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# Rice Outlook

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## U.S. 2010/11 Rice Production Estimated at 243.1 Million Cwt

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There were several supply side revisions this month to the 2010/11 U.S. rice balance sheet. First, the U.S. rice crop was revised up 0.6 percent to a record 243.1 million cwt due to a higher yield. Long-grain accounted for all of the upward revision. Second, the 2010/11 import forecast was lowered 1.5 million cwt to 18.0 million cwt, the third consecutive year of decline and the lowest imports since 2005/06. On balance, these two revisions virtually offset each other, leaving total supply forecast a record 297.8 million cwt.

Data from the January 2011 NASS *Rice Stocks* report indicate total U.S. rice stocks on December 1, 2010, were 182.2 million cwt (rough-basis of both milled and rough-rice stocks), up almost 11 percent from a year earlier and the highest on record. Long-grain accounted for all of the increase. Stocks on December 1, 2010, are estimated higher in all reported States except California and Texas.

On the use side, U.S. 2010/11 exports were lowered 2.0 million cwt to 117.0 million cwt. Long-grain accounts for all of the downward revision. While total domestic and residual use remains forecast at 129.0 million cwt, there was a 2.0-million cwt shift from medium/short-grain to lower priced long-grain. These revisions resulted in a 2.0 million cwt increase in the ending stocks forecast to 51.8 million cwt, the highest since 1985/86. The long-grain season-average price (SAFP) remains projected at \$10.50-\$11.50 per cwt. The medium/short-grain SAFP was raised 20 cents on both ends to \$17.00-\$18.00 per cwt.

The 2010/11 global rice production forecast was lowered slightly this month to 452.4 million tons (milled basis), still almost 3 percent larger than a year earlier and the highest on record. Production forecasts were lowered for Bolivia, Colombia, and Egypt but raised for Brazil, Nicaragua, Sri Lanka, the United States, and Vietnam. The global ending stocks forecast for 2010/11 was reduced nearly 400,000 tons this month to 94.4 million tons, down less than 1 percent from 2009/10 ending stocks.

Global rice trade for 2011 is estimated at 30.3 million tons, up slightly from last month, but down nearly half a percent from 2010. Export forecasts were raised for Thailand and Turkey, but lowered for Egypt and the United States. Import forecasts were raised for Indonesia and Turkey, but lowered for Egypt, Thailand, and the United States.

Trading prices for Thailand's high- and medium-quality grades of non-specialty rice have decreased from 3 to 6 percent from the first week of December. The release of government-held intervention stocks, as well as a weaker Thai baht, were behind the decline in quoted prices. Vietnam's price quotes have softened slightly in recent weeks as well. Price quotes for U.S. long-grain milled rice have fallen slightly over the past month, with large domestic supplies reducing some of the effects of historically low milling rates. Prices for California rice have remained strong over the past month, with global supplies tight and import demand strong.

## Domestic Outlook

### *U.S. 2010/11 Rice Production Estimated at 243.1 Million Cwt*

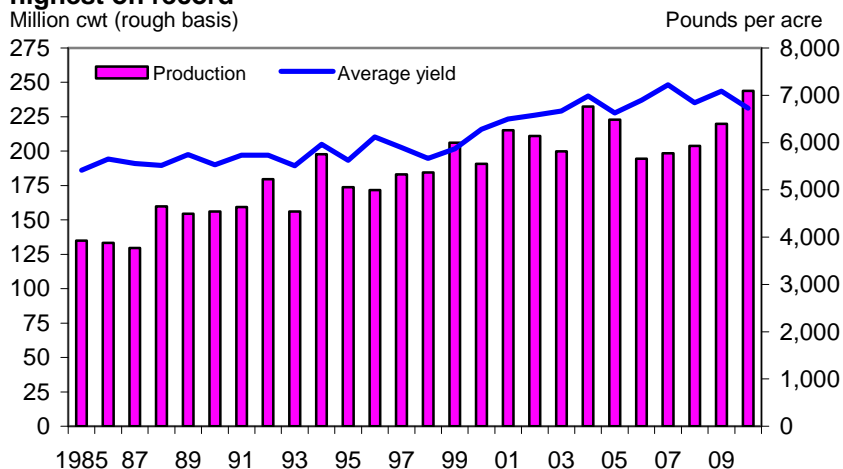
The 2010/11 U.S. rice crop is estimated at 243.1 million cwt, up 0.6 percent from the previous forecast and almost 11 percent larger than a year earlier. The crop is the largest on record. This month's upward revision is based on a higher yield. At 6,725 pounds per acre, the average field yield is 56 pounds above the previous forecast, but still 360 pounds below a year earlier. This is the lowest average U.S. field yield since 2005/06. This year's low yield is primarily due to an extremely hot summer in much of the South and to delayed plantings, a cool summer, and a rainy fall in California. Harvested area is estimated at 3.62 million acres, down 8,000 acres from the previous forecast, but still 16.5 percent above a year earlier and the second highest on record.

Long-grain accounts for all of the upward revision in the U.S. production estimate this month. The U.S. long-grain crop is estimated at 183.3 million cwt, up 1 percent from the previous forecast and 20 percent above a year earlier. This is the largest long-grain crop on record. The bumper crop is the result of a 25-percent increase in harvested area to a record 2.83 million acres. In contrast, the long-grain average yield of 6,486 pounds per acre is 4 percent below last year and the lowest since 2005/06.

U.S. medium/short-grain production is estimated at 59.8 million cwt, down 0.5 percent from the previous forecast and 11 percent below a year earlier. The year-to-year decline is due to both reduced plantings and a weaker yield. Combined medium/short-grain harvested area is estimated at 789,000 acres, down 6 percent from a year earlier. The South accounts for almost all of the decline in U.S. medium/short-grain area.

Figure 1

#### **Despite a lower yield, U.S. rice production in 2010/11 was the highest on record**

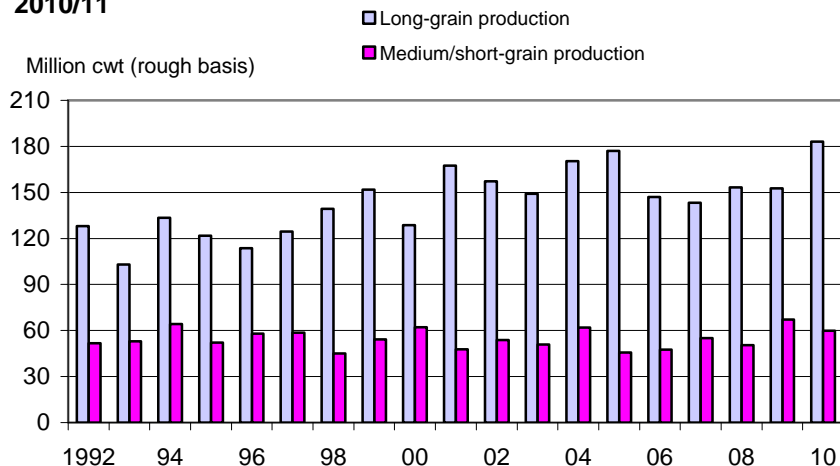


Sources: 1985-2009 estimates, USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service--Quick Stats, U.S. & All States Data--Crops.

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Figure 2

**Long-grain accounts for all of the U.S. production increase in 2010/11**



Sources: 1992-2009 estimates, USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service, *Quick Stats*, U.S. & All States Data--Crops. [http://www.nass.usda.gov/Data\\_and\\_Statistics/Quick\\_Stats/index.asp](http://www.nass.usda.gov/Data_and_Statistics/Quick_Stats/index.asp). 2010 forecasts, *World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates*, World Agricultural Outlook Board, USDA.

