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## Rice Outlook

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### Growers Indicate U.S. 2010/11 Rice Plantings at 3.41 Million Acres

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There were no supply side revisions this month to the 2009/10 (August-July) U.S. rice balance sheet. Total U.S. supplies of rice remain projected at 271.3 million cwt (rough-basis), almost 8 percent larger than a year ago and the highest since 2005/06. Carryin, production, and imports are all estimated larger in 2009/10 than a year earlier, with the larger crop accounting for most of the increase in total supplies.

Total use of U.S. rice in 2009/10 is projected at a record 239.0 million cwt, up 8.5 million cwt from last month's forecast, and almost 8 percent higher than last year. Projections for both exports and total domestic and residual use were revised upward this month, with total domestic and residual use the highest on record. Data from the *March Rice Stocks* indicated stronger domestic disappearance than previously projected.

These revisions resulted in a 21-percent reduction in the 2009/10 ending stocks forecast to 32.3 million cwt, with long-grain accounting for most of the reduction. The season-average price forecasts for both classes were raised this month. However, prices for both classes remain well below the 2008/09 records.

The 2009/10 global rice production forecast was revised up 0.5 million tons to 440.8 million tons (milled basis), still 1.4 percent below the 2008/09 record. Production estimates were raised for Pakistan, Peru, Ecuador, and North Korea. The 2009/10 global ending stocks forecast was decreased 1 percent to 90.2 million tons due to reduced estimates for Burma, Iran, the Philippines, Thailand, and the United States.

The global trade forecast for 2010 was revised down 2 percent to 29.97 million tons. Export forecasts for Pakistan and Burma were lowered, while the U.S. forecast was raised. Trading prices for Thailand's high- and medium-quality grades of non-specialty rice have fallen 5-8 percent from the first week of March due to a lack of fresh import demand. U.S. and Vietnam's trading prices have declined as well, with Vietnam's prices quoted at more than \$150 per ton below Thailand's.

## Domestic Outlook

### *U.S. 2010/11 Rice Plantings Indicated at 3.41 Million Acres*

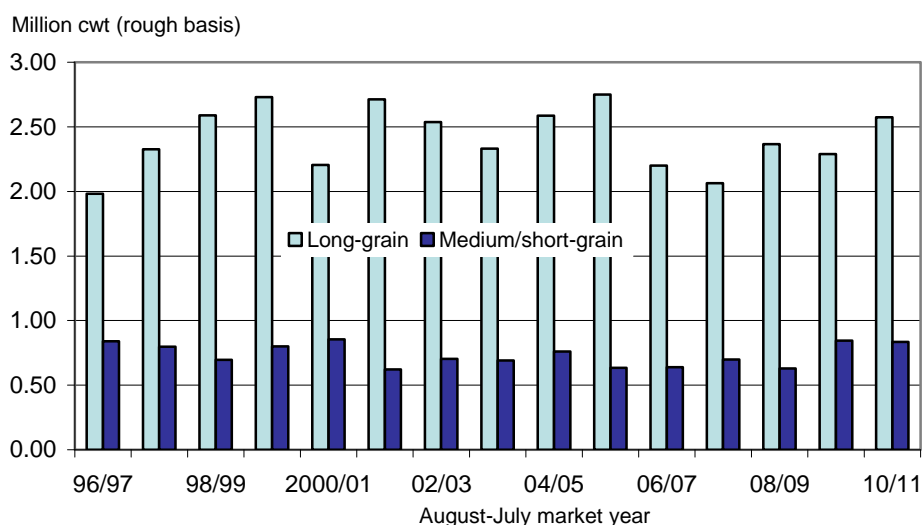
The March 2010 *Prospective Plantings* report indicated total U.S. rice plantings in 2010/11 at 3.41 million acres, up nearly 9 percent from a year earlier. These are the largest plantings since 1999/2000 and the third highest on record. The 276,000-acre indicated expansion is largely driven by current strong rough-rice prices and weak expected returns for most alternative crops—especially soybeans and feed grains in the Delta. Rice plantings in the Delta last year were reduced by excessive rains early in the season. This accounts for some of this year's area expansion.

Long-grain accounts for all of the indicated expansion in U.S. rice acreage in 2010/2011. At 2.58 million acres, U.S. long-grain plantings would be more than 12 percent above a year earlier and the highest since 2005/06. Almost all of the U.S. long-grain crop is grown in the South.

In contrast, combined 2010/11 medium/short-grain plantings are indicated at 836,000 acres, down just 1 percent from last year. Despite near-record medium/short-grain production last year, farm prices remain well above pre-2008 levels and still carry around a \$4 per cwt premium to U.S. long-grain prices. The South accounts for all of this year's indicated reduction in medium/short-grain plantings. Last year, the South boosted medium/short-grain plantings 140 percent in the face of record farm prices. Arkansas grows the bulk of the southern medium/short-grain crop; Louisiana accounts for most of the remainder. Southern medium/short-grain rice typically sells at a discount to California medium/short-grain rice. California grows more than 70 percent of the U.S. medium/short-grain crop.

Figure 1

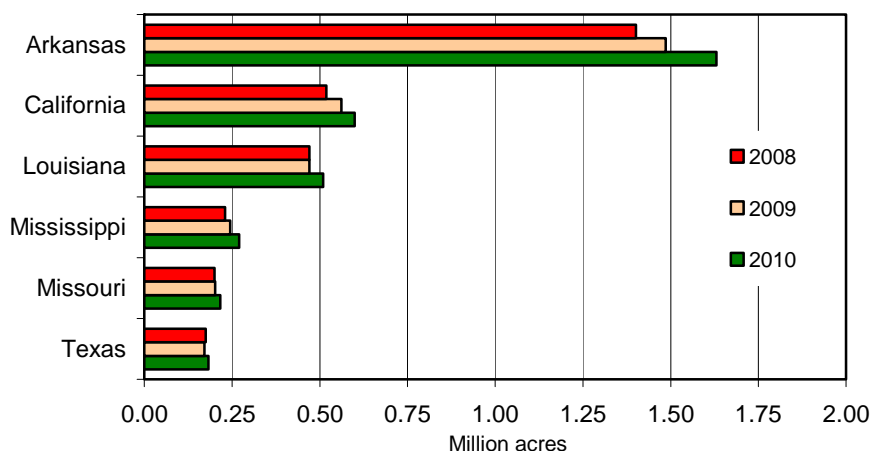
#### **U.S. 2010/11 long-grain acreage indicated to increase 12 percent 1/**



1/ 2010/11 planting intentions based on a survey of growers conducted in early March. Source: USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service, Quick Stats, U.S. & All States Data—Crops. [http://www.nass.gov/Data\\_andStatistics/Quick\\_Stats/index.asp](http://www.nass.gov/Data_andStatistics/Quick_Stats/index.asp).

Figure 2

**Plantings are indicated higher in 2010 in all reported States 1/**



These six States account for more than 99 percent of U.S. production. 1/ 2010 planting intentions based on a survey conducted in early March.  
 Source: USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service, Quick Stats, U.S. All States Data—Crops. [http://www.nass.gov/Data\\_andStatistics/Quick\\_Stats/index.asp](http://www.nass.gov/Data_andStatistics/Quick_Stats/index.asp).

Growers indicated expanded plantings of rice in all reported States, with Arkansas—the largest rice growing State—accounting for more than half the increase. At 1.631 million acres, intended plantings in Arkansas are up 10 percent from a year earlier and are just 12,000 acres below the 2005 record. Long-grain accounts for all the intended area expansion in Arkansas; medium/short-grain plantings are indicated to drop 11 percent. Growers in Louisiana indicated they would plant 510,000 acres of rice in 2010/11, up almost 9 percent from last year and the largest since Hurricane Katrina struck the Gulf Coast in late August 2005. Mississippi’s 2010/11 rice plantings are indicated at 270,000 acres, a 10-percent increase from last year and the highest since 1999/2000. Mississippi produces only long-grain rice. Missouri’s intended plantings of a record 217,000 acres are up more than 7 percent from a year earlier. Texas growers indicated a 7-percent area expansion to 183,000 acres, the highest since 2005/06. Long-grain accounts for the bulk of rice production in both Texas and Missouri.

Finally, growers in California indicated a 7-percent increase in rice plantings to a record 600,000 acres. Medium-grain accounts for most of the expansion. Despite a near-record California rice crop last year, prices for medium/short-grain—the dominant class of rice produced in the State—remain strong. The majority of California growers do not rotate rice, as there are few economically viable alternative crops for most growers. Water supplies for irrigation appear adequate in northern California this year.

Indicated U.S. plantings are based on a survey of growers conducted by USDA’s National Agricultural Statistics Service in early March. Actual plantings may differ from reported intentions. The first survey of actual plantings of the 2010/11 crop will be conducted in June and reported in the *Acreage* report released on June 30, 2010.

The U.S. 2010/11 rice crop was reported 14 percent planted by April 4, about 4 percentage points ahead of last year and slightly ahead of the U.S. 5-year average. Nearly half the Louisiana crop was planted by April 4, about 11 percentage points ahead of both last year and the State's 5-year average. Mississippi's plantings were reported 10 percent complete by April 4, well ahead of last year and the State's 5-year average. Plantings were well ahead of last year in Arkansas as well. About 8 percent of the 2010/11 Arkansas crop was reported planted by April 4, up from just 1 percent last year and slightly ahead of the State's 5-year average of 6 percent. In 2009/10, plantings across the Delta were sharply delayed due to excessive rains early in the growing season. Early plantings typically bode well for high yields, partly a result of the rice crop getting a head start on weeds.

In contrast, just 35 percent of the Texas rice crop was reported planted by April 4, well behind 54 percent last year and the Texas 5-year average of 49 percent. The Texas rice-growing area received substantial rainfall last month that delayed field work. Plantings had not yet begun in Missouri and California by April 4.

### ***March 1, 2010 Rice Stocks Estimated To Be Up 11 Percent from a Year Earlier***

Data from the March *Rice Stocks* report indicates U.S. rice stocks (converted to a rough-equivalent basis) on March 1 were 108.5 million cwt, up 11 percent from a year earlier, but well below industry expectations. Medium/short-grain accounts for most of the year-to-year increase in stocks. At 38.2 million cwt, medium/short-grain stocks on March 1 were 34 percent above a year earlier. Almost all of these stocks are in California. Long-grain March 1 stocks are calculated at 68.9 million cwt, a 2-percent increase from a year earlier. Almost all long-grain stocks are located in the South. In contrast, stocks of broken—reported by class—are calculated at 1.4 million cwt, down 29 percent from a year earlier.

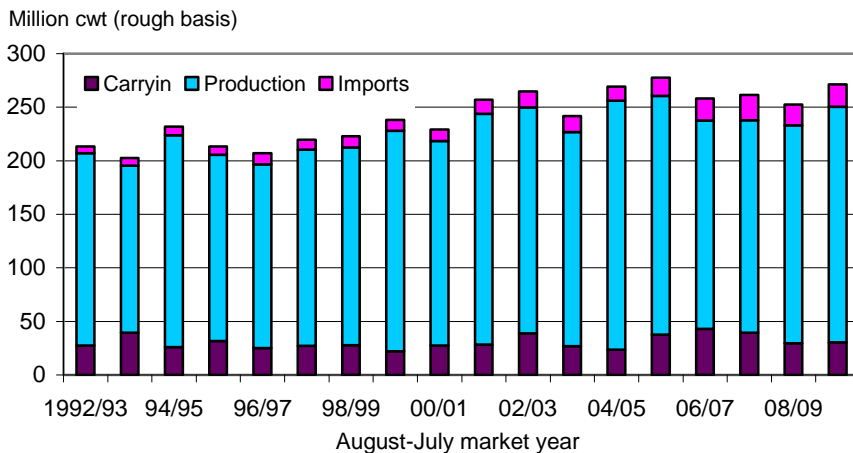
By State, California and Louisiana account for nearly all of the annual increase in March 1 stocks. Rice stocks in California on March 1, 2010 are estimated at 31.5 million cwt, up 24 percent from a year earlier. In Louisiana, rice stocks on March 1 are estimated at 11.0 million cwt, more than twice the level calculated a year earlier. At 51.7 million cwt, March 1 rice stocks in Arkansas are up just 1 percent from a year earlier. In contrast, rice stocks in Texas are estimated at 6.9 million cwt, a drop of 9 percent from March 1, 2009. Missouri's stocks on March 1 are estimated at 3.4 million cwt, a decline of 21 percent from a year earlier. Mississippi's March 1 stocks—also estimated at 3.4 million cwt—are 5 percent below a year earlier.

