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U.S. 2008/09 Rough-Rice Crop Projected at 206.9 Million Cwt

There were several supply-side revisions this month to the U.S. 2008/09 rough-rice balance sheet. First, the production estimate was raised 2.0 million cwt to 206.9 million based on larger area. The yield was reduced slightly. Long-grain accounts for all of the increase in production. The medium/short-grain production estimate was lowered. The production estimates reflect survey data as of September 1, and therefore, do not fully reflect the damage caused by Hurricane Gustav, which hit on September 1. Second, imports were raised 1.5 million cwt to a record 25.5 million cwt. And third, carryin was lowered 0.2 million cwt to 29.4 million.

The only revision on the use side was a 2.0-million cwt switch to rough-rice exports from milled-rice exports. On balance, these revisions resulted in a 15-percent increase in the ending stocks forecast to 25.9 million cwt. The 2008/09 U.S. all-rice season-average farm price (SAFP) was raised 75 cents per hundredweight (cwt) on both the high and low ends to \$15.75-\$16.75 per cwt, the highest on record and well above a revised \$12.80 for 2007/08.

Global rice production for 2008/09 is projected at a record 432.0 million tons (on a milled basis), up 1.2 million tons from last month's forecast and almost 1 percent above the 2007/08 crop. Production estimates were raised this month for India, Thailand, Pakistan, Japan, and the United States. In contrast, the Philippines' production forecast was lowered.

Global rice trade for calendar year 2009 is projected at 28.3 million tons (milled basis), up 0.8 million from last month's forecast, but 3 percent below the revised 2008 forecast. Export forecasts were raised for India and Thailand. Import forecasts were raised for Bangladesh, the Philippines, and the United States.

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U.S. 2008/09 All-Rice Season-Average Farm Price Projection Raised to \$15.75-\$16.75 per Cwt

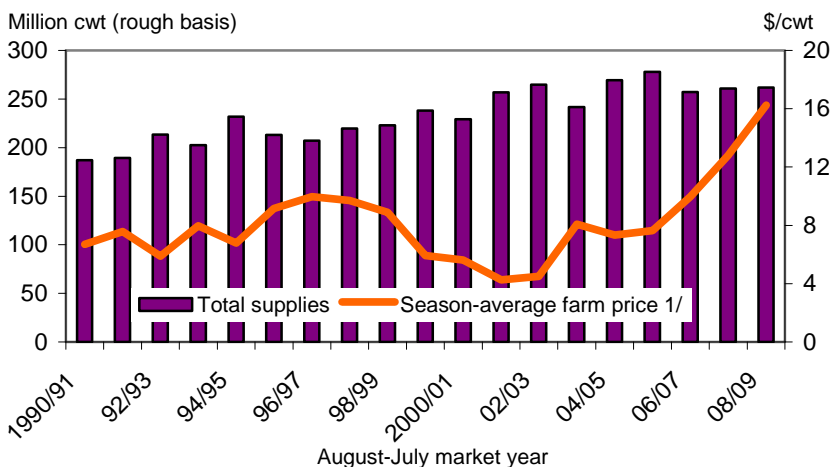
The 2008/09 U.S. all-rice season-average farm price (SAFP) was raised 75 cents per hundredweight (cwt) on both the high and low ends, to \$15.75-\$16.75 per cwt, the highest on record and well above a revised \$12.80 for 2007/08. The upward revision in the 2008/09 price was primarily based on higher-than-expected U.S. cash prices reported in July and August, some recent strengthening of global prices, and expectations regarding price movements the remainder of the year. On an annual basis, the record U.S. price forecast is largely based on expectations of strong global trading prices for rice and continued tight exportable supplies until at least early 2009.

By class, 2008/09 long-grain rough-rice prices are projected at \$15.00-\$16.00 per cwt, up 70 cents on both ends and well above a revised \$12.50 a year earlier. Combined medium/short-grain prices are projected at \$19.50-\$20.50 per cwt, up \$1.50 from last month and sharply higher than a revised \$13.80 in 2007/08. The 2008/09 SAFR for both long-grain and combined medium/short-grain rice are the highest on record.

The 2007/08 all-rice SAFR was raised 20 cents from last month's forecast to \$12.80 per cwt, based on reported monthly cash prices and marketings through the end of July. Last month, USDA reported a preliminary August rough-rice cash price of \$17.70 and raised the July price to \$17.20 from a preliminary \$16.70. The August midmonth cash price is the highest ever reported and \$7.60 above a year earlier.

Figure 1

The 2008/09 U.S. season-average farm price is the highest on record

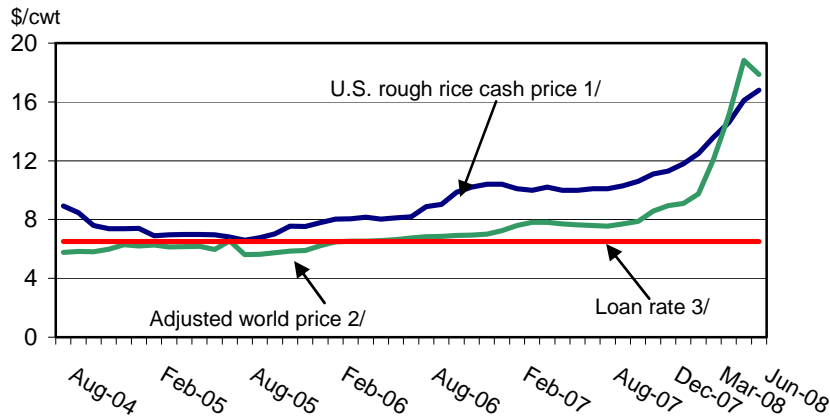


1/ 2008/09 midpoint of range.

Sources: 1990/91-2005/06, *2007 Rice Yearbook*, Economic Research Service, USDA; 2006/07-2008/09, *World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates*, <http://www.usda.gov/oce/commodity/wasde/index.htm>.

Figure 2

The August U.S. rough-rice cash price was the highest on record



August 2008 U.S. rough-rice cash price mid-month only.

1/ Monthly U.S. cash price for all-rice reported by NASS. 2/ Monthly average of weekly reported adjusted world price for long-, medium-, and short-grain rough-rice weighted by share of U.S. production. 3/ Production-weighted average of reported rough-rice loan rates by class.

Sources, U.S. cash price, *Agricultural Prices*, NASS, USDA; Adjusted World Price and Loan Rates, FSA, USDA, <ftp://ftp.fsa.usda.gov/public/cotton/default.htm>.

U.S. 2008/09 Rough-Rice Crop Projected at 206.9 Million Cwt

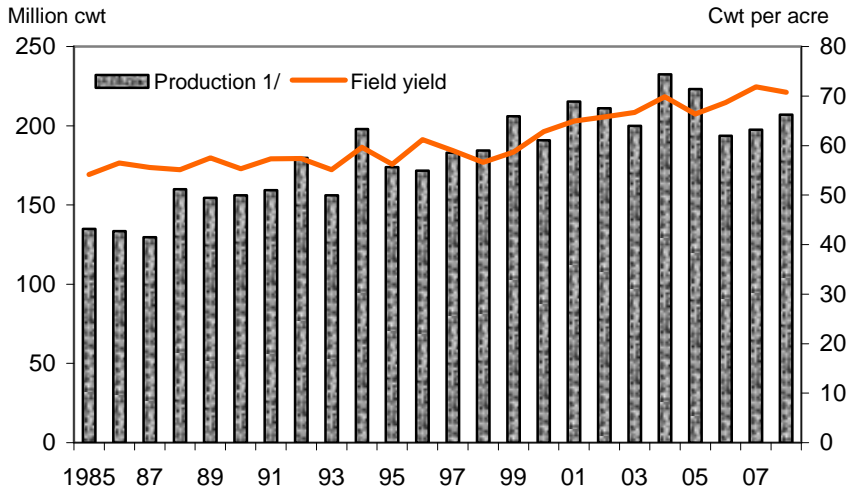
The 2008/09 U.S. rough-rice crop is projected at 206.9 million cwt, up 2.0 million cwt from last month's forecast and 5 percent larger than a year ago. The upward revision is entirely due to a larger area estimate; the average yield was actually lowered. This month, USDA raised its harvested area estimate 45,000 acres to 2.92 million, more than 6 percent larger than a year ago. In contrast, the average yield was reduced 40 pounds per acre to 7,076 pounds, 109 pounds below last year's record. USDA's production estimates reflect survey data as of September 1, and therefore do not fully reflect the damage caused by Hurricane Gustav, which hit the Gulf Coast on September 1.