The medium/short-grain average yield of 7,580 pounds per acre is 5 percent below a year earlier and the smallest since 2006/07. California typically produces more than two-thirds of the U.S. medium/short-grain rice crop.

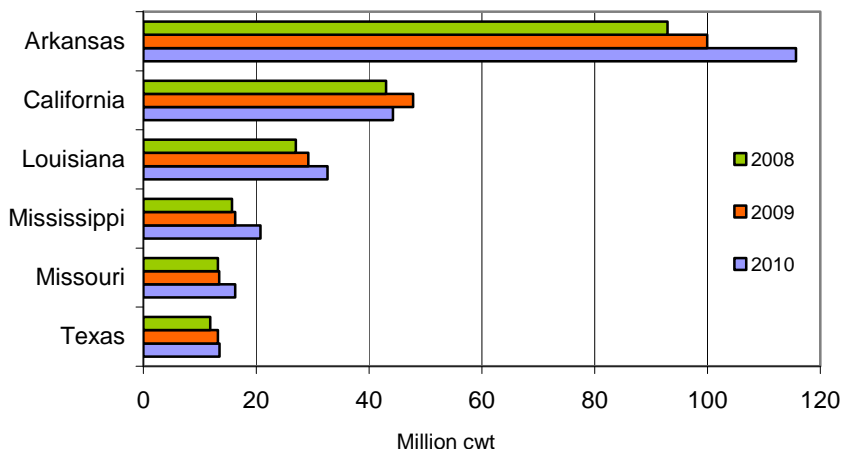
By State, 2010/11 area estimates were lowered this month for California and Mississippi, but raised for Louisiana. Yield estimates were raised for Arkansas, Mississippi, Missouri, and Texas, but lowered for California and Louisiana. On balance, these revisions resulted in upward revisions in 2010/11 crop estimates for Arkansas, Mississippi, Missouri, and Texas, but downward revisions for California and Louisiana.

***Rice Production Estimated Higher in 2010/11 in All Reported States Except California***

Harvested area is estimated larger in 2010/11 in all reported States except California, with harvested area record-high in Arkansas and Missouri. In Arkansas, harvested area of 1.79 million acres is up more than 21 percent from a year earlier and accounts for almost 62 percent of the 2010/11 increase in U.S. harvested area of 512,000 acres. Long-grain accounts for all of the Arkansas area increase this year; medium-grain harvested area declined 13 percent. Louisiana growers increased total harvested area more than 15 percent to 535,000 acres, with long-grain accounting for all of the increase. Medium-grain harvested area was down 26 percent in Louisiana. Harvested area in Mississippi is estimated at 303,000 acres, up almost 25 percent from a year earlier. In Missouri, growers expanded harvested rice acreage almost 26 percent to 251,000 acres. Long-grain accounts for all of the area increase in both States. Texas producers expanded harvested area almost 11 percent to 188,000 acres, also all long-grain. In contrast, harvested area in California declined 3,000 acres to 553,000 acres.

Figure 3

**Arkansas and Missouri harvested record crops in 2010/11**



These six States account for more than 99 percent of U.S. production.  
 Source: *Crop Production 2010 Summary*, January 12, 2011, National Agricultural Statistics Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Yields are projected lower in 2010/11 in all reported States except Mississippi. The Arkansas average yield is forecast at 6,480 pounds per acres, a decline of 320 pounds from last year. At 6,480 pounds per acre, the average yield in Missouri is 230 pounds below last year. Louisiana’s 2010/11 yield is estimated at 6,100 pounds per acre, down 200 pounds from last year. Much of the southern rice area experienced an extremely hot summer, with little cooling off at night. Without a substantial difference between day and night temperatures, high yields are difficult to achieve. The Texas yield of 7,160 pounds per acre is 610 pounds below the year-earlier record. Texas growers experienced extremely hot weather early in the season, followed by rain during pollination in many areas. California’s yield is projected at 8,020 pounds per acre, 580 pounds below last year’s record. A cool, wet spring delayed plantings in California, the summer was abnormally cool, and there were substantial rains in October. In contrast, Mississippi’s yields increased 150 pounds per acre to 6,850 pounds.

In 2010/11, production expanded in all reported States except California, with record crops harvested in Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Missouri. At 115.7 million cwt, Arkansas rice production is 16 percent larger than the previous year, a result of expanded plantings. Louisiana’s production is estimated at 32.6 million cwt, up almost 12 percent, due to expanded plantings. Mississippi’s crop of 20.8 million cwt is 27.5 percent larger than last year, a result of both larger plantings and a higher yield. For Missouri, production is estimated at 16.3 million cwt, an increase of 21 percent from a year earlier, a result of record area. The Texas rice crop is estimated at 13.5 million cwt, up 2 percent from last year, as expanded area offset a much weaker yield. In contrast, at 44.3 million cwt, California’s production is 7 percent smaller than last year, mostly due to a much weaker yield.

## U.S. 2010/11 Total Rice Supplies Are the Highest on Record

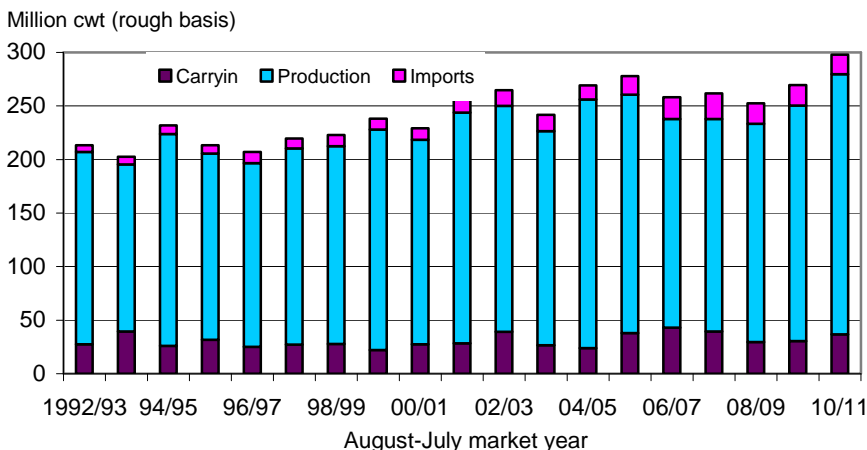
Total U.S. rice supplies in 2010/11 are projected at 297.8 million cwt, virtually unchanged from month's forecast, but almost 11 percent larger than a year earlier and the highest on record. In 2010/11, a larger crop and bigger carryin more than offset weaker imports. By class, long-grain accounts for all of the year-to-year increase in total supplies. Long-grain supplies are forecast at a record 221.9 million cwt, up fractionally from last month's forecast and 17 percent larger than a year earlier. Combined medium/short-grain total supplies are forecast at 74.4 million cwt, down fractionally from last month's forecast and more than 5 percent below a year earlier.

Beginning stocks of all-rice remain estimated at 36.7 million cwt, 20 percent larger than a year earlier. The 2010/11 long-grain carryin remains estimated at 23.2 million cwt, up 15 percent from a year earlier. The medium/short-grain carryin remains estimated at 12.1 million cwt, 50 percent larger than last year and the highest since 2005/06.

Total imports for 2010/11 are forecast at 18.0 million cwt, down 1.5 million cwt from last month's forecast and 5 percent below a year earlier. These are the lowest imports since 2005/06 and this is the third consecutive year of a decline in imports. Long-grain imports are projected at 15.5 million cwt, down 1.5 million from last month and 6 percent below a year earlier. The downward revision is based on shipment data from the U.S. Census through October indicating weaker-than-expected shipments from Thailand and India. Thailand supplies the bulk of U.S. long-grain imports, with its premium jasmine rice accounting for nearly all of its shipments to the United States. Imports of Thai rice have declined in recent years.