### ***U.S. 2009/10 Rice Supplies Remain Projected at 271.3 Million Cwt***

There were no supply side revisions this month to the 2009/10 (August-July) U.S. rice balance sheet. Total U.S. supplies of rice remain projected at 271.3 million cwt (rough-basis), almost 8 percent larger than a year ago and the highest since 2005/06. Carryin, production, and imports are all estimated larger in 2009/10 than a year earlier, with the larger crop accounting for most of the increase in total supplies.

Figure 3

**Total U.S. rice supplies in 2009/10 are up almost 8 percent from last year**



2009/10 are forecasts.

Sources: 1992/93-2006/07, *2010 Rice Yearbook Data Set*, Economic Research Service, USDA; 2007/08-2009/10, *World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates*, <http://www.usda.gov/oce/commodity/wasde/index.htm>.

Total U.S. imports of rice remain projected at 21.0 million cwt, up 9 percent from 2008/09 and second only to the record 23.9 million cwt imported in 2007/08. Thailand supplies the bulk of U.S. imports, with its premium jasmine rice and other specialty rices accounting for nearly all sales to the U.S. Basmati rice from India and Pakistan accounts for most of the remaining U.S. rice imports.

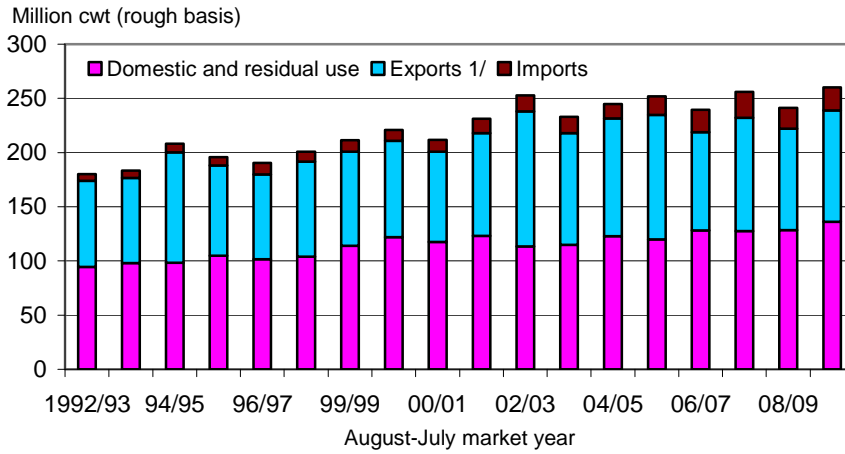
The 2009/10 all-rice carryin remains estimated at 30.4 million cwt, more than 3 percent above a year earlier. The 2009/10 crop remains estimated at 219.85 million cwt, 8 percent larger than a year earlier, a result of both a higher yield and expanded area.

***U.S. 2009/10 Rice Export Forecast Raised 3.0 Million Cwt to 103.0 Million***

Total use of U.S. rice in 2009/10 is projected at a record 239.0 million cwt, up 8.5 million cwt from last month's forecast, and almost 8 percent higher than last year. Projections for both exports and total domestic and residual use were revised upward this month. U.S. 2009/10 exports are projected at 103.0 million cwt, up 3.0 million cwt from last month's forecast and 10 percent above a year ago. The upward revision is primarily based on U.S. Census data through January, sales and shipments reported in *U.S. Export Sales* through April 1, and expectations regarding shipments the remainder of the market year. Through April 1, total commitments have been especially strong to Mexico, Central America, Japan, Turkey, and Taiwan.

Figure 4

**Total use of U.S. rice is projected to be the highest on record in 2009/10**

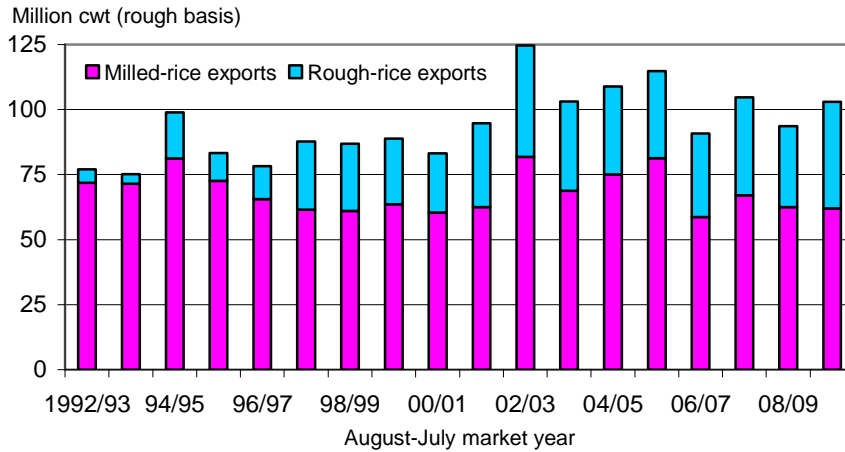


2009/10 are forecasts. 1/ Total of milled, brown, and rough rice exports on a rough-basis.

Sources: 1992/93-2006/07, *2010 Rice Yearbook Data Set*, ERS/USDA; 2007/08-2009/10, *World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates*, World Agricultural Outlook Board, USDA.

Figure 5

**Rough-rice accounts for all of the 2009/10 projected U.S. export expansion 1/**



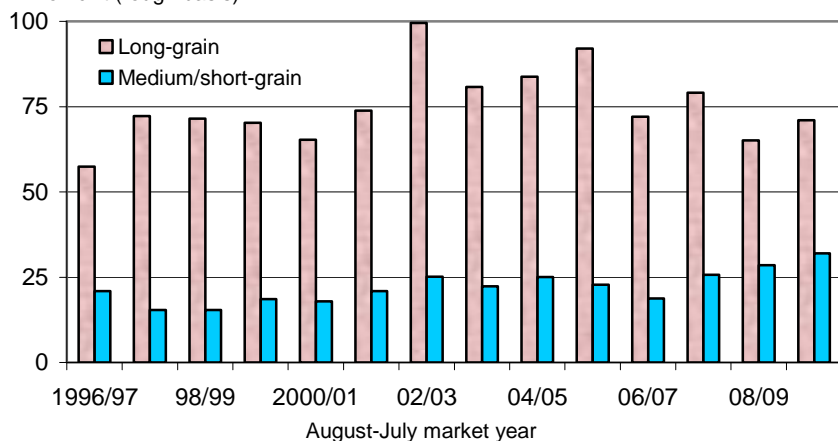
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Figure 6

**U.S. medium/short-grain exports are projected to be the highest on record in 2009/10 1/**

Million cwt (rough basis)



2009/10 are forecasts. 1/ Total of milled, brown, and rough-rice imports on a rough basis. Sources: 1996/97-2006/07, *2010 Rice Yearbook Data Set*, Economic Research Service/USDA; 2007/08-2009/10, *World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates*, <http://www.usda.gov/oce/commodity/wasde/index.htm>.

The 2009/10 rough-rice export forecast is raised 2.0 million cwt to a near-record 41.0 million, up 32 percent from last year and the highest since the 2002/03 record. The upward revision is largely based on higher-than-expected sales to Turkey and Venezuela. On an annual basis, increased sales to Mexico and Central America—core markets for U.S. rough-rice—and to the Middle East account for most of the expected increase in U.S. rough-rice exports in 2009/10. U.S. 2009/10 milled rice exports (combined milled and brown rice exports converted to a rough-rice basis) are projected at 62.0 million cwt, up 1.0 million cwt from last month’s forecast, but fractionally below a year earlier.

By class, 2009/10 long-grain exports are forecast at 71.0 million cwt, up 2.0 million cwt from last month’s forecast and 9 percent larger than 2008/09. Mexico and Central America—top markets for U.S. long-grain rice—account for most of the expected year-to-year increase in U.S. long-grain exports. Combined medium/short-grain U.S. exports are forecast at a record 32.0 million cwt, up 1.0 million cwt from last month and 12 percent higher than in 2008/09. The substantial year-to-year increase is largely based on expanded U.S. sales to Northeast Asia and specific markets in the Middle East, more than offsetting weaker U.S. sales to Oceania. Rice imports by all three Northeast Asian buyers—Japan, South Korea, and Taiwan—are part of their World Trade Organization (WTO) commitments. Except for South Korea, their annual total import levels are flat until a new agreement is reached. Year-to-year fluctuations in the level of U.S. shipments to these three markets are largely the result of the timing of annual purchases.

Egypt—historically a major supplier of medium/short-grain rice to the Middle East—continues to restrict exports, a major factor behind the record and near-record U.S. medium/short-grain exports since 2008/09. Egypt’s long-term trade policy is

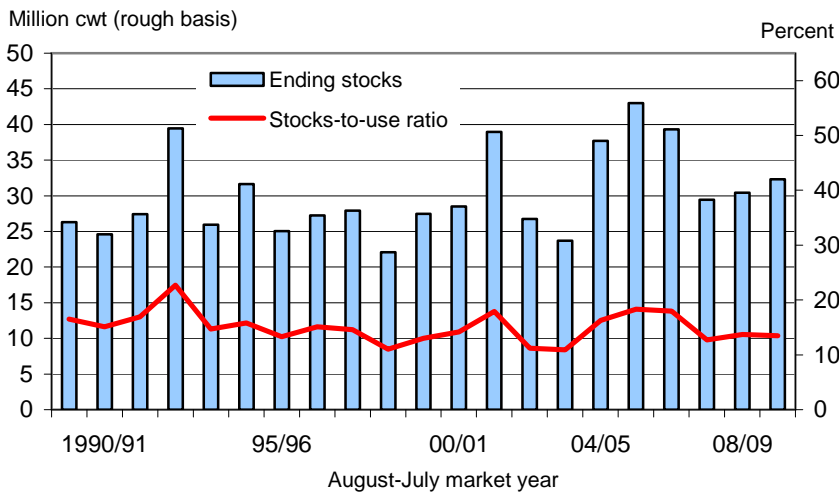


unknown. Oceania was previously supplied by Australia, until severe drought sharply reduced Australia's production. The U.S. has picked up most of Australia's markets in Oceania. However, through April 1, U.S. sales to this region were well behind a year earlier.

Total domestic and residual use is projected at a record 136.0 million cwt, up 5.5 million cwt from last month's forecast and 6 percent larger than a year earlier. This month's upward revision is largely based on data from the March *Rice Stocks* report indicating higher-than-expected domestic disappearance during the first 7 months of the market year. This level of growth is well above recent rates of annual increase. Total domestic use contains a residual category that includes unreported losses in marketing, handling, and transportation, as well any statistical error in another supply and use category. The residual is never known with certainty and can vary substantially in size from year to year.

By class, long-grain domestic and residual use is forecast at a record 104.0 million cwt, up 5 percent from last month's forecast and 1 percent above a year earlier. Medium/short-grain domestic and residual is forecast at 32.0 million cwt, up 3 percent from last month's forecast and 26 percent larger than a year earlier. In 2008/09, many food and industrial processors switched to long-grain rice from the much higher priced medium/short-grain rice. This price differential between rice classes has been smaller since October, supporting expanded domestic use of medium/short-grain rice in 2009/10.