Long-grain accounts for all of this month's upward revision in production. The 2008/09 long-grain production estimate was raised 3.3 million cwt to 157.3 million, 11 percent larger than a year earlier. In contrast, medium-grain production was lowered fractionally to 46.3 million cwt, almost 10 percent below last year. Short-grain production was lowered almost 1.0 million cwt to 3.3 million cwt, 20 percent smaller than a year ago. Almost all short-grain rice is grown in California. The combined medium/short-grain crop was lowered 1.2 million cwt to 49.6 million.

Louisiana accounts for most of this month's upward revision in harvested area. Louisiana's 2008/09 area estimate was boosted 60,000 acres to 465,000, about 23 percent above a year ago. Mississippi's area estimate was also raised this month. In contrast, area estimates for California and Texas were lowered, while estimates

Figure 3

The 2008/09 U.S. rough-rice crop is projected at 206.9 million cwt



2008 forecasts. 1/ Rough-rice.

Source: USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service, *Quick Stats*, U.S. & All States

Data--Crops. http://www.nass.usda.gov/Data_and_Statistics/Quick_Stats/index.asp.

for Arkansas and Missouri are unchanged from last month. Average yields were lowered this month for Louisiana and Missouri, but raised for California and Mississippi. Yields are unchanged this month for Arkansas and Texas.

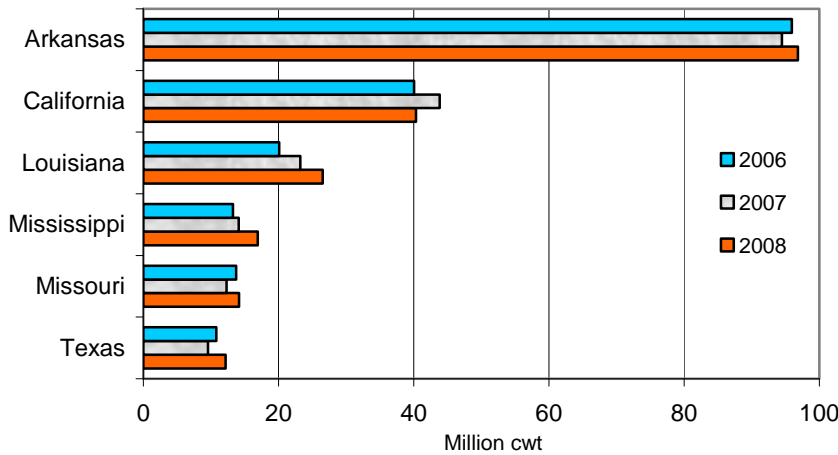
By State, production estimates for 2008/09 were raised for Louisiana and Mississippi, but lowered for Texas, California, and Missouri. The Arkansas production estimate was unchanged from last month. Louisiana accounted for the largest share of the upward revision in production. The crop was raised 11 percent. Mississippi's crop was raised 13 percent.

Production in 2008/09 Projected Higher for All Reported States Except California

Rice production is estimated to be larger than last year in all reported States except California. Louisiana accounts for the largest share of the 2008/09 increase in production. At 26.5 million cwt, the Louisiana crop is 14 percent larger than last year, a result of expanded area. The yield is down 7 percent from last year. At 16.9 million cwt, rice production in Mississippi is up 20 percent from last year, also a result of expanded area. The yield is virtually unchanged. Texas rice production is estimated at 12.2 million cwt, 27 percent larger than last year's crop, a result of both expanded area and a higher yield. Production in Arkansas remains estimated at 96.8 million cwt, almost 3 percent larger than last year, with both area and yield up slightly. Missouri's production is estimated at a record 14.1 million cwt, up 15 percent from last year, mostly due to expanded area. In contrast, at 40.3 million cwt, California's 2008/09 production is 8 percent below last year, with both area and yield down.

Figure 4

Production is projected higher in 2008 in every producing State except California



These six States account for more than 99 percent of U.S. production.
Source: *Crop Production*, September 2008, National Agricultural Statistics Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Record field yields are projected for three southern States this year. At 7,100 pounds per acre, the Missouri field yield is 3 percent higher than a year ago and the highest on record. In Arkansas, the average yield is estimated at a record 7,200 pounds per acre, 1 percent higher than last year. The Mississippi field yield is estimated at 7,400 pounds per acre, down 1 percent from last year, but still the second-highest on record. Despite a delayed start to the 2008/09 season in most of the Delta due to excessive rain across the region, field yields in the region are forecast at record or near-record levels.

The Texas average field yield of 7,200 pounds per acre is 9 percent higher than last year, also the highest on record. Louisiana's field is forecast at 5,700 pounds per acre, 7 percent below the 2007/08 record. In California, the average field yield is forecast at 7,800 pounds per acre, 5 percent below a year earlier. Temperatures in July were extremely hot in California. In addition, there was a substantial amount of smoke from wildfires in Northern California this summer.

Progress and Condition of the 2008 Crop Remain Behind a Year Ago

As of September 7, just 14 percent of the U.S. crop had been harvested, well behind 33 percent last year and the U.S. 5-year average of 29 percent. Harvest is behind last year in every reported State except Texas, with the Delta sharply behind. The region received substantial rainfall early in the season that delayed plantings several weeks. In addition, on September 1 Hurricane Gustav hit the Gulf Coast and then moved into the Delta, bringing substantial wind and rain, before the bulk of the harvest was to start in the region. The extent of the damage from Gustav is unknown at this time. However, significant amounts of rice lodged and the fields should dry before harvest.

In Arkansas, just 5 percent of the crop was harvested by September 7, well behind 27 percent a year earlier and the State's 5-year average of 19 percent. Only 8 percent of the Mississippi crop was harvested by September 7, compared with 35 percent last year and a 5-year average of 29 percent. None of the Missouri crop was reported harvested by September 7, compared with 17 percent last year and a 5-year average of 8 percent. In Louisiana, less than half the crop was harvested by September 7, well behind 79 percent last year and a 5-year average of 83 percent. The harvest delay and excessive rains will likely reduce the size of the ratoon crop (a partial harvest from the stubble of the first crop). Harvest has yet to begin in California, slightly behind last year and the State's 5-year average.

Only in Texas, which had already harvested most of its crop before Gustav made landfall, is harvest ahead of last year. At 90-percent complete, the pace of the Texas harvest is slightly ahead of both last year and the State's 5-year average. Although much of the Texas harvest was complete by September 1, the excessive rains could adversely impact the size of the ratoon crop. Except in Southwest Louisiana and Texas, rice producers are typically unable to harvest a ratoon crop.

As of September 7, the condition of the 2008/09 U.S. crop was rated lower than a year earlier. Louisiana reported the biggest drop in crop conditions from last year. For the week ending September 7, just 33 percent of the Louisiana crop was rated in good or excellent condition, down from 56 percent a year ago. In fact, nearly 28 percent of the crop was rated in poor or very poor condition. The State received excessive wind and rain from Hurricane Gustav. In Arkansas, just 59 percent of the crop was rated in good or excellent condition, down from 72 percent a year ago. About 85 percent of the Mississippi crop was rated good or excellent, 5 percentage points below last year. Just 64 percent of the California crop was rated in good or excellent condition, well below 85 percent last year.

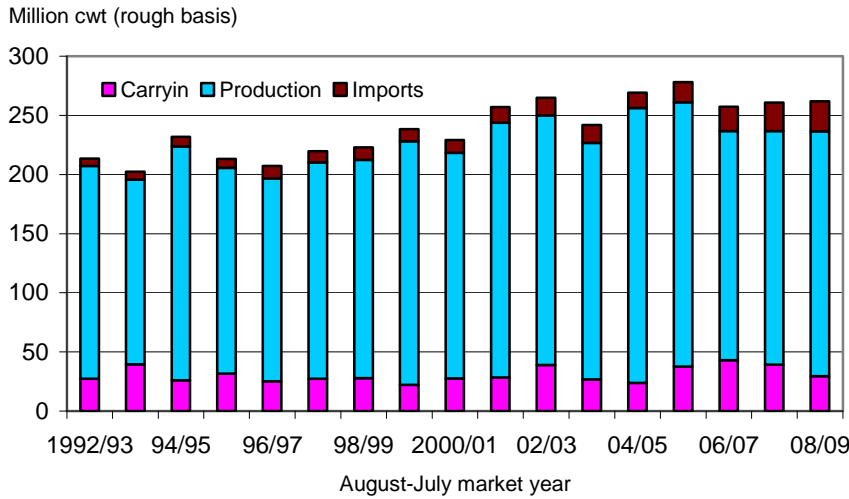
In contrast, crop conditions were reported higher than a year earlier in the remaining States. In Texas, about 66 percent of the crop was rated in good or excellent condition for the week ending September 7, well above just 25 percent a year earlier. Nearly 93 percent of the Missouri crop was reported in good or excellent condition, up from 72 percent a year earlier.