Figure 4

### Total U.S. rice supplies in 2010/11 are the highest on record



2010/11 is a forecasts.

Sources: 1992/93-2007/08, *2010 Rice Yearbook*, Economic Research Service, USDA;  
2008/09-2010/11, *World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates*,  
<http://www.usda.gov/oce/commodity/wasde/index.htm>.

Basmati rice from India and Pakistan accounts for most of the remaining U.S. long-grain rice imports. Medium/short-grain imports remain projected at 2.5 million cwt, slightly below last year and well below the 2006/07 record of 6.3 million.

Data from the January 2011 NASS *Rice Stocks* report indicate total U.S. rice stocks on December 1, 2010, at 182.2 million (rough basis of both milled and rough-rice stocks), up 11 percent from a year earlier and the highest on record. Long-grain stocks on December 1 are calculated at 126.9 million cwt, up 19 percent from a year earlier and also a record high. The December 1 combined medium/short-grain stocks are calculated at 52.7 million cwt, down 5 percent from a year earlier.

Stocks on December 1, 2010, are estimated higher in all reported States except California and Texas. At 86.9 million cwt, rice stocks in Arkansas were up nearly 14 percent from a year earlier. Louisiana's rice stocks of 20.6 million cwt were almost 18 percent above a year earlier. In Missouri, rice stocks were estimated at 10.2 million cwt, an increase of 37 percent from a year earlier. Mississippi's December 1 stocks of 8.7 million cwt were up 30 percent from a year earlier. In contrast, rice stocks in California on December 1, 2010, are calculated at 42.4 million, a decline of 7 percent from December 1, 2009. Texas' rice stocks of 9.6 million cwt were 11 percent below a year earlier. U.S. stocks of brokens—not reported by class—are calculated at 2.662 million cwt, down 12 percent from December 1, 2009.

### ***U.S. 2010/11 Medium/Short-Grain Export Forecast Raised 2.0 Million Cwt to a Record 38.0 Million Cwt***

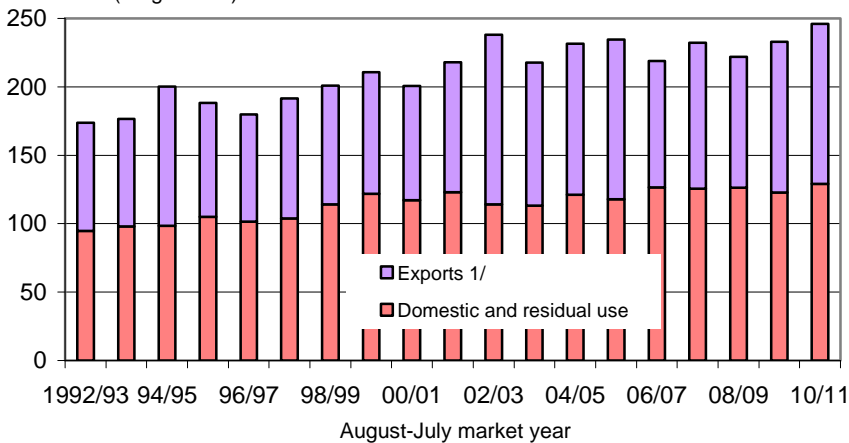
Total use of U.S. rice in 2010/11 is projected at 246.0 million cwt, down 2.0 million from last month's forecast, but still almost 6 percent above a year earlier and the highest on record. By class, long-grain accounts for all of this month's downward revision in total use. At 180.0 million cwt, long-grain total use is down 2.0 million cwt from last month's forecast, but 8 percent larger than a year earlier and the highest on record. Medium/short-grain total use remains forecast at 66.0 million cwt, almost 1 percent below a year earlier.

Total domestic and residual use of all-rice remains projected at a record 129.0 million cwt for 2010/11, more than 5 percent above a year earlier. Part of the year-to-year increase is due to the historically low 2010/11 milling rate. By class, long-grain domestic disappearance is projected at a record 101.0 million cwt, up 2.0 million cwt from last month's forecast and 11 percent above a year earlier. Combined medium/short-grain domestic disappearance is projected at 28.0 million cwt, down 2.0 million cwt from last month and 12 percent below 2009/10. This month's revisions in domestic use by class were largely based on analysis of the August-November implied use that was derived from the December 1 stocks estimates by class. The year-to-year decline in medium/short-grain domestic disappearance is based on expectations some switching by processors from medium/short-grain rice to lower priced long-grain rice.

Figure 5

**Total use of rice is projected to be the highest on record in 2010/11**

Million cwt (rough basis)



2010/11 is a forecast. 1/ Total of milled, brown, and rough-rice exports on a rough-basis.

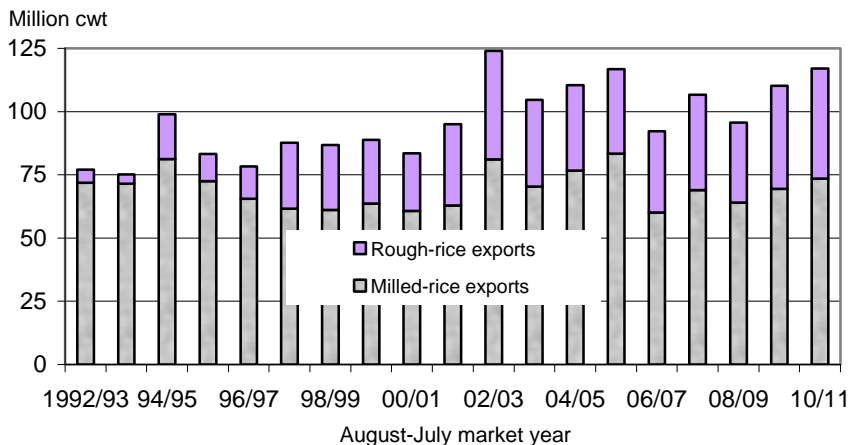
Sources: 1992/93-2008/09, *2010 Rice Yearbook Data Set*, ERS/USDA; 2008/09-2010/11, *World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates*, World Agricultural Outlook Board, USDA.

Total exports of U.S. rice in 2010/11 are projected at 117.0 million cwt, down 2.0 million cwt from last month, but still 6 percent larger than a year earlier. By type, U.S. rough-rice exports are projected at 43.5 million cwt, down 1.5 million from last month's forecast, but almost 7 percent above a year earlier and the highest on record. This month's downward revision is based on weaker-than-expected sales to Mexico and Central America. Latin America accounts for the bulk of U.S. rough-rice exports. U.S. milled rice exports (combined milled and brown rice exports on a rough basis) are projected at 73.5 million cwt, 0.5 million cwt below last month's forecast, but still 6 percent above a year earlier. The slight downward revision was largely based on weaker shipments to Western Hemisphere markets. Africa, especially North Africa, accounts for much of the expected year-to-year increase in U.S. milled rice exports in 2010/11.

By class, U.S. long-grain exports are projected at 79.0 million cwt, down 4.0 million cwt from last month, but still 5 percent larger than a year earlier. The downward revision was largely based on weaker-than-expected sales to key Western Hemisphere markets. On an annual basis, Sub-Saharan Africa accounts for most of the expected increase in U.S. long-grain exports in 2010/11. Combined medium/short-grain exports are projected at a record 38.0 million cwt, up 2.0 million cwt from last month and 9 percent larger than a year earlier. The upward revision was largely based on recent sales to North Africa. Through December 30, Libya has purchased about 118,000 tons of U.S. medium/short-grain rice, all milled. This market had previously been supplied primarily by Egypt. In addition, expanded shipments of medium/short-grain rice from Australia, due to a forecast sharp production increase, are not expected until late in the 2010/11 market year.