Figure 7  
**U.S. ending stocks are projected to slightly increase in 2009/10**



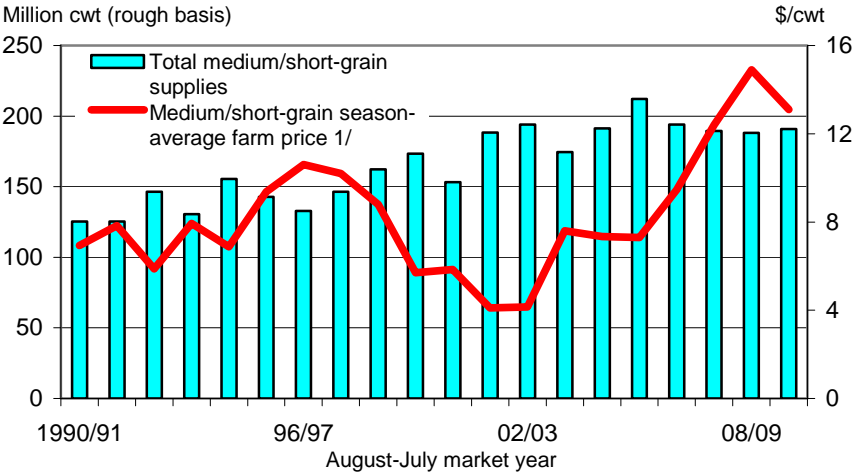
2009/10 are forecasts.  
 Sources: 1989/90-2006/07, *2010 Rice Yearbook Data Set*, Economic Research Service, USDA; 2007/08-2009/10, *World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates*, World Agricultural Outlook Board, USDA.

U.S. ending stocks for 2009/10 are projected at 32.3 million cwt, down 8.5 million cwt from last month's forecast, but still 6 percent above a year earlier. The stocks-to-use ratio is calculated at 13.5 percent, fractionally below a year earlier. By class, long-grain ending stocks are projected at 15.8 million cwt, down 6.5 million cwt from last month's forecast and 21 percent below a year earlier. Long-grain ending stocks are projected to be the lowest since 2003/04. Medium/short-grain ending stocks are projected at 14.1 million cwt, down 2.0 million from last month, but still 76 percent above a year earlier. At 22.1 percent, the medium/short-grain stocks-to-use ratio is well above the 2008/09 ratio of 14.9 percent.

**U.S. 2009/10 Long-Grain Season Average Farm Price Forecast Raised to \$12.85-\$13.35 per Cwt**

The 2009/10 season-average farm price (SAFP) for U.S. long-grain rice is projected at \$12.85-\$13.35 per cwt, up 15 cents on both ends from last month's forecast, but well below the 2008/09 record of \$14.90. The upward revision is based on reported NASS prices through mid-March and expectations regarding U.S. rough-rice prices and marketings the remainder of the market year. The substantial year-to-year decline in long-grain prices is primarily due to lower global trading prices. Because the U.S. accounts for less than 10 percent of global long-grain exports, U.S. long-grain prices are heavily influenced by global price movements.

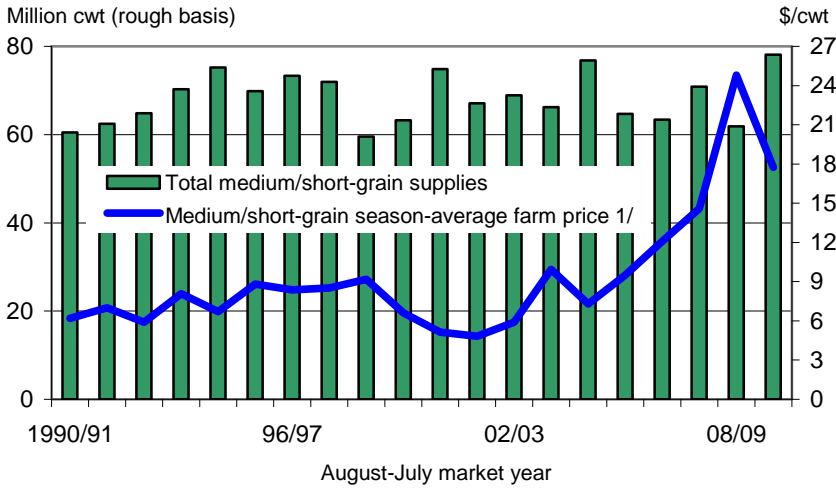
Figure 8  
**The U.S. long-grain season-average farm price is projected to decline in 2009/10**



1/ 2009/10 is mid-point of price range.  
 Sources: 1990/91-2006/07, *2010 Rice Yearbook Data Set*, Economic Research Service, USDA; 2007/08-2009/10, *World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates*, <http://www.usda.gov/oce/commodity/wasde/index.htm>.

Figure 9

**The U.S. 2009/10 medium/short-grain season-average farm price is projected to decline about 28 percent**

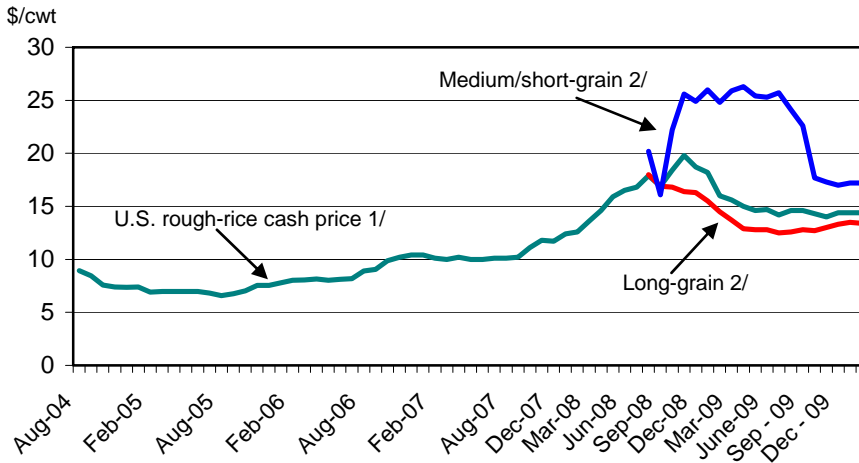


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Figure 10

**U.S. rough-rice prices have changed little since late 2009**



March 2010 prices are mid-month estimates only.

1/ Monthly U.S. cash price for all-rice reported by NASS. 2/ Monthly rough-rice prices by class first reported August 2008.

Sources: U.S. cash price, *Agricultural Prices*, NASS, USDA; Loan rates, FSA, USDA, <ftp://ftp.fas.usda.gov/public/cotton/default.htm>.

The U.S. medium/short-grain 2009/10 SAFR is projected at \$17.50-\$18.00 per cwt, up 5 cents on both ends from last month's forecast. The slight upward revision is based on reported NASS prices through mid-March and expectations regarding U.S. prices and marketings the remainder of the market year. The 2009/10 medium/short-grain SAFR is well below the 2008/09 record of \$24.80 per cwt. Much larger U.S. supplies account for most of the year-to-year decline in medium/short-grain prices. The U.S. is currently the largest supplier of medium/short-grain rice to the global market.

Last month, USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) reported a mid-March 2010 cash price for long-grain rice of \$13.50 per cwt, 10 cents below the revised February price, but up 90 cents from August. The February price was lowered 10 cents from a preliminary estimate of \$13.50. For medium/short-grain rice, the mid-March NASS price was reported at \$17.60 per cwt, up 40 cents from the revised February price. The February medium/short-grain rough-rice cash price was lowered 70 cents from the mid-month estimate of \$17.90 per cwt.

## International Outlook

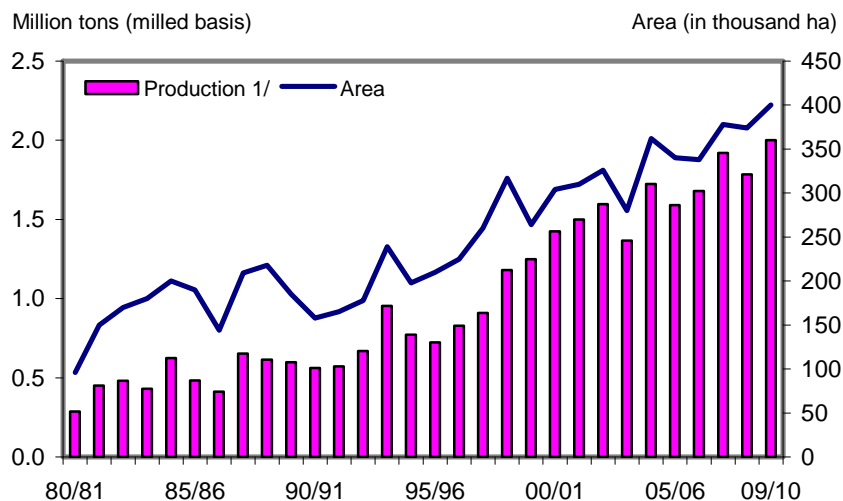
### *Production Forecasts for 2009/10 Raised for Pakistan, Peru, Ecuador, and North Korea*

The 2009/10 global rice production forecast is raised more than half a million tons to 440.8 million tons (milled basis), still 1.4 percent below the 2008/09 record. The largest upward revision was for Pakistan, whose crop was raised 300,000 tons to 6.5 million tons due to a higher yield. A higher yield was also behind a 210,000-ton increase in North Korea's production estimate to 1.91 million tons. The revision was based on information from the U.S. Agricultural Counselor in Seoul, South Korea.

Elsewhere, Peru's 2009/10 production estimate was increased 251,000 tons to a record 2.0 million tons. The revision was a result of both a record planted area and a higher yield. Neighboring Ecuador's production was also raised, up 99,000 tons to 887,000 tons. Government-subsidized inputs and the availability of new varieties account for increased production in that country. Smaller production increases were made this month for Australia, the Dominican Republic, Honduras, and Iraq.

These upward revisions were partially offset by several reductions. The largest downward revision was made for Burma, whose 2009/10 production estimate was reduced 133,000 tons to 10.6 million tons. Burma's production has sustained heavy damage by rats and birds, reducing yields. Thailand's production estimate was also reduced, down 100,000 tons to 20.3 million tons. Drought has affected irrigation

Figure 11  
**Peru's production is forecast at a record 2 million tons in 2009/10**



2009/10 are forecasts. 1/ Milled basis.

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

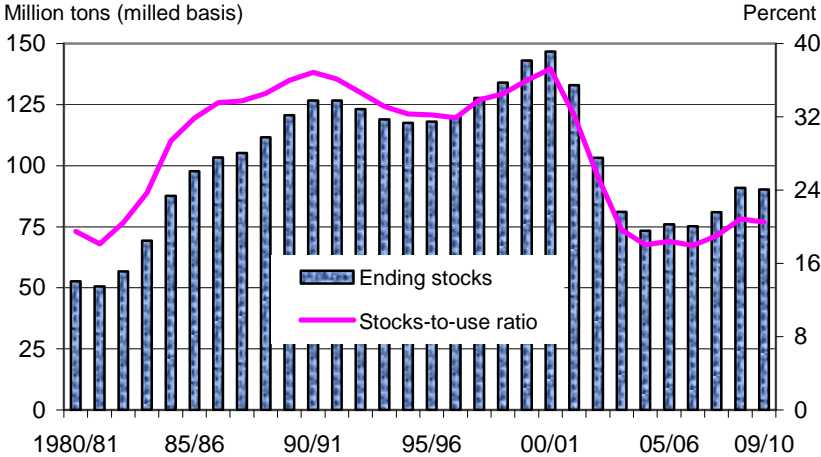
supplies, and the U.S. Agricultural Counselor in Bangkok estimates that yields will be reduced on 50,000-60,000 hectares of the second off-season crop, a major factor behind this month's reduction. Elsewhere in the region, the 2009/10 production estimate for Laos was reduced 79,000 tons to 1.82 million tons based on data from FAO and government sources. Smaller production reductions were made this month for Argentina, Mexico, and Turkey.