Total Supplies for 2008/09 Are Projected at 261.9 Million Cwt

Total U.S. supplies of all-rice in 2008/09 are projected at 261.9 million cwt, up 3.4 million cwt from last month's forecast, a result of both a larger crop and a higher import forecast. Total supplies are 1.1 million cwt above a year ago. In 2008/09, a much smaller carryin is expected to almost offset a larger crop and another year of record imports.

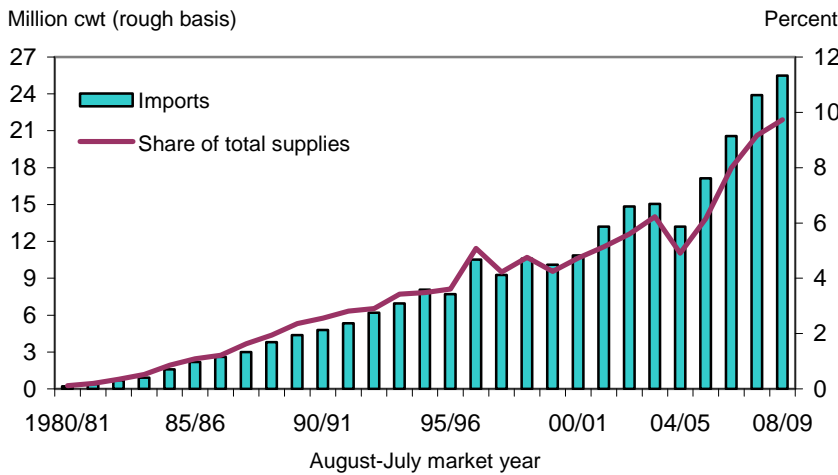
The 2008/09 carryin is estimated at 29.4 million cwt, down fractionally from last month's forecast and 25 percent below a year ago. Long-grain carryin is estimated at 19.0 million cwt, up 2 percent from last month, but 33 percent below a year earlier. Medium/short-grain carryin is estimated at 9.1 million cwt, down 10 percent from last month and 9 percent larger than a year ago. The stocks estimates are calculated from data reported in the August *Rice Stocks* report.

Figure 5
Total U.S. rice supplies in 2008/09 are virtually unchanged from last year



2008/09 forecasts.
 Sources: 1992/93-2005/06, *2007 Rice Yearbook*, Economic Research Service, USDA;
 2006/07-2008/09, *World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates*,
<http://www.usda.gov/oce/commodity/wasde/index.htm>.

Figure 6
U.S. rice imports are projected to be the highest on record in 2008/09



2008/09 are forecasts.
 Sources: 1980/81-2005/06, *2007 Rice Yearbook*, Economic Research Service, USDA;
 2006/07-2008/09, *World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates*,
<http://www.usda.gov/oce/commodity/wasde/index.htm>.

The 2008/09 import forecast was raised 1.5 million cwt to a record 25.5 million cwt, 6 percent larger than last year's revised estimate. The upward revision is based on a higher 2007/08 import forecast and recent trends. The long-grain import forecast was raised to a record 19.0 million cwt, up 1.5 million cwt from last month's forecast and 8 percent larger than last year. Thailand is the largest supplier of long-grain imports to the United States, with its premium jasmine rice accounting for most of the sales. Thailand's exports to the U.S. were the highest on record last year. Medium/short-grain imports remain forecast at 6.5 million cwt, the highest on record. China is typically the largest supplier of medium/short-grain imports to the United States, with Puerto Rico the major destination.

U.S. 2008/09 All-Rice Exports Remain Forecast at 110.0 Million Cwt

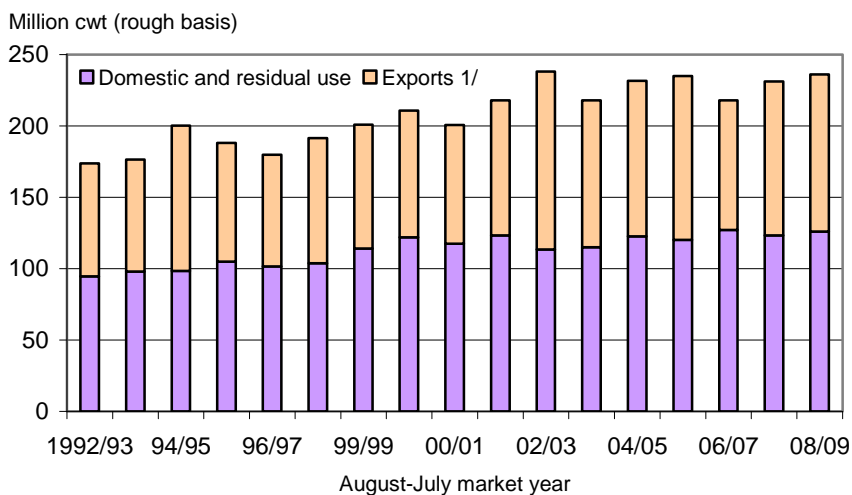
Total use of U.S. rice in 2008/09 remains projected at 236.0 million cwt, up 3.4 million cwt from last year. Exports remain projected at 110.0 million cwt, up 2.1 million cwt from last year's revised forecast. By type, milled-rice exports (rough equivalent of both milled and brown rice exports) were lowered 2.0 million cwt to 72.0 million cwt, still 6 percent larger than the year-earlier revised estimate. In contrast, rough-rice exports were raised 2.0 million cwt to 38.0 million, down more than 5 percent from last year. South America accounts for most of this month's upward revision in the rough-rice export forecast. The year-to-year reduction is based on an expected slight slowdown in purchases by major U.S. rough-rice buyers, primarily Mexico and Central America.

By class, the long-grain export forecast was raised 2.0 million cwt to 86.5 million cwt, 6 percent larger than a year earlier. In contrast, the medium/short-grain export forecast was lowered 2.0 million cwt to 23.5 million, 10 percent below last year. The Middle East and Oceania account for most of the expected reduction in medium/short exports in 2008/09. The downward revision in medium/short-grain exports is primarily due to an 8-percent reduction in the medium/short-grain supply forecast.

Total domestic disappearance—including the residual that accounts for losses in processing, marketing, and transportation—remains projected at a record 126.0 million cwt, an increase of 1 percent from a year earlier. U.S. ending stocks for 2008/09 are projected at 25.9 million cwt, up 3.4 million cwt from last month's forecast, but still 12 percent below the previous year. The stocks-to-use ratio, calculated at 11.0 percent, is 1.7 percentage points below a year earlier and the lowest since 1998/99.

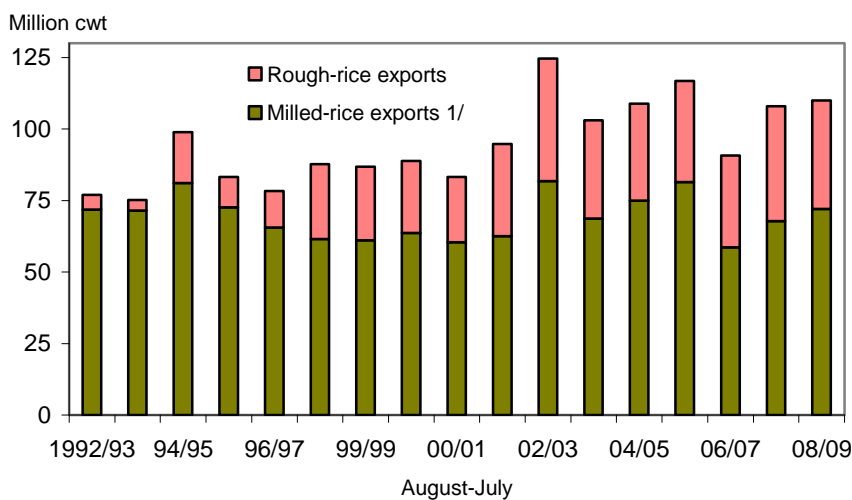
By class, long-grain ending stocks are projected at 17.9 million cwt, up 3.1 million cwt from last month's forecast, but still 6 percent below a year earlier. The long-grain ending stocks-to-use ratio is calculated at 10.1 percent, down about 1 percentage point from last year. Medium/short-grain ending stocks are projected at 6.6 million cwt, down 4 percent from last month's forecast and 27 percent below a year earlier. The medium/short-grain ending stocks-to-use ratio is calculated at 11.4 percent, more than 3 percentage points below a year earlier. Both medium/short-grain ending stocks and the stocks-to-use ratio are the lowest since at least 1982/83.