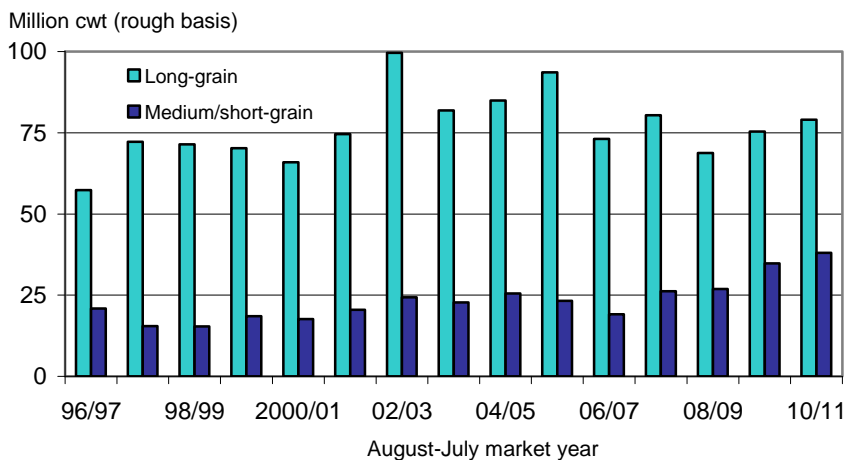


Figure 6  
**U.S. rough-rice exports are projected to be record high in 2010/11 1/**



2010/11 is a forecast. 1/ Total of milled, brown, and rough-rice exports on a rough basis.  
 Sources: 1992/93-2007/08, *2010 Rice Yearbook Data Set*, Economic Research Service/USDA; 2008/09-2010/11, *World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates*, <http://www.usda.gov/oce/commodity/wasde/index.htm>.

Figure 7  
**U.S. medium/short-grain exports are projected to be the highest on record in 2010/11 1/**



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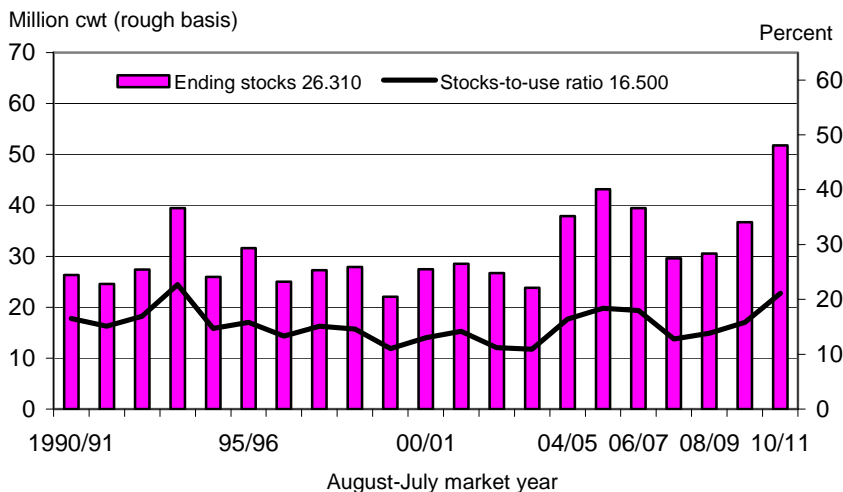
***U.S. 2010/11 Ending Stocks Are Forecast To Be the Highest Since 1985/86***

U.S. ending stocks in 2010/11 are projected at 51.8 million cwt, up 2.0 million cwt from last month's forecast and 41 percent above a year earlier. These are the largest ending stocks since 1985/86. The stocks-to-use ratio is calculated at 21.1 percent, up 1 percentage point from last month's estimate and well above the 15.8 percent in 2009/10.

By class, the 2010/11 long-grain carryout was raised 2.3 million cwt to 41.9 million cwt, 81 percent larger than a year earlier and the highest since 1985/86. The long-grain stocks-to-use ratio is calculated at 23.3 percent, up 1.5 percentage point from last month and the highest since 1985/86.

The medium/short-grain carryout was lowered 300,000 cwt to 8.4 million cwt, 31 percent below a year earlier. The medium/short-grain stocks-to-use ratio is calculated at 12.7 percent, well below the 2009/10 ratio of 18.1 percent and the lowest since at least 1982/83 when USDA first reported supply and use estimates by class. The medium/short-grain stocks-to-use situation indicates upward price pressure for the remainder of the 2010/11 market year. Stocks of broken, included in the total stocks estimate, are not reported by class.

Figure 8  
**U.S. ending stocks are projected to increase 41 percent in 2010/11**



2010/11 is a forecast.

Sources: 1989/90-2007/08, *2010 Rice Yearbook Data Set*, Economic Research Service, USDA; 2008/09-2010/11, *World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates*, World Agricultural Outlook Board, USDA.

***U.S. Medium/Short-grain Season-Average Farm Price Forecast Raised to \$17.00-\$18.00 per Cwt***

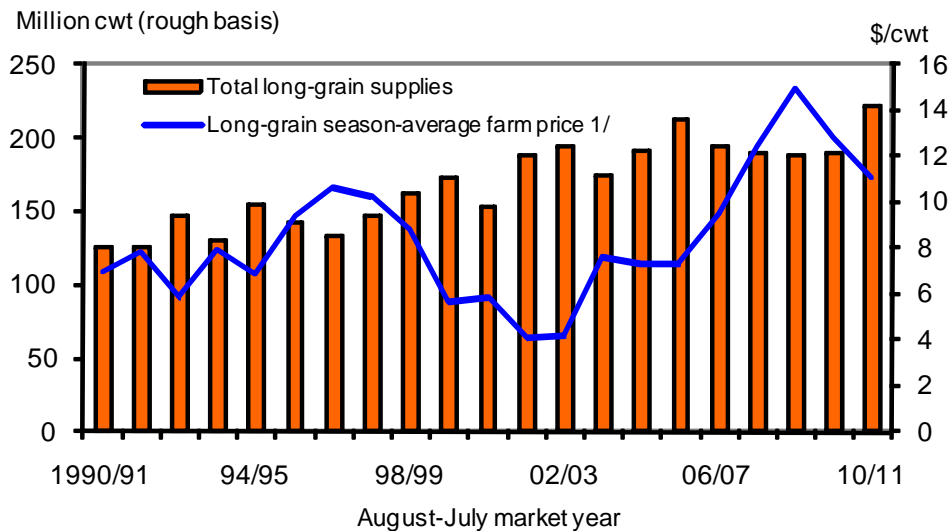
The 2010/11 season-average farm price (SAFP) for U.S. long-grain rice remains projected at \$10.50-\$11.50 per cwt, down from \$12.80 in 2009/10. The projected decline in U.S. long-grain prices in 2010/11 is primarily based on record U.S. supplies, quality concerns regarding rice harvested in the U.S. Delta, and expectations that global prices will decline later in the market year.

The combined medium/short-grain 2010/11 U.S. SAFP is projected at \$17.00-\$18.00 per cwt, up 20 cents on both the high and low end from last month. The upward revision is based on NASS-reported monthly prices through mid-December and expectations regarding prices the remainder of the market year. The 2010/11 medium/short-grain SAFP is little changed from the 2009/10 SAFP of \$17.70. U.S. medium/short-grain prices are being supported by tight supplies in both the U.S. and world markets and by little competition in the global export market. The U.S. is currently the largest exporter of medium/short-grain rice. Supplies from Australia's 2010/11 crop will not be available for export until late spring 2011, and the Government of Egypt continues to restrict rice exports.