There were several production revisions for 2008/09. The largest was a 146,000-ton reduction in Ecuador's production to 762,000 tons based on information from the U.S. Agricultural Counselor in Quito. Smaller revisions were made for production estimates for Honduras, Laos, Mexico, and Venezuela.

Global disappearance for 2009/10 is projected at a record 441.5 million tons, up slightly from last month's forecast and almost 1 percent larger than a year earlier. Upward revisions in 2009/10 disappearance projections for Burma, North Korea, Peru, Pakistan, the United States, and several other countries more than offset reductions for Iran, Laos, and Uruguay.

The 2009/10 global ending stocks forecast was decreased nearly 1 percent this month to 90.2 million tons, primarily due to reduced stock estimates for Burma, Iran, the Philippines, Thailand, and the United States. Global stocks remain slightly below the 2008/09 level of 90.9 million tons. These reductions were partially offset by stock increases for Pakistan, Peru, and Turkey. The 2009/10 global stocks-to-use ratio is calculated at 20.4 percent, slightly lower than last month and a year earlier.

Figure 12  
**Global ending stocks in 2009/10 are projected down 1 percent from a year earlier**



2009/10 are forecasts.  
 Source: *Production, Supply, and Distribution* data base, Foreign Agricultural Service, USDA, <http://www.fas.usda.gov/psd>.

## Reduced Export Forecasts for Burma and Pakistan Lower the 2010 Global Trade Projection to 29.97 Million Tons

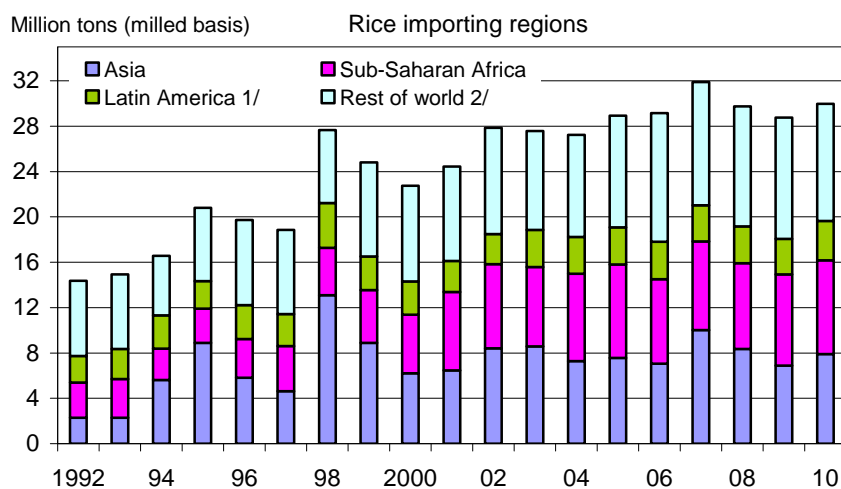
The global trade forecast for calendar year 2010 was revised down 2 percent to 29.97 million tons, still 4 percent higher than 2009 trade but well below the 2007 record.

The largest export reduction this month was made for Pakistan. Pakistan's export forecast was reduced by 500,000 tons to 3.3 million tons based on information from the Agricultural Counselor in Islamabad. Burma's 2010 export forecast was reduced 200,000 tons to 600,000 tons based on reports that greatly increased exports in 2009 depleted that country's stocks. A lower production estimate this month also reduced Burma's exportable supplies.

These downward revisions in exports were partially offset by several increases. The U.S. 2010 export forecast was raised 150,000 tons to 3.3 million tons based on a stronger-than-expected pace of sales to date and expectations regarding sales for the rest of the year. Elsewhere in the Western Hemisphere, Uruguay's exports were raised 50,000 tons to 800,000 tons based on an expected continuation of their current export pace. A larger production estimate and reports of recent sales to Venezuela are behind an upward revision in Ecuador's export forecast from 40,000 tons to 50,000 tons. Peru's export forecast was raised 10,000 tons to 100,000 tons based on a larger production estimate and expectations of sales to Colombia.

Figure 13

### Asia's rice imports are forecast up 15 percent in 2010

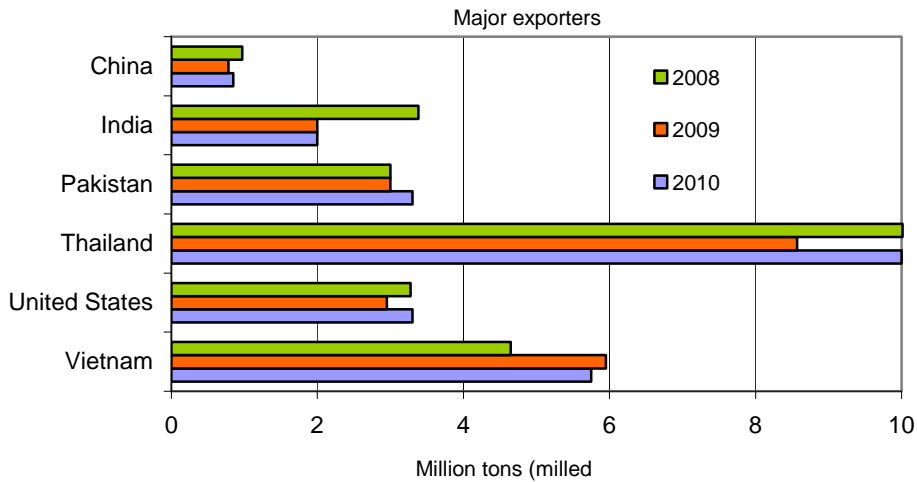


2010 are forecasts. 1/ Mexico, Central America, the Caribbean, and South America. 2/ Includes imports not assigned a specific country.

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

Figure 14

**Thailand, Pakistan, and the U.S. are projected to increase exports in 2010**

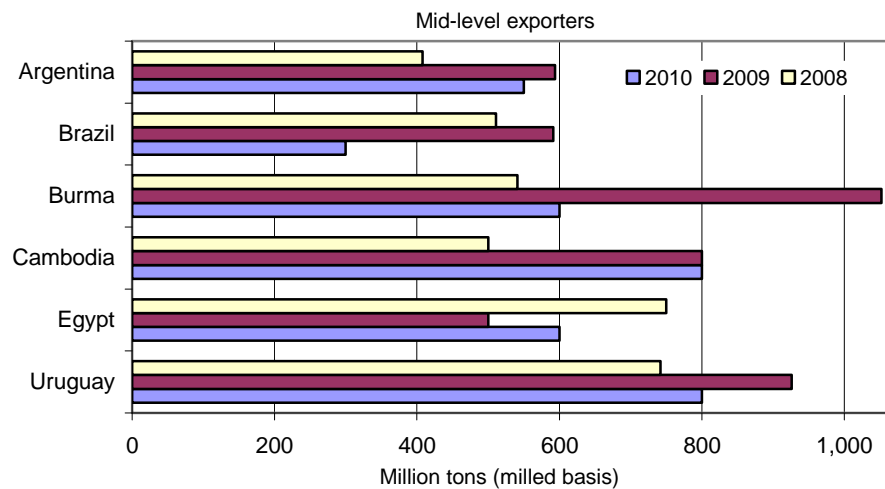


2010 are projections. These six countries account for more than 85 percent of global rice exports.

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

Figure 15

**Burma's exports are projected to fall 43 percent in 2010**



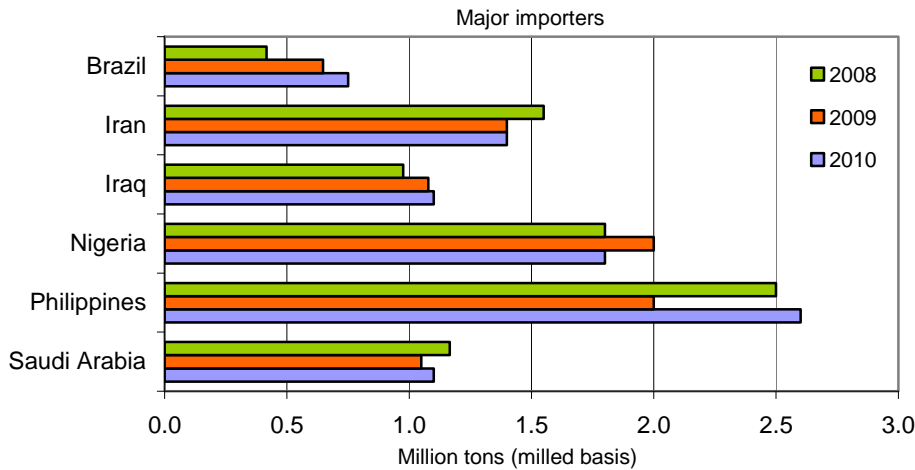
2010 are projections.

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



Figure 16

**The Philippines are projected to import a record 2.6 million tons of rice in 2010**



2010 are projections. These seven countries typically 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>.

Import forecasts for 2010 were lowered for several countries this month. The Philippines’ imports were reduced 400,000 tons to 2.6 million tons—still a record—based on delivery pace and the prohibition of further imports until after next month’s elections. Iran’s imports were reduced 300,000 tons to 1.4 million tons based on a lowered 2009 import forecast and reduced exports by Pakistan. Smaller downward revisions in 2010 imports were made for Belarus, Laos, Papua New Guinea, and Uzbekistan.

These reductions were partially offset by several upward revisions. Syria’s imports were raised 40,000 tons to 350,000 tons based on information from the U.S. Agricultural Counselor in Damascus. Smaller increases were made to import estimates for Laos, Tajikistan, and Turkmenistan.

Several exporter revisions were made for 2009 based on year-end trade data. Ecuador’s exports were raised 27,000 tons to 37,000 tons based on reported sales to Venezuela. Brazil’s exports were reduced 59,000 tons to 591,000 tons based on year-end data. Smaller 2009 export reductions were made for Argentina, Australia, and Kazakhstan.

Year-end trade data was responsible for several 2009 import revisions as well. Upward revisions were made this month for Azerbaijan, Brazil, Croatia, Ghana, Iraq, Israel, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Laos, Liberia, North Korea, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and Ukraine. The largest 2009 import reduction was

made for Iran. Iran's imports were lowered 300,000 tons to 1.4 million tons based on export data from principal trading partners India and Pakistan. Smaller 2009 import reductions were made for Armenia, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brunei, Burma, Papua New Guinea, and Uzbekistan.

### ***Lack of New Sales Continue To Depress Global Trading Prices***

Trading prices for Thailand's high- and medium-quality grades of non-specialty rice have fallen 5-8 percent from the first week of March. Price declines are largely the result of a lack of fresh import demand.

Prices for Thailand's high-quality, 100-percent Grade B (fob vessel, Bangkok) milled rice for export were quoted at \$521 per ton for the week ending April 5, down 5 percent from the week ending March 2. Prices for Thailand's 5-percent broken were quoted at \$490 per ton for the week ending April 5, down 5 percent from the week ending March 2. Prices for Thailand's 5-percent parboiled rice—a specialty rice—were quoted at \$513 per ton for the week ending April 5, down 8 percent from the week ending March 2.

Thailand's low-quality rice prices experienced similar declines over the last month. For the week ending April 5, prices for Thailand's A-1 Super 100-percent broken were quoted at \$364 per ton, down 7 percent from the week ending March 2. All price quotes for Thailand's rice are from the *Weekly Rice Price Update*, reported by the U.S. Post in Bangkok.