Figure 7
U.S. exports are projected to increase 2 percent in 2008/09



1/ Rough-equivalent of milled, brown, and rough-rice exports. 2008/09 are forecasts.
 Sources: 1992/93-2005/06, *2007 Rice Yearbook*, ERS/USDA; 2006/07-2008/09, *World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates*, World Agricultural Outlook Board, USDA.

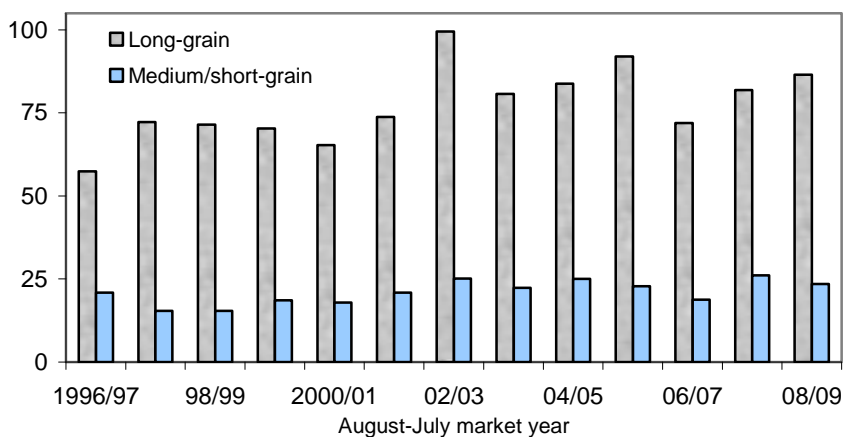
Figure 8
Milled-rice exports are projected to increase 6 percent in 2008/09



2008/09 are forecasts. 1/ Rough-basis.
 Source: *World Agricultural Supply and Use Estimates*, WAOB, USDA.

Figure 9
U.S. long-grain exports are projected to increase 6 percent in 2008/09 1/

Million cwt (rough basis)

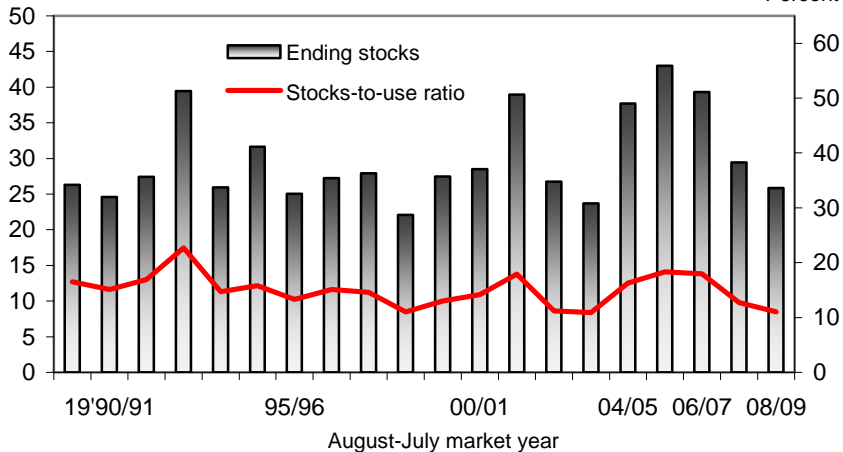


2008/09 are forecasts. 1/ Total of milled, brown, and rough-rice exports on a rough basis.

Sources: 1996/97-2005/06, *2007 Rice Yearbook*, Economic Research Service/USDA; 2006/07-2008/09, *World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates*, <http://www.usda.gov/oce/commodity/wasde/index.htm>.

Figure 10
U.S. ending stocks in 2008/09 are projected to decline 12 percent

Million cwt (rough basis)



2008/09 are forecasts.

Sources: 1989/90-2005/06, *2007 Rice Yearbook*, Economic Research Service, USDA; 2006/07-2008/09, *World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates*, World Agricultural Outlook Board, USDA.

There were several revisions to the 2007/08 rough-rice balance sheet this month. On the supply side, imports were raised 0.4 million cwt to 23.9 million, the highest to date. Long-grain accounts for all of the upward revision. Combined medium/short-grain imports were lowered slightly. On the use side, total exports were raised almost 2.0 million cwt to 107.9 million. Long-grain accounted for most of the upward revision in exports. All trade revisions were based on Census data through July. The 2008/09 ending stocks estimate was lowered fractionally to 29.4 million cwt, with medium/short-grain accounting for all of the decline. The long-grain ending stocks estimate was raised slightly. The stocks revisions were calculated from data reported in the August *Rice Stocks*.

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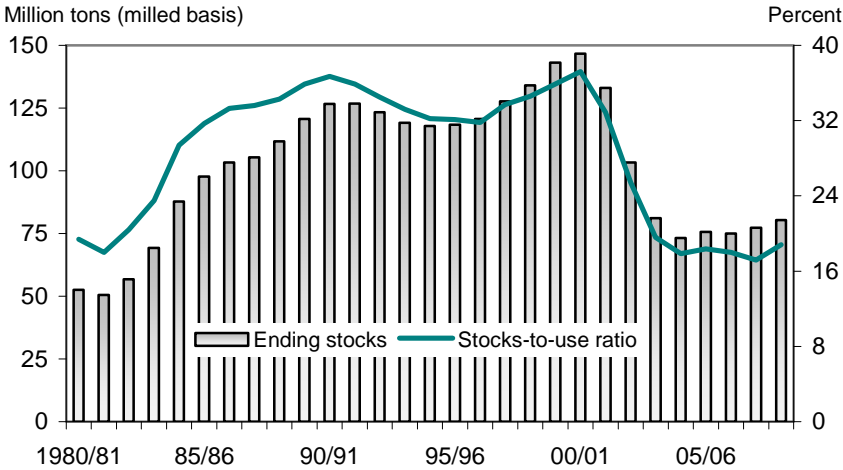
Production Forecasts for 2008/09 Raised for India, Pakistan, and Thailand

Global rice production for 2008/09 is projected at a record 432.0 million tons (on a milled basis), up 1.2 million tons from last month's forecast and almost 1 percent above the 2007/08 crop. This year's record global rice production is based on expanded area, estimated at almost 156.0 hectares, the highest on record. The yield of 4.1 tons per hectare is unchanged from last year's record. Yield-growth since 2000/01 has been quite low.

Global disappearance is projected at a record 428.9 million tons, up 1.2 million tons from last month's forecast and 1.7 million tons larger than a year earlier. Global ending stocks are projected at 80.4 million tons, down fractionally from last month, but 4 percent larger than a year earlier. This is the second consecutive year of a significant buildup in global ending stocks.

Production forecasts for 2008/09 were raised this month for India, Pakistan, Thailand, Japan, and the United States. India's production forecast was raised 1.0 million tons to a record 97.0 million based on larger area. At 45.0 million hectares, India's rice area is the second highest on record. Pakistan's production is projected at a record 5.8 million tons, up 0.2 million from last month's forecast, a result of a higher yield. Rainfall was particularly favorable in August. Thailand's production was raised 0.7 million tons to a record 19.5 million based on both record area and record yield. There were two smaller upward revisions this month. Japan's crop was raised 0.1 million tons to 8.0 million based on larger area. The U.S. crop was raised 0.75 million tons to 6.31 million, also based on larger area.

Figure 11
Global ending stocks are projected to increase 4 percent in 2008/09



2008/09 are forecasts.
Source: *Production, Supply, and Distribution* data base, Foreign Agricultural Service, USDA, <http://www.fas.usda.gov/psd>.

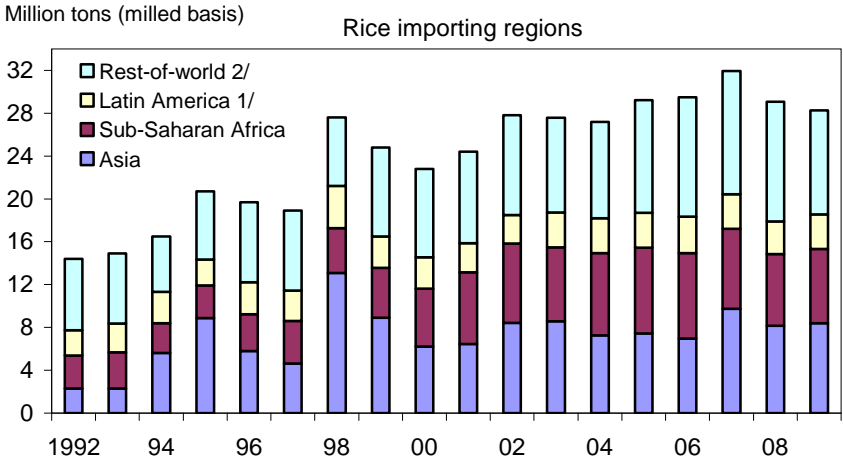
These upward revisions were partially offset by two reductions. First, the Philippines 2008/09 production forecast was lowered 0.8 million tons to 10.2 million based on a lower field yield and milling rate. Second, Iraq’s crop was lowered 0.35 million tons to 0.85 million based on much lower area. The reduced area is primarily due to water restrictions resulting from severe drought in the region.