Last month, NASS reported a mid-December 2010 cash price for long-grain rice of \$11.10 per cwt, up 60 cents from the revised November price. The November price was raised 10 cents from the preliminary estimate to \$10.50 per cwt. For medium/short-grain rice, the mid-December NASS price was reported at \$17.30 per cwt, up \$1.20 from the revised November price. The November medium/short-grain rough-rice cash price was lowered \$1.00 per cwt from the mid-month estimate to \$16.10 per cwt.

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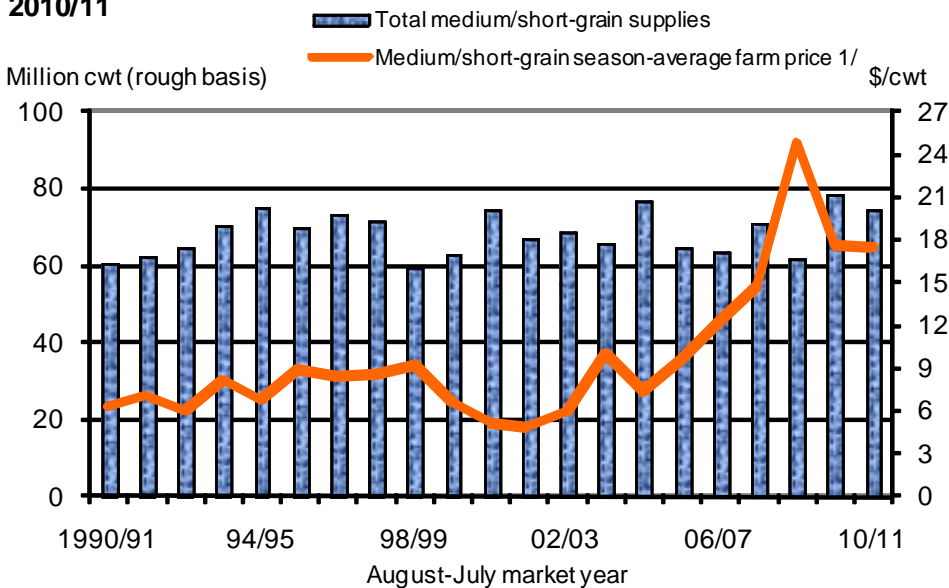
**With record supplies, U.S. long-grain prices are projected to decline in 2010/11**



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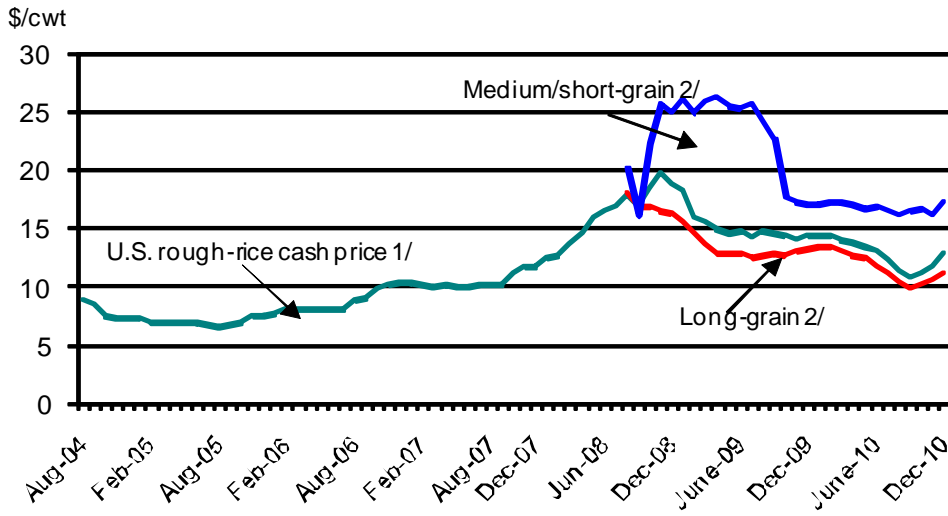
Figure 10

**U.S. medium/short-grain prices are projected to remain strong in 2010/11**



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Figure 11  
**U.S. long-grain rough-rice prices have increased since October**



December 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.fsa.usda.gov/public/cotton/default.htm>.

### ***Global Production Forecast at a Record 452.4 Million Tons in 2010/11***

Global rice production in 2010/11 is forecast at a record 452.4 million tons (milled basis), down slightly from last month's forecast, but still almost 3 percent larger than a year earlier.

Production changes for this month were mostly offsetting. Sri Lanka's 2010/11 production estimate was raised 206,000 tons this month to a record 2.8 million tons based on a Government of Sri Lanka report indicating a record yala crop. All of the increase in production was due to increased area, as the cessation of hostilities in that country has allowed farmers to expand rice plantings. Vietnam's projected 2010/11 production estimate was raised by 163,000 tons this month to a near-record 24.98 million tons based on projections of a much larger winter crop by the U.S. Agricultural Counselor in Ho Chi Minh City.

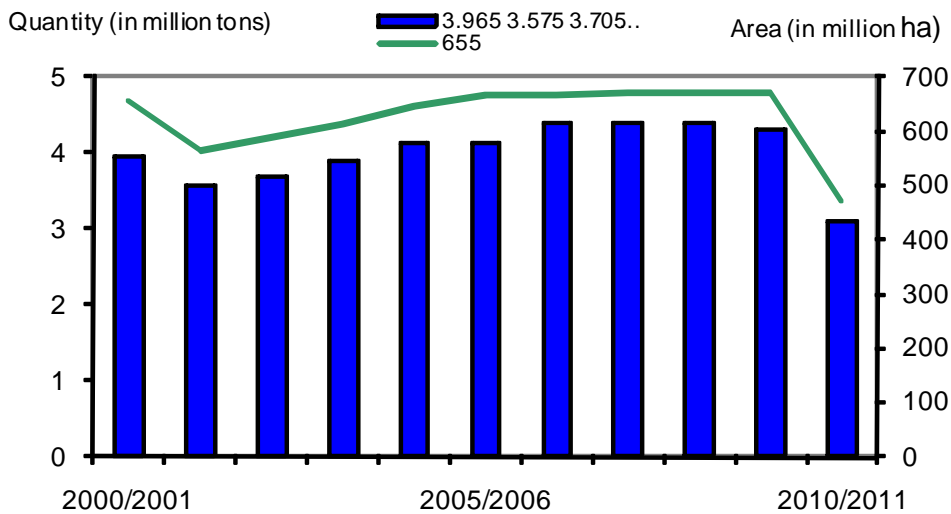
Nicaragua's 2010/11 production estimate was raised 58,000 tons to a record 253,000 tons based on the expectation of continued production increases after a strong 2009/10 crop. Additionally, heavy rains have been highly beneficial for rice. Reservoir levels are high, which should allow farmers to plant an additional third crop instead of the usual two. Brazil's production estimate was increased 50,000 tons to 8.45 million tons based on the latest projections from the Government of Brazil. The U.S. crop was raised 40,000 tons to a record 7.44 million tons based on a higher yield estimate reported by NASS. Finally, Russia's production estimate was raised 20,000 tons to 690,000 tons based on a higher crop yield reported by the Russian Government.