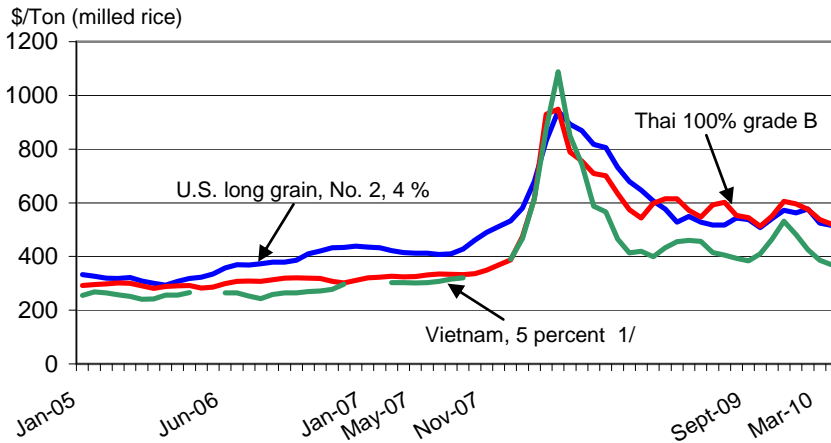
Vietnam's trading prices have also declined. Price quotes for 5-percent broken dropped to \$370 for the week ending April 6, down 8 percent from the week ending March 2. Vietnam's prices have declined 30 percent since the completion of the large Philippines tenders in December. The price difference between Vietnam and Thailand remains substantial, with Thailand's price quotes \$151 higher than Vietnam's.

U.S. long-grain milled rice export prices have fallen as well, also due to a lack of fresh milled rice export demand. For the week ending April 6, prices for high-quality southern long-grain rice (No. 2, 4-percent broken, bagged, free alongside vessel, U.S. Gulf port) were quoted at \$502 per ton, down \$16 from the week ending March 2. U.S. prices (adjusted to reflect the fob vessel price) are now \$4 below Thailand's quotes. U.S. long-grain rough-rice (bulk, fob vessel, New Orleans) is quoted at \$305 per ton for the week ending April 6, down \$10 from the week ending March 2.

Prices for California rice have also declined over the past month. Prices for California package-quality medium-grain rice (sacked) for domestic sales are quoted at \$728 per ton for the week ending April 6, down \$22 from the week ending March 2. Export price quotes (for 30-kg bags, fob vessel) are reported at \$625 per ton, down \$25 from March 2. California milled rice export prices have

Figure 17

**Vietnam's export price quotes are \$150 below Thailand's**



Monthly prices are simple average of weekly quotes. All prices quoted "free-on-board" vessel. 1/ April-June 2008 and December 2009 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 price quotes, *Creed Rice Market Report*.

dropped more than 25 percent since August. A bumper U.S. medium/short-grain crop in 2009/10 and a substantial year-to-year increase in projected carryout are behind the decline in U.S. medium/short-grain prices since August. The lower prices have likely encouraged larger purchases from both regular and occasional U.S. buyers. Price quotes for Vietnam, U.S. long- and medium-grain milled rice prices, and U.S. rough-rice export prices are from the weekly *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 | 2008/09 | 2009/10<br>2/     |
|------------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|-------------------|
| <b>TOTAL RICE</b>                  |         |         |         |         |         |         |                   |
| Million acres                      |         |         |         |         |         |         |                   |
| Area:                              |         |         |         |         |         |         |                   |
| Planted                            | 3.022   | 3.347   | 3.384   | 2.838   | 2.761   | 2.995   | 3.135             |
| Harvested                          | 2.997   | 3.325   | 3.364   | 2.821   | 2.748   | 2.976   | 3.103             |
| Pounds per harvested acre          |         |         |         |         |         |         |                   |
| Yield                              | 6,670   | 6,988   | 6,624   | 6,898   | 7,219   | 6,846   | 7,085             |
| Million cwt                        |         |         |         |         |         |         |                   |
| Beginning stocks                   | 26.8    | 23.7    | 37.7    | 43.0    | 39.3    | 29.4    | 30.4              |
| Production                         | 199.9   | 232.4   | 222.8   | 194.6   | 198.4   | 203.7   | 219.9             |
| Imports                            | 15.0    | 13.2    | 17.1    | 20.6    | 23.9    | 19.2    | 21.0              |
| Total supply                       | 241.7   | 269.3   | 277.7   | 258.2   | 261.6   | 252.4   | 271.3             |
| Food, industrial,<br>& residual 3/ | 110.8   | 118.5   | 116.4   | 124.7   | 123.7   | 124.5   | -                 |
| Seed                               | 4.1     | 4.2     | 3.5     | 3.4     | 3.7     | 3.9     | -                 |
| Total domestic use                 | 114.9   | 122.7   | 119.9   | 128.1   | 127.4   | 128.4   | 136.0             |
| Exports                            | 103.1   | 108.8   | 114.8   | 90.8    | 104.7   | 93.6    | 103.0             |
| Rough                              | 34.4    | 33.8    | 33.4    | 32.1    | 37.7    | 31.1    | 41.0              |
| Milled 4/                          | 68.7    | 75.0    | 81.4    | 58.7    | 67.1    | 62.5    | 62.0              |
| Total use                          | 218.0   | 231.5   | 234.7   | 218.8   | 232.2   | 222.0   | 239.0             |
| Ending stocks                      | 23.7    | 37.7    | 43.0    | 39.3    | 29.4    | 30.4    | 32.3              |
| Percent                            |         |         |         |         |         |         |                   |
| Stocks-to-use ratio                | 10.9    | 16.3    | 18.3    | 18.0    | 12.7    | 13.7    | 13.5              |
| \$/cwt                             |         |         |         |         |         |         |                   |
| Average farm<br>price 5/           | 8.08    | 7.33    | 7.65    | 9.96    | 12.80   | 16.80   | 14.05 to<br>14.55 |
| Percent                            |         |         |         |         |         |         |                   |
| Average<br>milling rate            | 70.79   | 70.80   | 70.29   | 71.00   | 70.50   | 70.50   | 70.50             |

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 | 2008/09<br>2/ | 2009/10<br>2/   |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------------|-----------------|
| <b>LONG GRAIN:</b>             |                           |         |         |         |         |               |                 |
|                                | Million acres             |         |         |         |         |               |                 |
| Planted                        | 2.332                     | 2.587   | 2.751   | 2.200   | 2.063   | 2.365         | 2.290           |
| Harvested                      | 2.310                     | 2.571   | 2.734   | 2.186   | 2.052   | 2.350         | 2.265           |
|                                | Pounds per harvested acre |         |         |         |         |               |                 |
| Yield                          | 6,451                     | 6,630   | 6,479   | 6,727   | 6,980   | 6,522         | 6,743           |
|                                | Million cwt               |         |         |         |         |               |                 |
| Beginning stocks               | 15.7                      | 10.3    | 22.7    | 32.7    | 28.5    | 19.0          | 20.1            |
| Production                     | 149.0                     | 170.4   | 177.1   | 147.1   | 143.2   | 153.3         | 152.7           |
| Imports                        | 9.8                       | 10.5    | 12.3    | 14.2    | 17.7    | 15.9          | 18.0            |
| Total supply                   | 174.5                     | 191.3   | 212.1   | 194.0   | 189.4   | 188.2         | 190.8           |
| Domestic use 3/                | 83.4                      | 84.7    | 87.4    | 93.4    | 91.3    | 103.0         | 104.0           |
| Exports                        | 80.7                      | 83.8    | 92.1    | 72.0    | 79.1    | 65.1          | 71.0            |
| Total use                      | 164.2                     | 168.5   | 179.5   | 165.4   | 170.4   | 168.1         | 175.0           |
| Ending stocks                  | 10.3                      | 22.7    | 32.7    | 28.5    | 19.0    | 20.1          | 15.8            |
|                                | Percent                   |         |         |         |         |               |                 |
| Stocks-to-use ratio            | 6.3                       | 13.5    | 18.2    | 17.3    | 11.2    | 11.9          | 9.0             |
| Average farm price             | 7.60                      | 7.34    | 7.30    | 9.47    | 12.40   | 14.90         | 12.85-<br>13.35 |
| <b>MEDIUM/SHORT GRAIN:</b>     |                           |         |         |         |         |               |                 |
|                                | Million acres             |         |         |         |         |               |                 |
| Planted                        | 0.690                     | 0.760   | 0.633   | 0.638   | 0.698   | 0.630         | 0.845           |
| Harvested                      | 0.687                     | 0.754   | 0.630   | 0.635   | 0.696   | 0.626         | 0.838           |
|                                | Pounds per harvested acre |         |         |         |         |               |                 |
| Yield                          | 7,407                     | 8,212   | 7,255   | 7,484   | 7,924   | 8,063         | 8,010           |
|                                | Million cwt               |         |         |         |         |               |                 |
| Beginning stocks               | 9.3                       | 12.4    | 13.8    | 9.4     | 10.0    | 9.1           | 8.0             |
| Production                     | 50.9                      | 61.9    | 45.7    | 47.5    | 55.2    | 50.5          | 67.1            |
| Imports                        | 5.3                       | 2.7     | 4.9     | 6.3     | 6.2     | 3.4           | 3.0             |
| Total supply 4/                | 66.2                      | 76.8    | 64.7    | 63.4    | 70.8    | 61.9          | 78.1            |
| Domestic use 3/                | 31.5                      | 38.0    | 32.5    | 34.6    | 36.1    | 25.3          | 32.0            |
| Exports                        | 22.3                      | 25.0    | 22.8    | 18.8    | 25.7    | 28.5          | 32.0            |
| Total use                      | 53.9                      | 63.0    | 55.2    | 53.4    | 61.8    | 53.9          | 64.0            |
| Ending stocks                  | 12.4                      | 13.8    | 9.4     | 10.0    | 9.1     | 8.0           | 14.1            |
|                                | Percent                   |         |         |         |         |               |                 |
| Stocks-to-use ratio            | 22.9                      | 21.9    | 17.1    | 18.8    | 14.7    | 14.9          | 22.1            |
| Average farm price             | 9.94                      | 7.29    | 9.49    | 12.10   | 14.60   | 24.80         | 17.50-<br>18.00 |
| Ending stocks<br>difference 1/ | 1.0                       | 1.1     | 0.9     | 0.8     | 1.3     | 2.4           | 2.4             |

1/ Stock totals by type omit brokens, 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 brokens. 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                     | 2009/10  |           | 2008/09 |           | 2007/08 |           |
|---------------------------|----------|-----------|---------|-----------|---------|-----------|
|                           | \$/cwt   | 1,000 cwt | \$/cwt  | 1,000 cwt | \$/cwt  | 1,000 cwt |
| August                    | 14.60    | 10,504    | 17.90   | 8,956     | 10.10   | 9,579     |
| September                 | 14.60    | 11,061    | 16.90   | 10,621    | 10.20   | 14,396    |
| October                   | 14.30    | 13,819    | 18.40   | 14,366    | 11.10   | 16,382    |
| November                  | 14.00    | 13,282    | 19.80   | 13,191    | 11.80   | 11,919    |
| December                  | 14.40    | 15,478    | 18.70   | 11,606    | 11.70   | 20,402    |
| January                   | 14.40    | 18,449    | 18.20   | 13,779    | 12.40   | 19,569    |
| February                  | 14.40    | 13,494    | 16.00   | 13,365    | 12.60   | 14,761    |
| March                     | 14.60 1/ | N/A       | 15.60   | 12,158    | 13.60   | 14,581    |
| April                     |          |           | 15.00   | 12,712    | 14.60   | 12,083    |
| May                       |          |           | 14.60   | 8,069     | 15.90   | 12,271    |
| June                      |          |           | 14.70   | 9,075     | 16.50   | 8,533     |
| July                      |          |           | 14.20   | 11,246    | 16.80   | 8,709     |
| Average price to date     | 14.41 2/ |           |         |           |         |           |
| Season average farm price | 14.30 3/ |           | 16.80   |           | 12.80   |           |
| Average Marketings        |          | 13,727    |         | 11,595    |         | 13,599    |
| Total volume marketed     |          | 96,087    |         | 139,144   |         | 163,185   |

N/A = Not available.

1/ Mid-month only. 2/ Simple average. 3/ Mid-point of season-average farm price projection.

