and marketings, rough equivalent, 1998/99 to present

Month	2000/01		1999/00		1998/99	
	\$/cwt	1,000 cwt	\$/cwt	1,000 cwt	\$/cwt	1,000 cwt
August	5.60	10,925	7.62	9,215	9.01	9,743
September	5.72	10,228	6.88	10,503	9.42	11,170
October	5.61	13,119	6.23	13,833	9.31	12,286
November	5.63	12,191	6.11	12,811	9.02	11,896
December	5.56 1/	11,616 1/	6.19	14,000	9.10	13,948
January			6.03	18,260	9.09	13,337
February			5.98	13,340	9.02	12,573
March			5.82	11,714	8.93	12,968
April			5.86	8,860	8.49	9,169
May			5.56	9,966	8.21	9,145
June			5.59	9,698	8.25	9,822
July			5.47	9,361	8.26	9,329
Average 2/	5.62	11,616	6.11	11,797	8.89	11,282
Total 3/	5.50-6.00 4/		6.11 4/ 141,561		135,386	

1/ Preliminary midmonth estimate. 2/ Price is market year weighted average; 2000/01 is through current month. 3/ Total volume marketed; 2000/01 is August to current month only. 4/ USDA season-average farm price projection.

Table 3--USDA calculated world market rice prices, 1998/99 to 2000/01

Month	2000/01			1999/00			1998/99		
	Long	Medium	Short	Long	Medium	Short	Long	Medium	Short
	\$/cwt								
August	3.99	3.37	3.37	5.38	5.05	4.94	8.77	7.71	7.56
September	3.69	3.16	3.16	5.26	4.90	4.80	8.90	7.76	7.61
October	3.54	3.30	3.30	5.02	4.70	4.60	8.42	7.55	7.40
November	3.48	3.29	3.29	4.66	4.33	4.23	8.03	7.48	7.31
December	3.40	3.19	3.18	4.62	4.32	4.22	7.54	7.20	7.03
January 1/	3.40	3.19	3.18	4.70	4.44	4.34	7.54	7.09	6.92
February				4.53	4.35	4.50	7.33	7.08	7.14
March				4.32	4.13	4.29	6.85	6.86	6.92
April				4.28	4.01	4.17	6.43	6.70	6.76
May				4.09	3.58	3.72	6.49	6.76	6.81
June				4.09	3.40	3.53	6.56	6.75	6.80
July				4.09	3.48	3.61	6.56	6.69	6.75
Average 2/	3.58	3.25	3.25	4.59	4.22	4.25	7.45	7.14	7.08

1/ Preliminary. 2/ Simple average of weekly announced world market price.

Table 4- U.S. exports and sales commitments, 1996/97 to present 1/

Country or region	2000/01 as of 12/28/00	1999/00 as of 12/28/99	1999/00 Final	1998/99 Final	1997/98 Final	1996/97 Final
	1,000 metric tons					
European Union	254	281	387	329	349	348
Other Western Europe	11	17	29	29	28	85
Turkey	159	141	286	113	109	246
Eastern Europe	0	0	5	6	0	5
Former Soviet Union	0	57	66	52	16	29
Japan	185	263	302	330	269	234
OTHER ASIA/MIDDLE EAST	252	336	515	275	242	380
Jordan	16	20	44	41	59	88
Indonesia	0	119	117	85	8	0
Saudi Arabia	86	122	155	106	121	160
AFRICA	127	126	216	193	207	262
Cote d'Ivoire	6	21	15	15	34	33
Ghana	22	20	81	58	66	66
Liberia	17	3	12	10	8	9
South Africa	55	56	75	81	67	119
WESTERN HEMISPHERE	597	554	1,391	1,824	1,948	1,110
Brazil	0	3	2	556	29	9
Canada	74	74	184	176	177	170
Colombia	2	0	1	8	291	35
Costa Rica	1	24	84	41	102	55
Dominican Republic	7	0	56	72	114	25
Guatemala	10	5	42	28	28	35
Haiti	61	59	201	225	183	152
Honduras	47	36	99	76	49	35
Jamaica	20	19	31	13	27	27
Leeward & Windward Is.	3	5	6	12	21	16
Mexico	290	237	505	339	431	357
Nicaragua	50	42	89	68	40	51
Panama	0	0	5	6	86	1
Peru	1	18	24	130	127	64
El Salvador	16	21	47	33	47	24
Trinidad	7	0	0	23	21	21
Unknown	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	N/A
TOTAL 2/	1,599	1,776	3,039	2,929	2,780	2,254
Total Census Bureau	2,520 2/	2,800 2/	3,313	3,169	3,185	2,714
Difference 3/		342 4	274	240	405	460

N/A = Not applicable.

1/ Columns labeled "Final" are final exports, including food aid donations, reported by the U.S. Census Bureau. The U.S. Census total is the official total. Columns labeled "as of" are combined exports and outstanding sales reported by U.S. *Export Sales*. The U.S. *Export Sales* report does not include food aid donations. Both Census and U.S. *Export Sales* report on a product-weight basis. 2/ USDA market year forecast, milled basis.

3/ Difference between final exports reported by Census and U.S.