These increases were more than offset by several projected crop reductions, the largest of which was for Egypt. Egypt's 2010/11 production is estimated at 3.1 million tons, down 488,000 tons from last month and 1.2 million tons below a year earlier. Strict enforcement of water usage restrictions by the Government of Egypt has reduced rice area by 30 percent over the previous year to 470,000 hectares. The enforcement of these restrictions will have repercussions for the global medium/short-grain rice market, as Egypt had been one of the world's major exporters of this class of rice.

Two smaller reductions were made within South America. Colombia's 2010/11 production estimate was reduced 66,000 tons to 1.27 million tons. Serious flooding has affected rice production there, with the U.S. Agricultural Counselor in Bogota estimating that 20,000 hectares have been lost. Bolivia's 2010/11 production estimate was cut this month by 37,000 tons to 252,000 tons based on information from the Government of Bolivia.

Global production for 2009/10 was reduced by 290,000 tons this month to 440.9 million tons. This reduction was primarily due to a large adjustment in Indonesia's 2009/10 production estimate, down 730,000 tons to 36.4 million tons based on the recommendation of the U.S. Agricultural Counselor in Jakarta.

Figure 12  
**Egypt's rice production declined 28 percent in 2010/11**



1/ Milled basis. 2010/11 estimated.

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

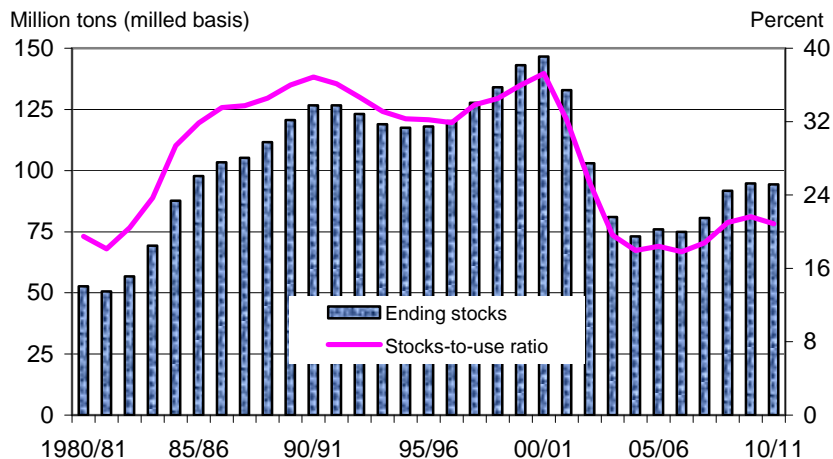
Last month's estimate had already mostly taken into account how the prolonged rainy season had directly affected paddy production by both delaying plantings of the crop and increasing pest pressures. However, the high moisture also greatly affected the quality of the crop, resulting in a high broken content, chalky rice, and empty husks. This lower quality crop reduced the milling rate to an estimated 63.5 percent, down from 64.5 percent a month ago.

This reduction was partially offset by several increases. First, Vietnam's 2009/10 production estimate was raised 290,000 tons to a record 30.0 million tons based on a much larger winter crop than previously forecast. Egypt's production was raised 140,000 tons to 4.3 million tons on information from the U.S. Agricultural Counselor in Cairo. Lastly, Nicaragua's production was raised 14,000 tons to 230,000 tons.

The global disappearance forecast for 2010/11 was reduced this month by 200,000 tons to 452.8 million tons – still the highest on record. Reductions for Colombia, Egypt, and Turkey were partially offset by increases for Jamaica, Russia, and Sri Lanka. The global ending stocks forecast for 2010/11 was reduced nearly 400,000 tons this month to 94.4 million tons, down less than 1 percent from 2009/10 ending stocks. Increased ending stocks for Brazil, Nicaragua, the United States, and Vietnam were more than offset by reductions for Guyana, Indonesia, and Thailand. The global stocks-to-use ratio declined slightly this month to 20.8 percent and remains below the 2009/10 ratio of 21.6 percent.

Figure 13

**Global ending stocks are projected to fall slightly in 2010/11**



2010/11 is a forecast.

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

***Global Rice Trade in 2011 Is Forecast To Be Virtually Unchanged at 30.3 Million Tons***

Global rice trade for 2011 is estimated at 30.3 million tons, up slightly from last month, but down nearly half-a-percent from 2010.

Thailand’s 2011 export forecast was raised 300,000 tons to a near-record 10.0 million tons based on the recommendation of the U.S. Agricultural Counselor in Bangkok. Indonesia purchased large amounts of rice from Thailand late in 2010, and some of those purchases are expected to ship early in 2011. Turkey’s export forecast was raised 35,000 tons to 50,000 tons this month based on the recommendation of the U.S. Agricultural Counselor in Ankara.

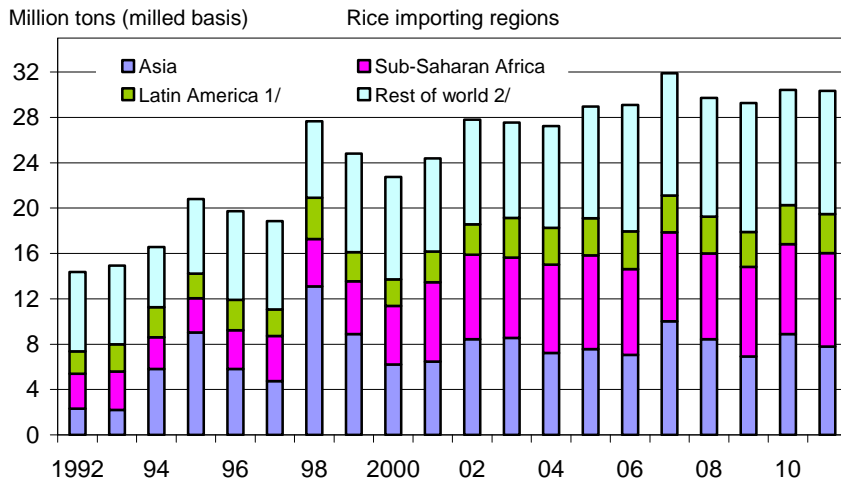
These increases were mostly offset by two reductions. The largest of these was for Egypt, whose 2011 export forecast was reduced 265,000 tons to just 35,000 tons on the recommendation of the U.S. Agricultural Counselor in Cairo. Egypt’s 2010/11 production estimate was significantly reduced this year due to stricter enforcement of water restrictions by the Egyptian Government. Additionally, export restrictions remain in effect. Last, the U.S. 2011 export forecast was reduced by 25,000 tons to 3.53 million tons on the basis of a slowing export pace late in 2010, largely due to uncompetitive prices for U.S. long-grain.

Several substantial revisions were also made for importers this month. Indonesia’s 2011 import forecast was raised 300,000 tons to 950,000 tons based on the recommendation of the U.S. Agricultural Counselor in Jakarta. Indonesia’s



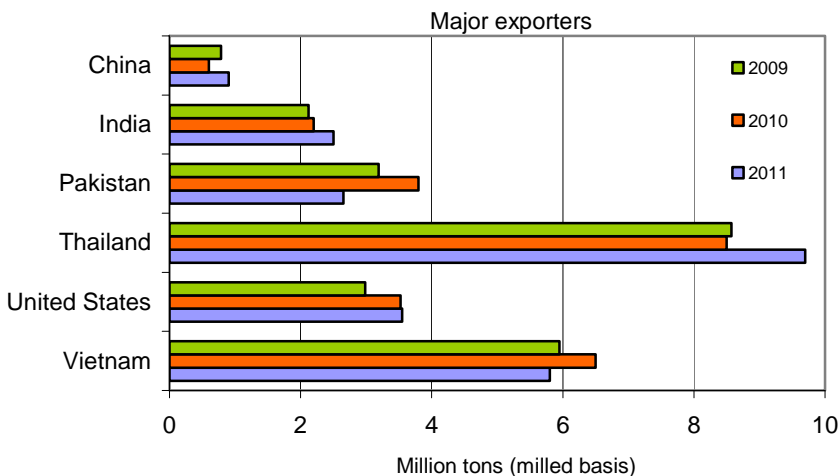
2009/10 production estimate was reduced this month based largely on a reduced milling rate, resulting in lower domestic supplies of milled rice and necessitating higher imports in order to satisfy domestic consumption.