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

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Table 4 -- U.S. monthly average farm prices and marketings by class

| Month                                 | Long-grain |           |         |           | Medium/short-grain |           |         |           |
|---------------------------------------|------------|-----------|---------|-----------|--------------------|-----------|---------|-----------|
|                                       | 2009/10    |           | 2008/09 |           | 2009/10            |           | 2008/09 |           |
|                                       | \$/cwt     | 1,000 cwt | \$/cwt  | 1,000 cwt | \$/cwt             | 1,000 cwt | \$/cwt  | 1,000 cwt |
| August                                | 12.60      | 8,677     | 18.00   | 7,394     | 24.10              | 1,827     | 20.20   | 317       |
| September                             | 12.80      | 9,125     | 16.90   | 9,489     | 22.60              | 1,936     | 16.10   | 402       |
| October                               | 12.70      | 9,410     | 16.80   | 10,332    | 17.70              | 4,409     | 22.20   | 4,034     |
| November                              | 13.00      | 10,266    | 16.40   | 8,296     | 17.30              | 3,016     | 25.60   | 4,895     |
| December                              | 13.30      | 11,140    | 16.30   | 8,460     | 17.00              | 4,338     | 24.90   | 3,146     |
| January                               | 13.50      | 13,598    | 15.50   | 10,208    | 17.20              | 4,851     | 26.00   | 3,571     |
| February                              | 13.40      | 10,012    | 14.50   | 11,357    | 17.20              | 3,482     | 24.80   | 2,008     |
| March                                 | 13.50 1/   | N/A       | 13.70   | 10,300    | 17.60 1/           | N/A       | 25.90   | 1,858     |
| April                                 |            |           | 12.90   | 10,741    |                    |           | 26.30   | 1,971     |
| May                                   |            |           | 12.80   | 6,890     |                    |           | 25.40   | 1,179     |
| June                                  |            |           | 12.80   | 7,728     |                    |           | 25.30   | 1,347     |
| July                                  |            |           | 12.50   | 9,837     |                    |           | 25.70   | 1,409     |
| Average to date 2/                    | 13.10      |           |         |           | 18.84              |           |         |           |
| Season-average farm price 12.85-13.35 |            |           | 14.90   |           | 17.50-18.00        |           | 24.80   |           |
| Average marketings                    |            | 10,318    |         | 9,253     |                    | 3,408     |         | 2,178     |
| Total volume marketed                 |            | 72,228    |         | 111,032   |                    | 23,859    |         | 26,137    |

N/A = Not available. 1/ Mid-month only. 2/ Simple average.

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

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Table 5--USDA-calculated world market rice prices (rough basis) 1/

| Month                     | 2009/10 |                  | 2008/09 |                  | 2007/08 |        |       |
|---------------------------|---------|------------------|---------|------------------|---------|--------|-------|
|                           | Long    | Medium/<br>short | Long    | Medium/<br>short | Long    | Medium | Short |
|                           | \$/cwt  |                  |         |                  |         |        |       |
| August                    | 11.33   | 11.42            | 17.33   | 17.48            | 7.56    | 7.51   | 7.59  |
| September                 | 11.25   | 11.35            | 17.83   | 17.98            | 7.72    | 7.66   | 7.75  |
| October                   | 11.02   | 11.11            | 16.93   | 17.08            | 7.90    | 7.84   | 7.93  |
| November                  | 11.40   | 11.50            | 15.52   | 15.65            | 8.59    | 8.53   | 8.63  |
| December                  | 13.03   | 13.15            | 14.17   | 14.28            | 8.96    | 8.90   | 9.00  |
| January                   | 13.03   | 13.14            | 12.71   | 12.81            | 9.10    | 9.05   | 9.14  |
| February                  | 12.74   | 12.99            | 12.74   | 12.80            | 9.67    | 9.91   | 9.85  |
| March                     | 11.21   | 11.42            | 12.36   | 12.42            | 12.01   | 12.33  | 12.26 |
| April 2/                  | 10.65   | 10.84            | 12.25   | 12.31            | 15.09   | 15.14  | 15.06 |
| May                       |         |                  | 11.89   | 11.94            | 18.81   | 18.88  | 18.78 |
| June                      |         |                  | 11.21   | 11.26            | 17.85   | 17.92  | 17.82 |
| July                      |         |                  | 11.68   | 11.72            | 16.59   | 16.65  | 16.56 |
| Market-year<br>average 1/ | 11.74   | 11.88            | 13.89   | 13.98            | 11.65   | 11.69  | 11.70 |

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 6--U.S. commercial rice imports 1/

| Country<br>or<br>region   | 2009/10<br>as of<br>January 2010 2/ | 2008/09<br>as of<br>January 2009 | 2008/09<br>market<br>year | 2007/08<br>market<br>year | 2006/07<br>market<br>year | 2005/06<br>market<br>year |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1,000 metric tons         |                                     |                                  |                           |                           |                           |                           |
| <b>ASIA</b>               | 311.9                               | 248.2                            | 536.7                     | 720.2                     | 604.0                     | 488.1                     |
| China                     | 2.0                                 | 1.3                              | 4.0                       | 123.0                     | 119.7                     | 50.8                      |
| India                     | 49.2                                | 36.4                             | 74.1                      | 119.1                     | 71.0                      | 70.3                      |
| Pakistan                  | 9.2                                 | 8.7                              | 17.1                      | 19.4                      | 16.7                      | 16.7                      |
| Thailand                  | 213.2                               | 186.2                            | 422.1                     | 454.4                     | 394.4                     | 349.1                     |
| Vietnam                   | 36.8                                | 14.7                             | 17.5                      | 0.6                       | 1.2                       | 0.3                       |
| Other                     | 1.5                                 | 1.0                              | 1.9                       | 3.8                       | 1.1                       | 1.0                       |
| <b>EUROPE &amp; FSU</b>   | 4.2                                 | 3.5                              | 7.6                       | 8.5                       | 8.7                       | 6.5                       |
| Italy                     | 3.0                                 | 2.8                              | 5.7                       | 6.3                       | 6.2                       | 5.2                       |
| Spain                     | 0.5                                 | 0.1                              | 0.4                       | 0.4                       | 0.6                       | 0.3                       |
| Russia                    | 0.0                                 | 0.0                              | 0.1                       | 0.1                       | 0.1                       | 0.1                       |
| United Kingdom            | 0.1                                 | 0.1                              | 0.4                       | 0.5                       | 0.3                       | 0.3                       |
| Other                     | 0.5                                 | 0.5                              | 0.9                       | 1.2                       | 1.5                       | 0.6                       |
| <b>WESTERN HEMISPHERE</b> | 16.1                                | 16.0                             | 31.0                      | 28.5                      | 22.9                      | 23.6                      |
| Argentina                 | 1.1                                 | 0.6                              | 1.1                       | 2.6                       | 2.6                       | 13.7                      |
| Brazil                    | 1.9                                 | 2.7                              | 3.9                       | 2.4                       | 2.0                       | 0.7                       |
| Canada                    | 7.2                                 | 8.2                              | 18.0                      | 13.6                      | 7.8                       | 7.9                       |
| Mexico                    | 3.6                                 | 3.5                              | 6.1                       | 9.2                       | 10.2                      | 0.8                       |
| Uruguay                   | 2.3                                 | 0.9                              | 1.7                       | 0.3                       | 0.0                       | 0.0                       |
| Other                     | 0.0                                 | 0.1                              | 0.2                       | 0.4                       | 0.4                       | 0.5                       |
| <b>OTHER</b>              | 2.4                                 | 0.7                              | 39.3                      | 5.2                       | 21.4                      | 30.3                      |
| Egypt                     | 0.3                                 | 0.0                              | 36.6                      | 2.7                       | 19.3                      | 27.5                      |
| United Arab Emirates      | 1.8                                 | 0.6                              | 2.2                       | 2.2                       | 1.7                       | 2.6                       |
| Other                     | 0.2                                 | 0.1                              | 0.5                       | 0.3                       | 0.4                       | 0.2                       |
| <b>TOTAL</b>              | 334.5                               | 268.5                            | 614.6                     | 762.4                     | 657.0                     | 548.5                     |

1/ Columns labeled "market year" are total August-July imports reported by the U.S. Census Bureau. Columns labeled "as of" are shipments and outstanding sales at a particular date. All data is reported on a product-weight basis.

2/ Latest available month for Census data.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Department of Commerce.

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Table 7--U.S. commercial rice exports 1/

| Country<br>or<br>region                        | 2009/10<br>as of<br>4/1/2010 | 2008/09<br>as of<br>4/2/2009 | 2008/09<br>market<br>year | 2007/08<br>market<br>year | 2006/07<br>market<br>year | 2005/06<br>market<br>year |
|--|------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1,000 metric tons                              |                              |                              |                           |                           |                           |                           |
| <b>EUROPE &amp; FSU</b>                        | 76.2                         | 55.4                         | 77.6                      | 89.7                      | 54.0                      | 332.1                     |
| European Union                                 | 67.5                         | 50.3                         | 71.0                      | 87.0                      | 51.4                      | 311.3                     |
| Other Europe                                   | 2.7                          | 2.7                          | 3.9                       | 0.7                       | 1.4                       | 17.8                      |
| Former Soviet Union (FSU)                      | 6.0                          | 2.4                          | 2.7                       | 2.0                       | 1.2                       | 3.0                       |
| <b>NORTHEAST ASIA</b>                          | 538.2                        | 445.0                        | 472.3                     | 450.9                     | 467.0                     | 486.2                     |
| Hong Kong                                      | 0.6                          | 0.4                          | 0.6                       | 1.1                       | 0.6                       | 2.6                       |
| Japan  | 383.2                        | 358.8                        | 386.1                     | 339.9                     | 324.5                     | 352.4                     |
| South Korea                                    | 79.3                         | 85.2                         | 85.0                      | 78.6                      | 69.0                      | 69.4                      |
| Taiwan   | 75.1                         | 0.6                          | 0.6                       | 31.3                      | 72.9                      | 61.8                      |
| <b>OTHER ASIA, OCEANIA, &amp; THE MIDDLE E</b> | 646.8                        | 590.6                        | 669.0                     | 697.5                     | 483.7                     | 744.6                     |
| French Pacific Islands                         | 2.2                          | 6.9                          | 4.7                       | 0.0                       | 0.0                       | 0.2                       |
| Iraq   | 129.1                        | 120.0                        | 121.0                     | 188.6                     | 308.8                     | 349.8                     |
| Iran   | 0.0                          | 31.5                         | 31.7                      | 0.0                       | 0.0                       | 0.0                       |
| Israel   | 31.6                         | 30.7                         | 33.4                      | 30.0                      | 4.8                       | 14.7                      |
| Jordan   | 53.5                         | 64.2                         | 86.2                      | 79.7                      | 50.8                      | 44.4                      |
| Papua New Guinea                               | 37.9                         | 102.6                        | 103.2                     | 2.3                       | 0.0                       | 21.9                      |
| Philippines                                    | 0.0                          | 46.3                         | 46.3                      | 70.7                      | 0.0                       | 65.2                      |
| Saudi Arabia                                   | 98.5                         | 111.9                        | 143.6                     | 111.3                     | 87.1                      | 116.0                     |
| Turkey   | 224.2                        | 22.7                         | 22.7                      | 154.9                     | 0.1                       | 58.3                      |
| Rest of Asia, Oceania, and Middle East         | 69.8                         | 53.8                         | 76.2                      | 60.0                      | 32.1                      | 74.1                      |
| <b>AFRICA</b>                                  | 94.1                         | 98.3                         | 131.6                     | 119.6                     | 97.7                      | 131.6                     |
| Cote d'Ivoire                                  | 0.0                          | 15.0                         | 15.3                      | 15.0                      | 0.0                       | 14.0                      |
| Ghana  | 26.0                         | 45.5                         | 50.9                      | 75.9                      | 80.4                      | 91.4                      |
| Liberia  | 9.2                          | 13.9                         | 11.1                      | 8.3                       | 11.2                      | 12.6                      |
| Libya  | 1.4                          | 2.4                          | 2.8                       | 0.7                       | 2.1                       | 0.9                       |
| Nigeria  | 38.2                         | 16.0                         | 24.3                      | 0.0                       | 0.1                       | 0.0                       |
| Senegal  | 0.0                          | 0.0                          | 0.0                       | 13.3                      | 0.0                       | 0.0                       |
| South Africa                                   | 0.3                          | 0.1                          | 0.3                       | 0.0                       | 0.0                       | 0.2                       |
| Togo   | 0.0                          | 0.0                          | 6.8                       | 0.0                       | 0.0                       | 5.0                       |
| Other Africa                                   | 19.0                         | 5.4                          | 20.1                      | 6.5                       | 3.8                       | 7.5                       |
| <b>WESTERN HEMISPHERE</b>                      | 1,721.1                      | 1,664.5                      | 1,972.4                   | 2,258.7                   | 2,023.4                   | 2,094.7                   |
| Brazil   | 0.1                          | 0.0                          | 0.1                       | 0.2                       | 0.1                       | 0.2                       |
| Canada   | 119.6                        | 116.9                        | 168.9                     | 182.1                     | 198.4                     | 168.6                     |
| Costa Rica                                     | 138.9                        | 146.8                        | 153.8                     | 146.6                     | 146.3                     | 125.7                     |
| Colombia                                       | 0.1                          | 73.2                         | 71.6                      | 0.0                       | 0.1                       | 0.2                       |
| Cuba   | 0.0                          | 0.0                          | 0.0                       | 20.6                      | 59.6                      | 186.1                     |
| Dominican Republic                             | 22.0                         | 10.0                         | 30.7                      | 9.0                       | 0.7                       | 47.4                      |
| Guatemala                                      | 62.6                         | 45.1                         | 65.0                      | 58.8                      | 95.4                      | 61.6                      |
| Haiti  | 145.8                        | 169.8                        | 257.0                     | 279.0                     | 251.1                     | 327.5                     |
| Honduras                                       | 89.7                         | 119.7                        | 150.1                     | 131.2                     | 157.3                     | 123.1                     |
| Jamaica  | 20.0                         | 23.4                         | 26.9                      | 50.7                      | 37.0                      | 47.4                      |
| Leeward & Windward Islands                     | 8.8                          | 12.3                         | 9.3                       | 12.4                      | 5.8                       | 8.4                       |
| Mexico   | 668.1                        | 551.3                        | 594.2                     | 855.3                     | 734.4                     | 682.2                     |
| Netherlands Antilles                           | 3.5                          | 2.9                          | 4.4                       | 5.3                       | 6.1                       | 6.2                       |
| Nicaragua                                      | 121.2                        | 83.3                         | 97.3                      | 179.2                     | 138.3                     | 168.3                     |
| Panama   | 100.3                        | 0.4                          | 9.4                       | 96.4                      | 80.6                      | 36.4                      |
| Peru   | 0.0                          | 0.1                          | 0.2                       | 2.8                       | 0.0                       | 2.1                       |
| El Salvador                                    | 65.3                         | 58.1                         | 79.2                      | 86.0                      | 99.1                      | 88.7                      |
| Venezuela                                      | 147.2                        | 243.5                        | 243.7                     | 125.9                     | 0.6                       | 0.5                       |
| Other Western Hemisphere                       | 7.9                          | 7.7                          | 10.6                      | 17.2                      | 12.5                      | 14.1                      |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                                   | <b>3,076.4</b>               | <b>2,853.8</b>               | <b>3,322.9</b>            | <b>3,616.4</b>            | <b>3,125.8</b>            | <b>3,789.2</b>            |