This month, USDA raised the 2007/08 global production estimate 0.5 million tons to 429.5 million tons. Thailand’s 2007/08 production estimate was raised 0.7 million tons to 19.3 million based on larger second crop area. Vietnam’s crop was raised 0.2 million tons to 24.1 million tons. These two upward revisions were partially offset by a 0.5-million-ton reduction in the Philippines estimate to 10.1 million.

Export Forecasts for 2009 Raised for India and Thailand

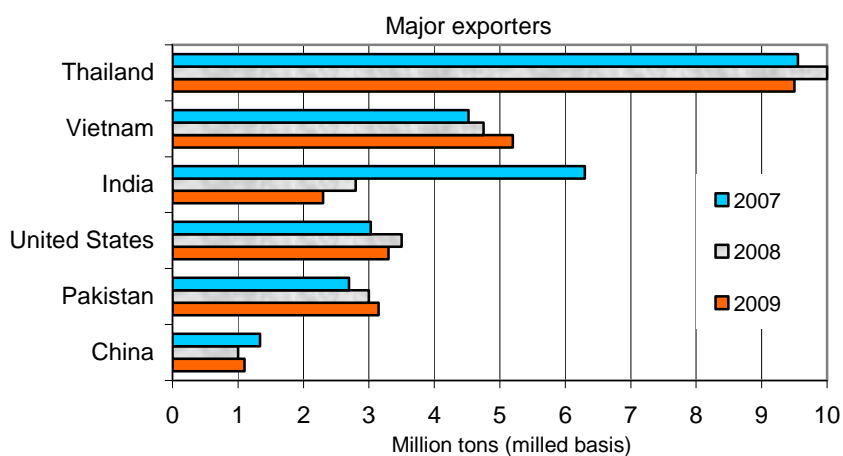
Global rice trade for calendar year 2009 is projected at 28.3 million tons (milled basis), up 0.8 million from last month’s forecast, but 3 percent below the revised 2008 forecast. The 3-percent decline in trade in 2009 is primarily based on expectations of continued export restrictions by India and Egypt, high trading prices, and record crops in several major importing countries.

Figure 12
Global rice trade is projected to decline in 2008 and 2009



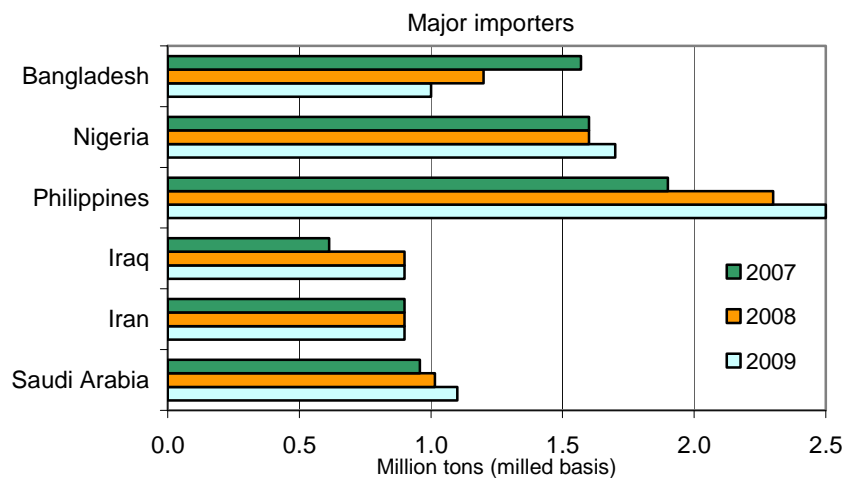
1/ Mexico, Central America, the Caribbean, and South America. 2008 and 2009 are forecasts. 2/ Includes imports not assigned a specific country.
 Source: *Production, Supply, and Distribution* data base, Foreign Agricultural Service, USDA, <http://www.fas.usda.gov/psd>.

Figure 13
Vietnam, Pakistan, and China are projected to export more rice in 2009



2008 and 2009 are projections. These six countries account for more than 85 percent of global rice exports.
 Source: *Production, Supply, and Distribution* data base, Foreign Agricultural Service, USDA, <http://www.fas.usda.gov/psd>.

Figure 14
The Philippines are projected to import a record 2.5 million tons of rice in 2009



2008 and 2009 projections. These seven countries account for about one-third of global imports.
 Source: *Production, Supply, and Distribution* data base, Foreign Agricultural Service, USDA, <http://www.fas.usda.gov/psd>.

There were two export revisions for 2009 this month. First, Thailand's exports were raised 500,000 tons to 9.5 million based on larger supplies and stronger global demand. And second, India's exports were raised 300,000 tons to 2.3 million based on expectations that the current ban will be lifted in the first half of the year, larger supplies, and stronger demand from Bangladesh—India's major buyer. There were two major import revisions for 2009 this month. First, Bangladesh's imports were raised 300,000 tons to 1.0 million based on stronger demand. And second, the Philippines' imports were boosted 300,000 tons to a record 2.5 million based on a smaller crop. In addition, the U.S. import forecast was raised 50,000 tons to a record 825,000 tons.

Global trade in 2008 remains forecast at 29.1 million tons, 9 percent below the 2007 record. There were no export revisions. On the import side, Indonesia's imports were lowered 600,000 tons to 500,000 tons based on a slower-than-expected pace to date. Bangladesh's imports were raised 250,000 tons to 1.2 million based on large purchases from India. Finally, imports by the Philippines were raised 200,000 tons to 2.3 million based on purchases to-date and a smaller crop.

Global Trading Prices Have Declined Since Early August Due to a Stronger Dollar and Weaker Overall Commodity Prices

Thailand's trading prices for higher quality nonspecialty rices are down \$25-\$30 per ton from early August, primarily due to a stronger dollar, a bumper dry-season harvest, and lower overall commodity prices. Thailand's prices actually increased slightly the first week of September, mostly due to the government rough-rice purchase program. Thailand's exporters are facing intense competition from lower-priced rice from Vietnam and expectations of a record harvest in Pakistan.

Prices for Thailand's high-quality, 100-percent Grade B (fob vessel, Bangkok) milled rice for export were quoted at \$706 per ton for the week ending September 8, down \$27 from the week ending August 11. Prices for 5-percent brokens were quoted at \$688 per ton for the week ending September 8, down \$28 from August 11.

Prices for specialty rices have declined even more. Prices for Thailand's 5-percent parboiled rice were quoted at \$728 per ton for the week ending September 8, down \$55 from a month ago. Prices for Thailand's jasmine rice (a premium aromatic rice) were quoted at \$810 per ton for the week ending September 8, down \$43 from a month earlier.

Prices for lower quality rice have declined as well. For the week ending September 8, prices for Thailand's A-1 Super 100-percent brokens were quoted at \$430 per ton, down almost \$60 from a month ago. All price quotes for Thailand's rice are from the *Weekly Rice Price Update*, reported by the U.S. agricultural counselor in Bangkok.

The Government of Vietnam has allowed traders to resume commercial sales since July. Currently, the government maintains a minimum export price (MEP) for 5-percent brokens of \$650 per ton. However, actual trading prices are lower, with price discounting limited by licensing requirements. For the week ending September 9, price quotes for Vietnam's top-quality 5-percent brokens were estimated at \$600 per ton, unchanged from a month ago.