Figure 14  
**Asia is projected to import less rice in 2011**



2010 are estimates. 2011 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>.

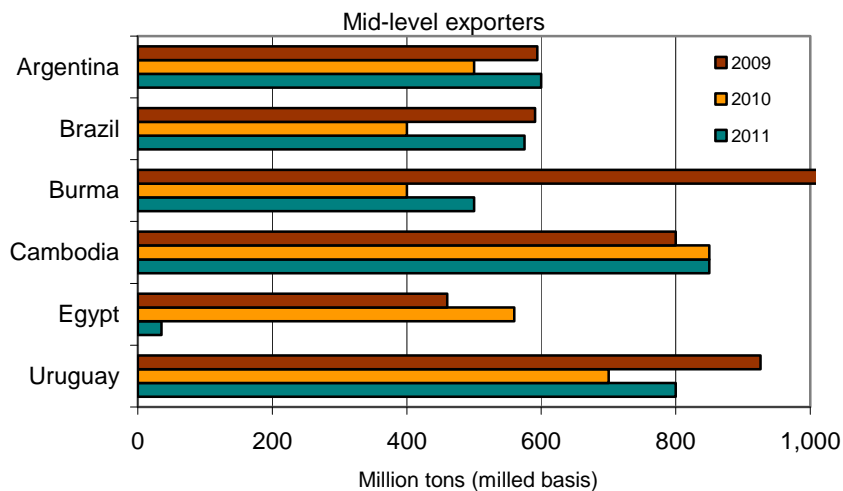
Figure 15  
**Vietnam and Pakistan are projected to export less rice in 2011**



2010 are estimates. 2011 forecasts. These 6 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 16

**Egypt's rice exports are projected to sharply decline in 2011**



2010 are estimates. 2011 are forecasts.

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

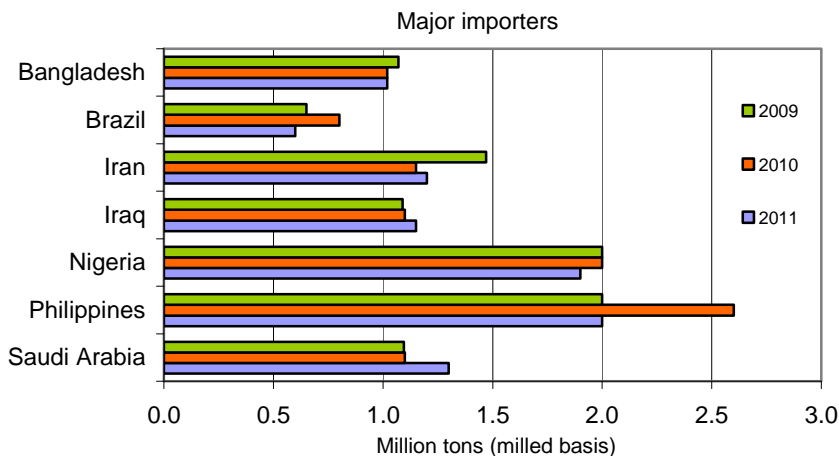
Turkey's imports were raised by 100,000 tons this month to 400,000 tons based on the recommendation of the U.S. Agricultural Counselor in Ankara. Though Turkey is expected to harvest a record crop in 2010/11, the country's import level remains high. Colombia's projected 2011 imports were increased 50,000 tons this month to 150,000 tons, based on production losses in that country's 2010/11 crop due to severe flooding. Smaller import increases were made for Jamaica and Bolivia.

These increases were partially offset by reductions for several other import markets. Egypt's projected 2011 imports were reduced by 135,000 tons to just 15,000 tons. The U.S. Agricultural Counselor in Cairo reports that production in 2010/11 is expected to cover domestic consumption needs, and with exports likely to be prohibited, traders are expected to fulfill their traditional market contracts by directly shipping from third-party countries instead of first passing through Egypt. Elsewhere, Thailand's import forecast was reduced 50,000 tons to 300,000 tons based on the recommendation of the U.S. Agricultural Counselor in Bangkok. Lastly, the U.S. import forecast for 2011 was reduced 40,000 tons to 625,000 tons based on the slower pace of imports in 2010 and abundant domestic supplies.

Trade for calendar year 2010 was raised 0.5 million tons this month to 30.4 million tons, due principally to large end-of-year shipments from the world's top two rice exporters – Thailand and Vietnam. Thailand's 2010 export estimate was increased 300,000 tons this month to 8.8 million tons, mostly due to large shipments to Indonesia and Sub-Saharan Africa in the final weeks of the year. Vietnam's export estimate was raised 234,000 tons to 6.7 million tons based on final export data reported by the U.S. Agricultural Counselor in Ho Chi Minh City. Smaller export estimate increases were made for Guyana, Kazakhstan, and Turkey.

Figure 17

**The Philippines and Brazil are projected to import less rice in 2011**



2010 are estimates. 2011 are forecasts. These 7 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>.

These increases were slightly offset by two small reductions. Egypt’s 2010 export estimate was reduced 40,000 tons to 560,000 tons based on information from the U.S. Agricultural Counselor in Cairo. The U.S. export estimate was reduced 25,000 tons to 3.5 million tons on a slower-than-expected shipment pace. The U.S. revision was based on Census shipments data through October and shipment data from the weekly *U.S. Export Sales* report for December.

On the importer side, the largest adjustment for 2010 was a 350,000-ton increase in Indonesia’s import estimate to 1.15 million tons. Indonesia made several large purchases late in 2010 in order to cover a shortfall in domestic production. Nigeria’s imports were raised by 300,000 tons to 2.0 million tons – unchanged from the record imports of 2009 – based on increased imports from Thailand. Smaller import revisions were made for Colombia, Egypt, Jamaica, Nepal, Russia, Turkey, and the United States.

***Global Trading Prices Decline on Thailand’s Intervention Stock Release***

Trading prices for Thailand’s high- and medium-quality grades of non-specialty rice have decreased from 3 to 6 percent from the first week of December. The release of government-held intervention stocks, as well as a weaker Thai baht, were behind the decline in quoted prices.

Prices for Thailand's high-quality, 100-percent Grade B (fob vessel, Bangkok) milled rice for export were quoted at \$529 per ton for the week ending January 10, down 5 percent from the week ending December 7. Prices for Thailand’s 5-percent broken were quoted at \$512 per ton for the week ending January 10, down 4 percent from the week ending December 7. Prices for Thailand's 5-percent

parboiled rice—a specialty rice—were quoted at \$526 per ton for the week ending January 10, down 3 percent from the week ending December 7.

Prices were also down for Thailand's lower quality rice varieties. For the week ending January 10, prices for Thailand's A-1 Super 100-percent broken were quoted at \$401 per ton, down 5 percent from the week ending December 7. All price quotes for Thailand's rice are from the *Weekly Rice Price Update*, reported by the U.S. Post in Bangkok.