Table 5-U.S. and Thailand milled rice prices, 1993/94 to present

Month or marketing year 1/	U.S. 2/			Thailand 5/				Viet 6/	
	Long grain 3/ Texas	Medium grain 4/ Calif.	Par- boiled Texas	100% grade B	5% par- boiled	15% brokens	35% brokens	A1 7/ Special	5% brokens
\$ per metric ton 8/									
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	204	230
Sep 1999	309	507	386	235	256	217	198	186	221
Oct 1999	309	458	386	223	257	205	186	170	201
Nov 1999	300	445	386	236	268	216	194	172	217
Dec 1999	298	445	393	240	252	221	192	155	227
Jan 2000	289	441	406	248	248	228	194	158	227
Feb 2000	284	441	408	252	248	225	191	158	208
Mar 2000	276	441	408	235	238	209	180	152	194
Apr 2000	269	441	408	225	229	200	173	148	175
May 2000	253	441	395	211	219	186	164	144	173
Jun 2000	248	441	386	210	218	183	161	140	175
Jul 2000	249	432	382	199	217	178	161	143	183
1999/00	284	454	395	230	242	209	185	160	202
Aug 2000	254	419	361	193	208	175	160	144	183
Sep 2000	257	408	364	185	192	170	157	143	176
Oct 2000	271	375	364	193	200	176	157	137	178
Nov 2000	276	349	364	191	190	173	153	128	177
Dec 2000	276	334	364	190	188	173	153	129	170
Jan 2001	276	331	364	191	185	175	153	134	169
2000/01 9/	268	369	364	191	194	174	156	136	176

NA = Not available.

1/ Simple average of weekly quotes. 2/ 100 pound bags, domestic market. Lowest quote offered. 3/ Number 2, 4 percent brokens. 4/ Number 1, 4 percent brokens. 5/ Nominal price quotes, fob Bangkok, long grain. U.S. Embassy, Bangkok. 6/ Fob Saigon. Price quotes from industry

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 3/
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LONG-GRAIN	Million acres						
Planted	2.410	2.335	1.983	2.327	2.589	2.731	2.252
Harvested	2.379	2.312	1.967	2.309	2.568	2.718	2.235
	Pounds per harvested acre						
Yield	5,609	5,265	5,777	5,391	5,426	5,587	5,883
	Million hundredweight						
Beginning stocks	15.1	14.4	10.1	14.1	14.5	14.1	15.6
Production	133.4	121.7	113.6	124.5	139.3	151.9	131.5
Imports	6.9	6.4	9.1	7.9	8.4	7.6	8.8
Total supply	155.4	142.5	132.9	146.5	162.2	173.5	155.9
Domestic use 4/	59.6	66.9	61.3	59.7	76.7	87.1	80.0
Exports	81.4	65.5	57.4	72.3	71.4	70.8	62.0
Total use	141.0	132.4	118.7	132.0	148.2	157.9	142.0
Ending stocks	14.4	10.1	14.1	14.5	14.1	15.6	13.9
	Percent						
Stocks-use-ratio	10.2	7.6	11.9	11.0	9.5	9.9	9.8

MEDIUM & SHORT-GRAIN	Million acres						
Planted	0.943	0.786	0.841	0.798	0.696	0.800	0.813
Harvested	0.937	0.781	0.837	0.794	0.689	0.794	0.809
	Pounds per harvested acre						
Yield	6,866	6,676	6,926	7,369	6,548	6,822	7,371
	Million hundredweight						
Beginning stocks	10.0	15.8	14.3	12.1	12.3	6.8	10.4
Production	64.3	52.1	58.0	58.5	45.1	54.2	59.6
Imports	1.2	1.3	1.4	1.4	2.2	2.5	1.2
Total supply 5/	75.0	69.5	73.1	71.7	59.4	63.2	73.4
Domestic use 4/	41.9	37.7	40.3	44.2	37.4	34.8	43.0
Exports	17.5	17.7	20.9	15.4	15.4	18.1	18.0
Total use	59.4	55.4	61.2	59.6	52.8	52.9	61.0
Ending stocks	15.8	14.3	12.1	12.3	6.8	10.4	12.5
	Percent						
Stocks-use-ratio	26.6	25.8	19.8	20.7	12.9	19.7	20.6

Ending stocks difference 1/	1.1	0.6	1.0	1.1	1.2	1.5	0.9
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1/ Stock totals by type omit broken, which are included in total stocks for all types in Table 1. 2/ Estimated. 3/ Projected. 4/ Includes residual. 5/ Accounts for difference in beginning and ending stocks of broken.

Table 7-U.S. December 1 Rice Stocks by Type of Rice, 1998 to 2000

Rice type	1997	1998	1999	2000
	Million cwt			
All rice	132.5	128.8	146.0	143.0
Long grain	83.3	88.7	100.3	87.8
Medium grain	46.3	37.1	40.7	50.4
Short grain	1.6	1.9	3.5	2.9
Medium/short	47.9	39.0	44.2	53.3
Brokens	1.4	1.1	1.5	1.9

1/ Rough equivalent of rough and milled rice stocks.

Sources: Rough and milled rice stocks, *January Rice Stocks*, 1998, 2000, and 2001, NASS/USDA. Annual milling rates calculated from milling data provided By the Rice Millers' Association.