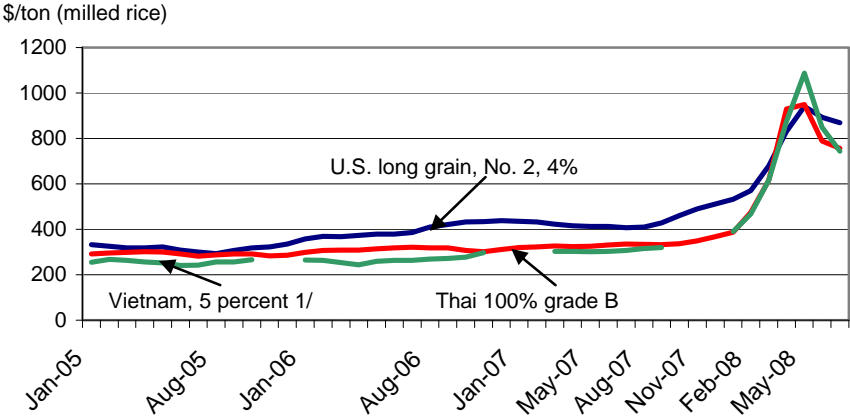
Export price quotes for U.S. long-grain milled rice have declined a little since early August, primarily due to lower global prices, a stronger dollar, and weaker overall commodity prices. For the week ending September 9, price quotes for high-quality southern long-grain rice (No. 2, 4-percent broken, bagged, free alongside vessel, U.S. Gulf port) were quoted at \$794 per ton, down \$11 from early August and about \$150 below the late-April record. U.S. prices actually increased about \$10 per ton from September 2 to 9. U.S. prices (adjusted to reflect fob vessel price) are more than \$100 per ton above Thailand's price quotes, up from an \$87 difference a month earlier.

Price quotes for U.S. long-grain rough-rice (bulk, fob vessel, New Orleans) were reported at \$435 per ton for the week ending September 9, up \$20 from a month earlier. Recent strength in U.S. prices is likely due to logistical problems caused by Hurricane Gustav and uncertainty over the degree of any crop damage it caused.

Price quotes for California rice have increased slightly this month. Prices for California package-quality medium-grain rice (sacked) for domestic sales were quoted at a record \$1,135 per ton for the week ending September 12, up \$66 from a month earlier. Export price quotes (in 30-kg bags, fob vessel) remain reported at a record \$1,175 per ton, unchanged since July. U.S. medium-grain prices are being supported at record levels by Egypt's export ban and a lack of any significant exportable supplies in Australia.

In the text and tables of this report, price quotes for U.S. long- and medium-grain milled rice and for U.S. rough-rice exports are from the weekly *Creed Rice Market Report*.

Figure 15
Global trading prices have dropped about 30 percent since early May



Monthly prices are simple average of weekly quotes. All prices quoted "free-on-board" vessel. 1/ Prices since late March are nominal price quotes only, not actual trading prices.

Sources: Thai price quotes, *Thailand Grain and Feed Weekly Rice Price Update*, U.S. Ag Counselor, Bangkok; U.S. and Vietnam's price quotes, *Creed Rice Market Report*.

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Table 1--U.S. rice supply and use 1/

Item	2003/04	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08 2/	2008/09 2/
TOTAL RICE						
Million acres						
Area:						
Planted	3.022	3.347	3.384	2.838	2.761	2.940
Harvested	2.997	3.325	3.364	2.821	2.748	2.924
Pounds per harvested acre						
Yield	6,670	6,988	6,636	6,868	7,185	7,076
Million cwt						
Beginning stocks	Ending stocks	23.7	37.7	43.0	39.3	29.4
Production	199.9	232.4	223.2	193.7	197.5	206.9
Imports	15.0	13.2	17.1	20.6	23.9	25.5
Total supply	214.9	269.2	278.1	257.3	260.7	261.8
Food, industrial, & residual 3/	110.8	118.5	116.7	123.8	119.7	N/A
Seed	4.1	4.2	3.5	3.4	3.6	N/A
Total domestic use	115.0	122.7	120.2	127.2	123.3	126.0
Exports	103.1	108.8	114.9	90.8	107.9	110.0
Rough	34.4	33.8	33.4	32.1	40.2	38.0
Milled 4/	68.7	75.0	81.4	58.7	67.8	72.0
Total use	218.0	231.5	235.1	218.0	231.2	236.0
Ending stocks	23.7	37.7	43.0	39.3	29.4	25.8
Percent						
Stocks-to-use ratio	10.9	16.3	18.3	18.0	12.7	11.0
\$/cwt						
Average farm price 5/	8.08	7.33	7.65	9.96	12.80	15.75 to 16.75
Percent						
Average milling rate	70.80	70.80	70.25	71.00	70.50	70.50

N/A = not available. 1/ August-July market year; rough equivalent. 2/ Projected. 3/ Residual includes unreported use, processing losses, and estimating errors. 4/ Rough-rice equivalent. 5/ Market-year weighted average.
Source: *World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates*, WAOB, USDA.

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Table 2--U.S. rice supply and use, by class 1/

Item	2003/04	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08 2/	2008/09 2/
LONG GRAIN:						
Million acres						
Planted	2.332	2.587	2.751	2.200	2.063	--
Harvested	2.310	2.571	2.734	2.186	2.052	--
Pounds per harvested acre						
Yield	6,451	6,630	6,493	6,689	6,929	--
Million cwt						
Beginning stocks	15.7	10.3	22.7	32.7	28.5	19.0
Production	149.0	170.4	177.5	146.2	142.2	157.3
Imports	9.8	10.5	12.3	14.2	17.7	19.0
Total supply	174.5	191.3	212.5	193.1	188.4	195.4
Domestic use 3/	83.4	84.7	87.9	92.6	87.5	91.0
Exports	80.7	83.8	92.0	72.0	81.9	86.5
Total use	164.2	168.5	179.8	164.6	169.3	177.5
Ending stocks	10.3	22.7	32.7	28.5	19.0	17.9
Percent						
Stocks-to-use ratio	6.3	13.5	18.2	17.3	11.2	10.1
Average farm price	7.60	7.34	7.30	9.47	12.50	15.00 to 16.00
MEDIUM/SHORT GRAIN:						
Million acres						
Planted	0.690	0.760	0.633	0.638	0.698	--
Harvested	0.687	0.754	0.630	0.635	0.696	--
Pounds per harvested acre						
Yield	7,407	8,212	7,255	7,484	7,942	--
Million cwt						
Beginning stocks	9.3	12.4	13.8	9.4	10.0	9.1
Production	50.9	61.9	45.7	47.5	55.3	49.6
Imports	5.3	2.7	4.9	6.3	6.2	6.5
Total supply 4/	66.2	76.8	64.7	63.4	71.0	65.1
Domestic use 3/	31.5	38.0	32.4	34.6	35.8	35.0
Exports	22.3	25.0	22.9	18.8	26.1	23.5
Total use	53.9	63.0	55.2	53.4	61.9	58.5
Ending stocks	12.4	13.8	9.4	10.0	9.1	6.6
Percent						
Stocks-to-use ratio	22.9	21.9	17.1	18.8	14.7	11.4
Average farm price	9.94	7.29	9.49	12.10	13.80	19.50 to 20.50
Ending stocks difference 1/	1.0	1.1	0.9	0.8	1.3	1.3

-- = Not available. 1/ Stock totals by type omit broken, which are included in total stocks for all types of rice in table 1.

2/ Projected. 3/ Includes residual. 4/ Accounts for the difference in beginning and ending stocks of broken. Thus, total supply of medium/short-grain may not equal the sum of beginning stocks, production, and imports.

Source: *World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates*, WAOB, USDA.

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Table 3--U.S. monthly average farm prices and marketings

Month	2008/09		2007/08		2006/07	
	\$/cwt	1,000 cwt	\$/cwt	1,000 cwt	\$/cwt	1,000 cwt
August	17.70 1/	N/A	10.10	9,885	8.89	12,845
September			10.30	14,983	9.04	10,212
October			10.80	16,629	9.86	13,237
November			11.40	12,171	10.20	11,790
December			11.50	20,586	10.40	13,083
January			12.00	19,698	10.40	18,199
February			12.60	15,079	10.10	12,502
March			13.60	15,121	10.00	13,604
April			14.70	12,435	10.20	11,540
May			16.10	12,716	10.00	11,979
June			16.80	8,811	10.00	9,977
July			17.20	9,289	10.10	10,156
Average price 3/	17.70 2/ 15.75-16.75 3/	N/A 4/	12.80	13,950 4/	9.96	12,427 4/
Total volume marketed 6/		N/A		167,403		149,124

N/A = Not Available. 1/ Mid-month estimate. 2/ Simple average.

3/ USDA season-average farm price forecast. 4/ Average marketings.

Source: Monthly cash price and marketings, *Agricultural Prices*, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

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Table 4--USDA-calculated world market rice prices (rough basis) 1/

Month	2008/09		2007/08			2006/07		
	Long	Medium/ short	Long	Medium	Short	Long	Medium	Short
	\$/cwt							
August	17.33	17.48	7.56	7.51	7.59	6.85	6.78	6.80
September 2/	17.83	17.98	7.72	7.66	7.75	6.87	6.80	6.82
October			7.90	7.84	7.93	6.93	6.85	6.87
November			8.59	8.53	8.63	6.97	6.90	6.92
December			8.96	8.90	9.00	7.02	6.95	6.97
January			9.10	9.05	9.14	7.26	7.20	7.22
February			9.67	9.91	9.85	7.53	7.75	7.91
March			12.01	12.33	12.26	7.75	7.97	8.14
April			15.09	15.14	15.06	7.75	7.97	8.14
May			18.81	18.88	18.78	7.64	7.86	8.03
June			17.85	17.92	17.82	7.57	7.79	7.95
July 2/			16.59	16.65	16.56	7.54	7.76	7.91
Market-year average 1/	17.58	17.73	11.65	11.69	11.70	7.31	7.38	7.47

1/ Simple average of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's weekly adjusted world market price. 2/ Preliminary.