1/ Columns labeled "market year" are total August-July exports reported in *U.S. Export Sales*. Columns 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 8--U.S., Thailand, and Vietnam price quotes

| Month or<br>market<br>year 1/ | United States          |                        |                            | Thailand 5/ |           |         |     | Vietnam 7/ |         |
|-------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|----------------------------|-------------|-----------|---------|-----|------------|---------|
|                               | Southern<br>long grain | Southern<br>long grain | California<br>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     |
| 2005/06                       | 334                    | 192                    | 484                        | 301         | 293       | 284     | 266 | 216        | 259     |
| 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        | 588     |
| Apr. 2008                     | 816                    | 480                    | 758                        | 929         | 1,025     | NQ      | NQ  | 763        | 830     |
| May 2008                      | 926                    | 530                    | 926                        | 949         | 1,008     | NQ      | NQ  | 752        | 1,075   |
| June 2008                     | 878                    | 467                    | 963                        | 789         | 828       | NQ      | NQ  | 588        | 883     |
| July 2008                     | 854                    | 444                    | 1,036                      | 756         | 789       | NQ      | NQ  | 547        | 712     |
| 2007/08                       | 621                    | 368                    | 694                        | 551         | 570       | 334     | 322 | 454        | 620     |
| Aug. 2008                     | 802                    | 421                    | 1,061                      | 709         | 737       | 650     | NQ  | 469        | 588     |
| Sep. 2008                     | 791                    | 436                    | 1,119                      | 701         | 718       | 640     | NQ  | 420        | 566     |
| Oct. 2008                     | 717                    | 414                    | 1,113                      | 634         | 619       | 563     | NQ  | 348        | 465     |
| Nov. 2008                     | 664                    | 393                    | 1,102                      | 574         | 563       | 483     | NQ  | 307        | 413     |
| Dec. 2008                     | 632                    | 360                    | 1,102                      | 543         | 547       | 462     | NQ  | 287        | 419     |
| Jan. 2009                     | 592                    | 358                    | 1,102                      | 598         | 615       | 506     | NQ  | 318        | 399     |
| Feb. 2009                     | 562                    | 333                    | 1,075                      | 615         | 634       | 515     | NQ  | 317        | 433     |
| Mar. 2009                     | 513                    | 305                    | 1,123                      | 615         | 620       | 516     | NQ  | 332        | 455     |
| Apr. 2009                     | 534                    | 318                    | 1,208                      | 572         | 570       | 491     | NQ  | 336        | 460     |
| May 2009                      | 513                    | 312                    | 1,202                      | 547         | 541       | 497     | NQ  | 322        | 457     |
| June 2009                     | 502                    | 312                    | 1,150                      | 592         | 604       | 526     | NQ  | 321        | 415     |
| July 2009                     | 502                    | 315                    | 1,067                      | 602         | 624       | 531     | NQ  | 325        | 405     |
| 2008/09                       | 610                    | 356                    | 1,119                      | 609         | 616       | 532     | NQ  | 342        | 456     |
| Aug. 2009                     | 528                    | 329                    | 948                        | 553         | 576       | 492     | NQ  | 307        | 393     |
| Sep. 2009                     | 522                    | 330                    | 895                        | 544         | 592       | 477     | NQ  | 303        | 384     |
| Oct. 2009                     | 493                    | 330                    | 849                        | 513         | 562       | 451     | NQ  | 296        | 410     |
| Nov. 2009                     | 526                    | 348                    | 816                        | 550         | 570       | 481     | NQ  | 326        | 465     |
| Dec. 2009                     | 557                    | 348                    | 794                        | 605         | 607       | 549     | NQ  | 393        | NQ      |
| Jan. 2010                     | 547                    | 340                    | 772                        | 596         | 600       | 539     | NQ  | 420        | 482     |
| Feb. 2010                     | 562                    | 328                    | 772                        | 576         | 582       | 516     | NQ  | 415        | 425     |
| Mar. 2010                     | 509                    | 310                    | 732                        | 538         | 542       | 474     | NQ  | 382        | 386     |
| Apr. 2010 8/                  | 502                    | 305                    | 728                        | 521         | 513       | 458     | NQ  | 364        | 370     |
| 2009/10 8/                    | 527                    | 330                    | 812                        | 555         | 572       | 493     | NQ  | 356        | 414     |

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 for new crop only. From April to June 2008, Vietnam banned commercial 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](http://www.fas.usda.gov)).

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Table 9--Global rice producers: 2007/08-2009/10 monthly revisions and annual changes 1/

|                    | 2007/08           |               | 2008/09 2/    |                      |                   | 2009/10 2/        |               |                      |                   |
|--------------------|-------------------|---------------|---------------|----------------------|-------------------|-------------------|---------------|----------------------|-------------------|
|                    | April<br>2010     | March<br>2010 | April<br>2010 | Monthly<br>revisions | Annual<br>changes | March<br>2010     | April<br>2010 | Monthly<br>revisions | Annual<br>changes |
|                    | 1,000 metric tons |               |               |                      |                   | 1,000 metric tons |               |                      |                   |
| Afghanistan        | 370               | 275           | 275           | 0                    | -95               | 335               | 335           | 0                    | 60                |
| Argentina          | 810               | 780           | 780           | 0                    | -30               | 949               | 910           | -39                  | 130               |
| Australia          | 13                | 45            | 45            | 0                    | 32                | 125               | 132           | 7                    | 87                |
| Bangladesh         | 28,800            | 31,000        | 31,000        | 0                    | 2,200             | 31,600            | 31,600        | 0                    | 600               |
| Brazil             | 8,199             | 8,569         | 8,569         | 0                    | 370               | 7,820             | 7,820         | 0                    | -749              |
| Burma              | 10,730            | 10,150        | 10,150        | 0                    | -580              | 10,730            | 10,597        | -133                 | 447               |
| Cambodia           | 4,238             | 4,520         | 4,520         | 0                    | 282               | 4,630             | 4,630         | 0                    | 110               |
| China              | 130,224           | 134,330       | 134,330       | 0                    | 4,106             | 137,000           | 137,000       | 0                    | 2,670             |
| Colombia           | 1,453             | 1,600         | 1,600         | 0                    | 147               | 1,450             | 1,450         | 0                    | -150              |
| Cuba               | 283               | 312           | 312           | 0                    | 29                | 375               | 375           | 0                    | 63                |
| Dominican Republic | 455               | 507           | 507           | 0                    | 52                | 530               | 552           | 22                   | 45                |
| Egypt              | 4,385             | 4,387         | 4,387         | 0                    | 2                 | 4,374             | 4,374         | 0                    | -13               |
| European Union-27  | 1,757             | 1,680         | 1,680         | 0                    | -77               | 1,994             | 1,994         | 0                    | 314               |
| Ghana              | 111               | 150           | 150           | 0                    | 39                | 156               | 156           | 0                    | 6                 |
| India              | 96,690            | 99,150        | 99,150        | 0                    | 2,460             | 87,000            | 87,000        | 0                    | -12,150           |
| Indonesia          | 37,000            | 38,300        | 38,300        | 0                    | 1,300             | 38,800            | 38,800        | 0                    | 500               |
| Iran               | 1,850             | 1,500         | 1,500         | 0                    | -350              | 2,000             | 2,000         | 0                    | 500               |
| Japan              | 7,930             | 8,029         | 8,029         | 0                    | 99                | 7,620             | 7,620         | 0                    | -409              |
| Korea, North       | 1,527             | 1,860         | 1,860         | 0                    | 333               | 1,700             | 1,910         | 210                  | 50                |
| Korea, South       | 4,408             | 4,843         | 4,843         | 0                    | 435               | 4,910             | 4,910         | 0                    | 67                |
| Laos               | 1,625             | 1,800         | 1,755         | -45                  | 130               | 1,900             | 1,821         | -79                  | 66                |
| Madagascar         | 2,304             | 2,624         | 2,624         | 0                    | 320               | 2,688             | 2,688         | 0                    | 64                |
| Malaysia           | 1,475             | 1,536         | 1,536         | 0                    | 61                | 1,590             | 1,590         | 0                    | 54                |
| Mali               | 714               | 813           | 813           | 0                    | 99                | 858               | 858           | 0                    | 45                |
| Nepal              | 2,810             | 2,850         | 2,850         | 0                    | 40                | 2,900             | 2,900         | 0                    | 50                |
| Nigeria            | 3,000             | 3,200         | 3,200         | 0                    | 200               | 3,400             | 3,400         | 0                    | 200               |
| Pakistan           | 5,700             | 6,700         | 6,700         | 0                    | 1,000             | 6,200             | 6,500         | 300                  | -200              |
| Peru               | 1,920             | 1,785         | 1,785         | 0                    | -135              | 1,750             | 2,001         | 251                  | 216               |
| Philippines        | 10,479            | 10,753        | 10,753        | 0                    | 274               | 10,100            | 10,100        | 0                    | -653              |
| Russia             | 460               | 480           | 480           | 0                    | 20                | 590               | 590           | 0                    | 110               |
| Sierra Leone       | 435               | 450           | 450           | 0                    | 15                | 465               | 465           | 0                    | 15                |
| Sri Lanka          | 2,200             | 2,227         | 2,227         | 0                    | 27                | 2,663             | 2,663         | 0                    | 436               |
| Taiwan             | 955               | 1,042         | 1,042         | 0                    | 87                | 1,020             | 1,020         | 0                    | -22               |
| Tanzania           | 818               | 851           | 851           | 0                    | 33                | 857               | 857           | 0                    | 6                 |
| Thailand           | 19,800            | 19,850        | 19,850        | 0                    | 50                | 20,400            | 20,300        | -100                 | 450               |
| Uganda             | 117               | 124           | 124           | 0                    | 7                 | 130               | 130           | 0                    | 6                 |
| United States      | 6,344             | 6,515         | 6,515         | 0                    | 171               | 7,030             | 7,030         | 0                    | 515               |
| Uruguay            | 931               | 901           | 901           | 0                    | -30               | 864               | 864           | 0                    | -37               |
| Venezuela          | 560               | 540           | 520           | -20                  | -40               | 428               | 428           | 0                    | -92               |
| Vietnam            | 24,375            | 24,388        | 24,388        | 0                    | 13                | 24,300            | 24,300        | 0                    | -88               |
| Others             | 5,750             | 6,006         | 5,850         | -156                 | 100               | 6,047             | 6,145         | 98                   | 295               |
| World total        | 434,005           | 447,422       | 447,201       | -221                 | 13,196            | 440,278           | 440,815       | 537                  | -6,386            |