Source: *Cotton and Rice Weekly Prices* (<ftp://ftp.fsa.usda.gov/public/cotton/default.htm>), Farm Service Agency, USDA.

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Table 5--U.S. commercial rice exports 1/

Country or region	2008/09 as of 09/04/08	2007/08 as of 09/06/07	2007/08 market year	2006/07 market year	2005/06 market year	2004/05 market year
	1,000 metric tons					
EUROPE & FSU	23.6	25.5	89.8	53.9	332.1	329.2
European Union	22.6	24.5	87.0	51.4	311.3	294.7
Other Europe	0.1	0.9	0.8	1.3	17.8	31.6
Former Soviet Union (FSU)	0.9	0.1	2.0	1.2	3.0	2.9
NORTHEAST ASIA	0.4	2.9	449.8	466.4	483.6	511.9
Japan	0.4	2.7	339.9	324.5	352.4	347.0
South Korea	0.0	0.0	78.6	69.0	69.4	65.1
Taiwan	0.0	0.2	31.3	72.9	61.8	99.8
OTHER ASIA, OCEANIA, & THE MIDDLE EAST	228.8	208.0	698.6	484.2	747.1	592.8
Iraq	0.0	120.0	188.6	308.8	349.8	123.6
Israel	11.8	6.0	30.0	4.8	14.7	15.2
Jordan	27.5	20.9	79.7	50.8	44.4	91.8
Papua New Guinea	45.5	0.0	2.3	0.0	21.9	37.9
Philippines	45.9	0.0	70.7	0.0	65.2	60.0
Saudi Arabia	68.3	51.1	111.3	87.1	116.0	86.8
Turkey	10.0	0.0	154.9	0.1	58.3	117.0
Rest of Asia, Oceania, and Middle East	29.8	10.0	216.0	32.7	135.1	177.5
AFRICA	45.1	49.3	119.6	97.7	131.7	169.3
Cote d'Ivoire	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	14.0	10.0
Ghana	33.9	40.7	75.9	80.4	91.4	121.5
Liberia	7.8	6.9	8.3	11.2	12.6	10.2
Nigeria	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.5	0.0	12.2
Senegal	0.0	0.0	13.3	0.0	0.0	0.0
South Africa	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.1
Togo	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.0	3.0
Other Africa	3.4	1.6	22.1	5.6	8.5	12.3
WESTERN HEMISPHERE	638.4	495.5	2,258.7	2,023.4	2,094.7	2,134.3
Brazil	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.2
Costa Rica	33.3	0.0	146.6	146.4	125.7	201.9
Canada	49.2	46.7	182.1	198.4	168.6	171.3
Cuba	0.0	8.5	20.6	59.6	186.1	100.4
Dominican Republic	5.8	1.6	9.0	0.7	47.4	34.5
Guatemala	20.0	0.3	58.8	95.4	61.6	91.1
Haiti	86.3	73.5	279.0	251.1	327.5	304.4
Honduras	17.6	24.6	131.3	157.3	123.1	137.6
Jamaica	27.1	14.1	50.7	37.0	47.4	43.6
Leeward & Windward Islands	12.1	0.0	12.4	5.8	8.4	10.3
Mexico	205.8	260.0	855.3	734.4	682.2	600.8
Netherlands Antilles	1.0	0.7	5.3	6.1	6.2	6.1
Nicaragua	58.7	41.1	179.2	138.3	168.3	214.5
Panama	0.2	0.2	96.4	80.6	36.4	72.3
Peru	0.1	0.0	2.8	0.0	2.1	42.2
El Salvador	18.8	14.5	86.0	99.1	88.7	79.7
Venezuela	101.0	0.0	125.9	0.6	0.5	0.4
Other Western Hemisphere	1.4	9.7	17.1	12.5	14.3	23.0
TOTAL	936.2	781.3	3,616.4	3,125.8	3,789.2	3,737.5

1/ Columns labeled "market year" are total August-July exports reported in *U.S. Export Sales*. Column labeled "as of" are shipments and outstanding sales at a particular date. *U.S. Export Sales* reports on a product-weight basis. Food donations are not included in *U.S. Export Sales*.

Source: *U.S. Export Sales*, Foreign Agricultural Service, USDA.

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Table 6--U.S., Thailand, and Vietnam price quotes

Month or market year 1/	United States			Thailand 5/				Vietnam 7/	
	Southern long grain	Southern long grain	California medium grain	100%	5%	15%	35%	A.1 6/	5%
	milled 2/	rough 3/	milled 4/	Grade B	Parboiled	Brokens		Super	Brokens
	\$ / metric ton								
2002/03	223	123	327	199	195	186	175	151	184
2003/04	360	206	533	220	222	207	199	184	212
2004/05	312	176	405	278	278	265	252	219	244
Aug. 2005	278	157	379	288	283	271	257	215	256
Sep. 2005	292	165	441	291	288	275	262	218	256
Oct. 2005	303	176	474	292	289	275	262	220	266
Nov. 2005	308	183	507	283	278	267	255	212	NQ
Dec. 2005	320	188	507	286	277	269	254	209	NQ
Jan. 2006	343	201	507	299	286	282	265	214	265
Feb. 2006	354	205	507	307	297	290	272	217	264
Mar. 2006	353	205	491	309	298	290	272	217	253
April 2006	358	205	485	308	299	290	270	219	243
May 2006	364	202	498	314	302	294	273	219	259
June 2006	364	202	507	319	306	298	276	217	264
July 2006	371	213	507	321	314	301	279	219	264
2005/06	334	192	484	301	293	284	266	216	259
Aug. 2006	395	220	507	319	313	299	277	220	268
Sep. 2006	406	227	518	318	313	299	278	225	272
Oct. 2006	418	242	529	307	309	288	269	224	278
Nov. 2006	419	245	529	302	301	285	264	221	297
Dec. 2006	423	245	551	312	309	293	273	228	NQ
Jan. 2007	420	243	551	320	313	303	281	244	NQ
Feb. 2007	417	240	551	323	317	305	285	258	NQ
Mar. 2007	405	240	551	327	324	309	292	262	303
April 2007	400	240	551	324	322	307	291	258	303
May 2007	397	237	551	325	321	308	283	256	301
June 2007	397	235	536	331	327	314	293	257	303
July 2007	392	235	529	335	333	319	297	260	307
2006/07	407	237	538	320	317	302	282	243	292
Aug. 2007	395	249	535	334	331	317	298	261	316
Sep. 2007	413	284	576	332	330	315	300	272	320
Oct. 2007	446	285	584	336	336	320	311	293	NQ
Nov. 2007	475	295	584	349	358	333	326	311	NQ
Dec. 2007	496	302	584	368	380	353	347	333	NQ
Jan. 2008	518	315	590	384	394	368	349	358	390
Feb. 2008	565	353	595	474	484	NQ	NQ	434	467
Mar. 2008	664	413	595	615	580	NQ	NQ	538	615
Apr. 2008	816	480	758	929	1,025	NQ	NQ	763	875
May 2008	926	530	926	949	1,008	NQ	NQ	752	1,088
June 2008	878	467	963	789	828	NQ	NQ	588	850
July 2008 8/	854	444	1,036	756	789	NQ	NQ	547	743
2007/08 8/	621	368	694	551	570	334	322	454	629
Aug. 2008	802	421	1,061	709	737	NQ	NQ	469	588
Sep. 2008	788	430	1,102	697	722	NQ	NQ	429	600
2008/09 8/	795	426	1,082	703	730	NQ	NQ	449	594

NQ = No quotes. 1/ Simple average of weekly quotes. 2/ Number 2, 4-percent brokens, sacked, free alongside vessel, U.S.

Gulf port. To convert to a free on board vessel price add \$15 per ton. 3/ Bulk, free on board vessel, New Orleans, LA.

4/ Number 1, maximum 4-percent brokens, package quality for domestic sales, sacked, free on board truck, California

mill, low end of reported price range. 5/ Nominal price quotes, long-grain, sacked, free on board vessel,

Bangkok, Thailand. 6/ 100-percent brokens, new price series. 7/ Long-grain, double water-polished, bagged,

free on board vessel, Ho Chi Minh City. January-March 2008 quotes new crop only. From April to June 2008 Vietnam

banned exporters from making sales. April-June 2008 reported price quotes are nominal price quotes only and are

not based on actual sales. 8/ Preliminary.

Sources: U.S. and Vietnam prices, *Creed Rice Market Report*; Thailand prices, *Weekly Rice Price Update*, U.S. ag. counselor,

Bangkok, Thailand (www.fas.usda.gov).

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Table 7--Global rice producers: 2006/07-2008/09 monthly revisions and annual changes 1/

	2006/07		2007/08 2/		2008/09 2/		Monthly revisions	Annual changes	
	September	August	September	August	September	August			
	1,000 metric tons								
Afghanistan	362	335	335	0	-27	168	168	0	-167
Argentina	691	813	813	0	122	900	900	0	87
Bangladesh	29,000	28,600	28,600	0	-400	29,400	29,400	0	800
Brazil	7,700	8,353	8,353	0	653	8,500	8,500	0	147
Burma	10,600	10,730	10,730	0	130	9,400	9,400	0	-1,330
Cambodia	3,946	4,075	4,075	0	129	4,225	4,225	0	150
China	127,200	129,840	129,840	0	2,640	130,550	130,550	0	710
Colombia	1,408	1,453	1,453	0	45	1,555	1,555	0	102
Egypt	4,383	4,385	4,385	0	2	4,387	4,387	0	2
European Union-27	1,688	1,680	1,680	0	-8	1,618	1,618	0	-62
India	93,350	96,430	96,430	0	3,080	96,000	97,000	1,000	570
Indonesia	35,300	35,500	35,500	0	200	36,250	36,250	0	750
Iran	1,980	2,178	2,178	0	198	1,500	1,500	0	-678
Japan	7,786	7,930	7,930	0	144	7,900	8,000	100	70
Korea, North	1,895	1,527	1,527	0	-368	1,600	1,600	0	73
Korea, South	4,680	4,408	4,408	0	-272	4,500	4,500	0	92
Laos	1,596	1,590	1,590	0	-6	1,650	1,650	0	60
Madagascar	2,240	2,304	2,304	0	64	2,304	2,304	0	0
Malaysia	1,385	1,480	1,480	0	95	1,520	1,520	0	40
Nepal	2,804	2,810	2,810	0	6	2,850	2,850	0	40
Nigeria	2,900	3,000	3,000	0	100	3,100	3,100	0	100
Pakistan	5,200	5,500	5,500	0	300	5,600	5,800	200	300
Peru	1,600	1,700	1,700	0	100	1,700	1,700	0	0
Philippines	9,775	10,600	10,080	-520	305	11,000	10,200	-800	120
Russia	445	460	460	0	15	500	500	0	40
Sri Lanka	2,145	2,200	2,200	0	55	2,300	2,300	0	100
Taiwan	1,100	1,012	1,012	0	-88	1,130	1,130	0	118
Thailand	18,250	18,500	19,300	800	1,050	18,800	19,500	700	200
United States	6,239	6,314	6,314	0	75	6,552	6,617	65	303
Uruguay	800	900	900	0	100	900	900	0	0
Vietnam	22,922	23,922	24,125	203	1,203	23,700	23,700	0	-425
Others	8,846	8,795	8,795	0	-51	8,860	8,825	-35	30
World total	419,854	428,989	429,472	483	9,618	430,751	431,981	1,230	2,509

1/ Milled basis. 2/ Projected.

Source: *Production, Supply, & Distribution Online Data Base*, FAS/USDA, <http://www.fas.usda.gov/psdonline/psdHome.aspx>.

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Table 8--Global rice exporters, calendar years 2007-2009; monthly revisions and annual changes

	2007		2008 1/			2009 1/			
	September	August	September	Monthly revision	Annual changes	August	September	Monthly revision	Annual changes
	1,000 metric tons (milled basis)								
Argentina	436	450	450	0	14	500	500	0	50
Australia	200	40	40	0	-160	40	40	0	0
Brazil	201	450	450	0	249	300	300	0	-150
Burma	31	425	425	0	394	0	0	0	-425
Cambodia	450	400	400	0	-50	300	300	0	-100
China	1,340	1,000	1,000	0	-340	1,100	1,100	0	100
Egypt	1,209	450	450	0	-759	800	800	0	350
European Union-27	139	150	150	0	11	150	150	0	0
Guyana	210	210	210	0	0	220	220	0	10
India	6,301	2,800	2,800	0	-3,501	2,000	2,300	300	-500
Japan	200	200	200	0	0	200	200	0	0
Korea, South	161	0	0	0	-161	0	0	0	0
Pakistan	2,696	3,000	3,000	0	304	3,150	3,150	0	150
Thailand	3,557	10,000	10,000	0	6,443	9,000	9,500	500	-500
Uruguay	734	775	775	0	41	800	800	0	25
Vietnam	4,522	4,750	4,750	0	228	5,200	5,200	0	450
Other	6,512	466	466	0	-6,046	390	390	0	-76
Subtotal	28,899	25,566	25,566	0	-3,333	24,150	24,950	800	-616
United States	3,029	3,500	3,500	0	471	3,300	3,300	0	-200
U.S. Share	9.5%	12.0%	12.0%	--	--	12.0%	11.7%	--	--
World total	31,928	29,066	29,066	0	-2,862	27,450	28,250	800	-816

-- Not available. Note: All trade data are reported on a calendar-year basis.

1/ Projected.

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Table 9--Global rice importers, calendar years 2007-2009; monthly revisions and annual changes

	2007		2008 1/			2009 2/			
	September	August	September	Monthly revisions	Annual changes	August	September	Monthly revisions	Annual changes
Bangladesh	1,570	950	1,200	250	-370	700	1,000	300	-200
Brazil	684	500	500	0	-184	600	600	0	100
Cameroon	300	300	300	0	0	300	300	0	0
Canada	341	340	340	0	-1	345	345	0	5
China	472	300	300	0	-172	330	330	0	30
Colombia	150	145	145	0	-5	150	150	0	5
Costa Rica	131	100	100	0	-31	100	100	0	0
Cote d'Ivoire	950	650	650	0	-300	650	650	0	0
Cuba	574	500	500	0	-74	600	600	0	100
European Union	1,210	1,100	1,100	0	-110	1,200	1,200	0	100
Ghana	340	350	350	0	10	350	350	0	0
Guinea	300	250	250	0	-50	250	250	0	0
Haiti	292	250	250	0	-42	300	300	0	50
Honduras	81	100	100	0	19	90	90	0	-10
Hong Kong	348	315	315	0	-33	315	315	0	0
Indonesia	2,000	1,100	500	-600	-1,500	800	800	0	300
Iran	900	900	900	0	0	900	900	0	0
Iraq	613	900	900	0	287	900	900	0	0
Japan	700	700	700	0	0	700	700	0	0
Jordan	213	125	125	0	-88	125	125	0	0
Korea, North	336	350	350	0	14	400	400	0	50
Korea, South	265	270	270	0	5	290	290	0	20
Malaysia	800	880	880	0	80	880	880	0	0
Mexico	609	600	600	0	-9	650	650	0	50
Mozambique	410	250	250	0	-160	250	250	0	0
Nicaragua	128	120	120	0	-8	130	130	0	10
Nigeria	1,600	1,600	1,600	0	0	1,700	1,700	0	100
Philippines	1,900	2,100	2,300	200	400	2,200	2,500	300	200
Russia	250	233	233	0	-17	240	240	0	7
Saudi Arabia	958	1,015	1,015	0	57	1,100	1,100	0	85
Senegal	800	700	700	0	-100	700	700	0	0
Singapore	375	375	375	0	0	375	375	0	0
South Africa	817	850	850	0	33	850	850	0	0
Syria	230	200	200	0	-30	200	200	0	0
Taiwan	101	128	128	0	27	126	126	0	-2
Turkey	200	200	200	0	0	200	200	0	0
United States	695	750	775	25	80	775	825	50	50
Vietnam	450	400	400	0	-50	300	300	0	-100
Yemen	250	250	250	0	0	250	250	0	0
Subtotal	23,343	21,146	21,021	-125	-2,322	21,321	21,971	650	950
Other countries	4,587	5,277	4,344	-933	-243	3,819	4,144	325	-200
Unaccounted	3,998	2,643	3,701	1,058	-297	2,310	2,135	-175	-1,566
World total	31,928	29,066	29,066	0	-2,862	27,450	28,250	800	-816

Note: All trade data are reported on a calendar-year basis.

1/ Estimated. 2/ Projected.

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