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 10--Global rice exporters, calendar years 2008-2010; monthly revisions and annual changes

|                   | 2008                             | 2009 1/       |               |                      |                   | 2010 1/                          |               |                      |                   |
|-------------------|----------------------------------|---------------|---------------|----------------------|-------------------|----------------------------------|---------------|----------------------|-------------------|
|                   | April<br>2010                    | March<br>2010 | April<br>2010 | Monthly<br>revisions | Annual<br>changes | March<br>2010                    | April<br>2010 | Monthly<br>revisions | Annual<br>changes |
|                   | 1,000 metric tons (milled basis) |               |               |                      |                   | 1,000 metric tons (milled basis) |               |                      |                   |
| Argentina         | 408                              | 600           | 594           | -6                   | 186               | 550                              | 550           | 0                    | -44               |
| Australia         | 48                               | 25            | 17            | -8                   | -31               | 40                               | 40            | 0                    | 23                |
| Brazil            | 511                              | 650           | 591           | -59                  | 80                | 300                              | 300           | 0                    | -291              |
| Burma             | 541                              | 1,052         | 1,052         | 0                    | 511               | 800                              | 600           | -200                 | -452              |
| Cambodia          | 500                              | 800           | 800           | 0                    | 300               | 800                              | 800           | 0                    | 0                 |
| China             | 969                              | 783           | 783           | 0                    | -186              | 850                              | 850           | 0                    | 67                |
| Ecuador           | 5                                | 10            | 37            | 27                   | 32                | 10                               | 50            | 40                   | 13                |
| Egypt             | 750                              | 500           | 500           | 0                    | -250              | 600                              | 600           | 0                    | 100               |
| European Union-27 | 157                              | 140           | 140           | 0                    | -17               | 135                              | 135           | 0                    | -5                |
| Guyana            | 210                              | 250           | 250           | 0                    | 40                | 220                              | 220           | 0                    | -30               |
| India             | 3,383                            | 2,000         | 2,000         | 0                    | -1,383            | 2,000                            | 2,000         | 0                    | 0                 |
| Japan             | 200                              | 200           | 200           | 0                    | 0                 | 200                              | 200           | 0                    | 0                 |
| Korea, South      | 0                                | 2             | 2             | 0                    | 2                 | 0                                | 0             | 0                    | -2                |
| Pakistan          | 3,000                            | 3,000         | 3,000         | 0                    | 0                 | 3,800                            | 3,300         | -500                 | 300               |
| Thailand          | 10,011                           | 8,570         | 8,570         | 0                    | -1,441            | 10,000                           | 10,000        | 0                    | 1,430             |
| Uganda            | 25                               | 20            | 20            | 0                    | -5                | 25                               | 25            | 0                    | 5                 |
| Uruguay           | 742                              | 926           | 926           | 0                    | 184               | 750                              | 800           | 50                   | -126              |
| Vietnam           | 4,649                            | 5,950         | 5,950         | 0                    | 1,301             | 5,750                            | 5,750         | 0                    | -200              |
| Other             | 359                              | 415           | 391           | -24                  | 32                | 441                              | 451           | 10                   | 60                |
| Subtotal          | 26,468                           | 25,893        | 25,823        | -70                  | -645              | 27,271                           | 26,671        | -600                 | 848               |
| United States     | 3,273                            | 2,950         | 2,950         | 0                    | -323              | 3,150                            | 3,300         | 150                  | 350               |
| U.S. Share        | 11.0%                            | 10.2%         | 10.3%         | --                   | --                | 10.4%                            | 11.0%         | --                   | --                |
| World total       | 29,741                           | 28,843        | 28,773        | -70                  | -968              | 30,421                           | 29,971        | -450                 | 1,198             |

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

1/ Projected.

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Table 11--Global rice importers, calendar years 2008-2010; monthly revisions and annual changes

|                      | 2008                      | 2009 1/       | 2009 1/       |                      |                   | 2010 1/       | 2010 1/       |                      |                   |
|----------------------|---------------------------|---------------|---------------|----------------------|-------------------|---------------|---------------|----------------------|-------------------|
|                      | April<br>2010             | March<br>2010 | April<br>2010 | Monthly<br>revisions | Annual<br>changes | March<br>2010 | April<br>2010 | Monthly<br>revisions | Annual<br>changes |
|                      | 1,000 tons (milled basis) |               |               |                      |                   |               |               |                      |                   |
| Bangladesh           | 1,658                     | 150           | 150           | 0                    | -1,508            | 500           | 500           | 0                    | 350               |
| Brazil               | 417                       | 630           | 648           | 18                   | 231               | 750           | 750           | 0                    | 102               |
| Cameroon             | 250                       | 300           | 300           | 0                    | 50                | 300           | 300           | 0                    | 0                 |
| Canada               | 365                       | 322           | 322           | 0                    | -43               | 340           | 340           | 0                    | 18                |
| China                | 295                       | 337           | 337           | 0                    | 42                | 300           | 300           | 0                    | -37               |
| Colombia             | 30                        | 111           | 111           | 0                    | 81                | 30            | 30            | 0                    | -81               |
| Costa Rica           | 85                        | 86            | 86            | 0                    | 1                 | 110           | 110           | 0                    | 24                |
| Cote d'Ivoire        | 800                       | 800           | 800           | 0                    | 0                 | 860           | 860           | 0                    | 60                |
| Cuba                 | 558                       | 457           | 457           | 0                    | -101              | 550           | 550           | 0                    | 93                |
| European Union       | 1,520                     | 1,350         | 1,350         | 0                    | -170              | 1,350         | 1,350         | 0                    | 0                 |
| Ghana                | 300                       | 350           | 400           | 50                   | 100               | 350           | 350           | 0                    | -50               |
| Guinea               | 175                       | 150           | 150           | 0                    | -25               | 330           | 330           | 0                    | 180               |
| Haiti                | 320                       | 300           | 300           | 0                    | -20               | 325           | 325           | 0                    | 25                |
| Honduras             | 111                       | 104           | 104           | 0                    | -7                | 115           | 115           | 0                    | 11                |
| Hong Kong            | 399                       | 395           | 395           | 0                    | -4                | 400           | 400           | 0                    | 5                 |
| Indonesia            | 350                       | 250           | 250           | 0                    | -100              | 250           | 250           | 0                    | 0                 |
| Iran                 | 1,550                     | 1,700         | 1,400         | -300                 | -150              | 1,700         | 1,400         | -300                 | 0                 |
| Iraq                 | 975                       | 1,000         | 1,078         | 78                   | 103               | 1,100         | 1,100         | 0                    | 22                |
| Japan                | 546                       | 750           | 750           | 0                    | 204               | 700           | 700           | 0                    | -50               |
| Jordan               | 135                       | 155           | 177           | 22                   | 42                | 140           | 140           | 0                    | -37               |
| Korea, North         | 30                        | 50            | 62            | 12                   | 32                | 50            | 50            | 0                    | -12               |
| Korea, South         | 282                       | 245           | 245           | 0                    | -37               | 300           | 300           | 0                    | 55                |
| Liberia              | 170                       | 150           | 200           | 50                   | 30                | 200           | 200           | 0                    | 0                 |
| Malaysia             | 1,039                     | 1,070         | 1,070         | 0                    | 31                | 1,020         | 1,020         | 0                    | -50               |
| Mexico               | 578                       | 610           | 610           | 0                    | 32                | 600           | 600           | 0                    | -10               |
| Mozambique           | 300                       | 350           | 350           | 0                    | 50                | 350           | 350           | 0                    | 0                 |
| Nicaragua            | 100                       | 85            | 85            | 0                    | -15               | 103           | 103           | 0                    | 18                |
| Nigeria              | 1,800                     | 2,000         | 2,000         | 0                    | 200               | 1,800         | 1,800         | 0                    | -200              |
| Philippines          | 2,500                     | 2,000         | 2,000         | 0                    | -500              | 3,000         | 2,600         | -400                 | 600               |
| Russia               | 237                       | 200           | 200           | 0                    | -37               | 165           | 165           | 0                    | -35               |
| Saudi Arabia         | 1,166                     | 1,049         | 1,049         | 0                    | -117              | 1,100         | 1,100         | 0                    | 51                |
| Senegal              | 860                       | 715           | 715           | 0                    | -145              | 700           | 700           | 0                    | -15               |
| Singapore            | 320                       | 300           | 300           | 0                    | -20               | 350           | 350           | 0                    | 50                |
| South Africa         | 650                       | 745           | 745           | 0                    | 95                | 800           | 800           | 0                    | 55                |
| Syria                | 230                       | 300           | 300           | 0                    | 70                | 310           | 350           | 40                   | 50                |
| Taiwan               | 60                        | 73            | 73            | 0                    | 13                | 126           | 126           | 0                    | 53                |
| Turkey               | 195                       | 200           | 200           | 0                    | 5                 | 200           | 200           | 0                    | 0                 |
| United Arab Emirates | 300                       | 300           | 300           | 0                    | 0                 | 300           | 300           | 0                    | 0                 |
| United States        | 651                       | 682           | 682           | 0                    | 31                | 735           | 735           | 0                    | 53                |
| Venezuela            | 314                       | 190           | 190           | 0                    | -124              | 300           | 300           | 0                    | 110               |
| Vietnam              | 300                       | 500           | 500           | 0                    | 200               | 500           | 500           | 0                    | 0                 |
| Yemen                | 315                       | 325           | 325           | 0                    | 10                | 325           | 325           | 0                    | 0                 |
| Subtotal             | 23,236                    | 21,836        | 21,766        | -70                  | -1,470            | 23,834        | 23,174        | -660                 | 1,408             |
| Other countries 2/   | 6,505                     | 7,007         | 7,007         | 0                    | 502               | 6,587         | 6,797         | 210                  | -210              |
| World total          | 29,741                    | 28,843        | 28,773        | -70                  | -968              | 30,421        | 29,971        | -450                 | 1,198             |

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1/ Projected. 2/ Includes unaccounted imports (imports not assigned a particular market).

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