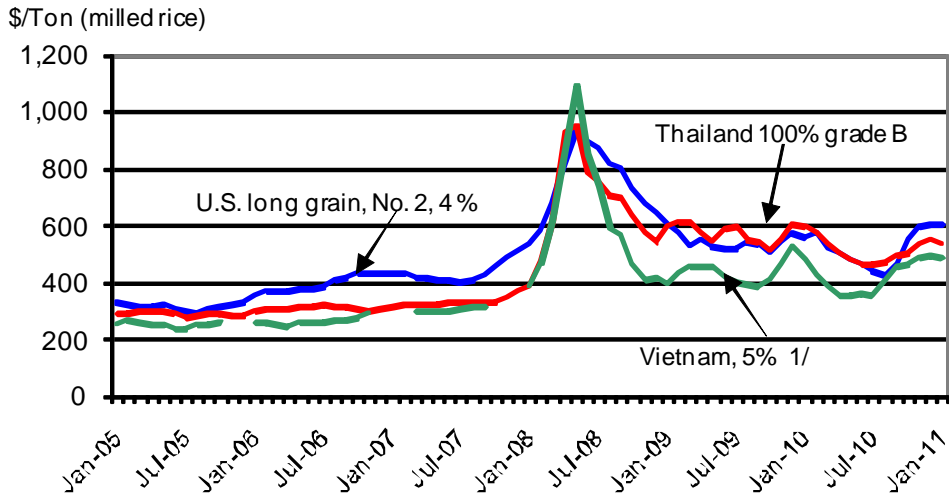
Vietnam's price quotes have softened slightly in recent weeks. For the week ending January 11, prices for 5-percent broken were quoted at \$485 per ton – down \$15 per ton from the week ending December 7. With this reduction in Vietnam's quotes, the premium for Thai rice has fallen to \$44, compared with a difference of \$54 last month.

Price quotes for U.S. long-grain milled rice have fallen slightly over the past month, with large domestic supplies reducing some of the effects of historically low milling rates. For the week ending January 11, prices for high-quality southern long-grain rice (No. 2, 4-percent broken, bagged, free alongside vessel, U.S. Gulf port) were quoted at \$584 per ton, down \$11 from the week ending December 7. The U.S. premium (adjusted to reflect the fob vessel price) over similar grades of Thai is \$70 per ton compared with \$56 per ton a month ago. U.S. long-grain rough-rice (bulk, fob vessel, New Orleans) remains quoted at \$310 per ton for the week ending January 11, unchanged from the week ending December 7, but down \$15 from late December.

Prices for California rice have remained strong over the past month, with California's package-quality medium-grain rice (sacked) for domestic sales quoted at \$871 per ton for the week ending January 11, unchanged from the week ending December 7. Export price quotes (for 30-kg bags, fob vessel) are also unchanged from the week ending December 7, quoted at \$875 per ton. Demand for California rice remains strong, with large sales to Libya, a big reduction in Egypt's medium/short-grain crop, and the continuation of WTO minimum access purchases by Japan, South Korea, and Taiwan. 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*.

Figure 18

**U.S. prices are almost \$70 per ton above quotes for Thailand's rice**



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*.



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

Item	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11 2/
<b>TOTAL RICE</b>							
Million acres							
Area:							
Planted	3.347	3.384	2.838	2.761	2.995	3.135	3.636
Harvested	3.325	3.364	2.821	2.748	2.976	3.103	3.615
Pounds per harvested acre							
Yield	6,988	6,624	6,898	7,219	6,846	7,085	6,725
Million cwt							
Beginning stocks	23.8	37.9	43.1	39.4	29.6	30.6	36.7
Production	232.4	222.8	194.6	198.4	203.7	219.9	243.1
Imports	13.2	17.1	20.6	23.9	19.2	19.0	18.0
Total supply	269.4	277.8	258.3	261.7	252.6	269.4	297.8
Food, industrial, & residual 3/	116.9	114.4	123.2	121.8	122.5	118.1	-
Seed	4.2	3.5	3.4	3.7	3.9	4.5	-
Total domestic use	121.1	117.9	126.6	125.5	126.4	122.6	129.0
Exports	110.4	116.8	92.3	106.6	95.6	110.2	117.0
Rough	33.8	33.4	32.1	37.7	31.6	40.8	43.5
Milled 4/	76.6	83.4	60.1	69.0	64.0	69.4	73.5
Total use	231.5	234.7	218.9	232.1	222.0	232.7	246.0
Ending stocks	37.9	43.1	39.4	29.6	30.6	36.7	51.8
Percent							
Stocks-to-use ratio	16.4	18.4	18.0	12.8	13.8	15.8	21.1
\$/cwt							
Average farm price 5/	7.33	7.65	9.96	12.80	16.80	14.00	12.00 to 13.00
Percent							
Average milling rate	69.10	68.38	68.98	68.33	69.25	69.36	67.50

N/A = not available. 1/ August-July market year; rough equivalent. 2/ Projected. 3/ Residual includes unreported use, processing losses, and estimating errors. 4/ Rough-rice equivalent. 5/ Market-year weighted average.

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

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

Item	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11 2/
<b>LONG GRAIN:</b>							
	Million acres						
Planted	2.587	2.751	2.200	2.063	2.365	2.290	2.841
Harvested	2.571	2.734	2.186	2.052	2.350	2.265	2.826
	Pounds per harvested acre						
Yield	6,630	6,479	6,727	6,980	6,522	6,743	6,486
	Million cwt						
Beginning stocks	10.4	22.8	32.8	28.6	19.1	20.1	23.2
Production	170.4	177.1	147.1	143.2	153.3	152.7	183.3
Imports	10.5	12.3	14.2	17.7	15.9	16.5	15.5
Total supply	191.4	212.2	194.1	189.5	188.2	189.3	221.9
Domestic use 3/	83.6	85.9	92.4	90.0	99.4	90.8	101.0
Exports	84.9	93.6	73.1	80.4	68.8	75.4	79.0
Total use	168.5	179.4	165.5	170.4	168.1	166.2	180.0
Ending stocks	22.8	32.8	28.6	19.1	20.1	23.2	41.9
	Percent						
Stocks-to-use ratio	13.5	18.3	17.3	11.2	11.9	13.9	23.3
Average farm price	7.34	7.30	9.47	12.40	14.90	12.80	10.50- 11.50
<b>MEDIUM/SHORT GRAIN:</b>							
	Million acres						
Planted	0.760	0.633	0.638	0.698	0.630	0.845	0.795
Harvested	0.754	0.630	0.635	0.696	0.626	0.838	0.789
	Pounds per harvested acre						
Yield	8,212	7,255	7,484	7,924	8,063	8,010	7,580
	Million cwt						
Beginning stocks	12.4	13.9	9.5	10.0	9.1	8.0	12.1
Production	61.9	45.7	47.5	55.2	50.5	67.1	59.8
Imports	2.7	4.9	6.3	6.2	3.4	2.5	2.5
Total supply 4/	76.8	64.7	63.4	70.8	61.9	78.7	74.4
Domestic use 3/	37.5	32.0	34.2	35.5	27.0	31.8	28.0
Exports	25.5	23.2	19.1	26.2	26.9	34.8	38.0
Total use	63.0	55.3	53.4	61.7	53.9	66.6	66.0
Ending stocks	13.9	9.5	10.0	9.1	8.0	12.1	8.4
	Percent						
Stocks-to-use ratio	22.0	17.1	18.8	14.7	14.9	18.1	12.7
Average farm price	7.29	9.49	12.10	14.60	24.80	17.70	17.00- 18.00
Ending stocks difference 1/	1.2	0.9	0.8	1.4	2.4	1.5	1.5

-- = Not available. 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	2010/11		2009/10		2008/09	
	\$/cwt	1,000 cwt	\$/cwt	1,000 cwt	\$/cwt	1,000 cwt
August	11.30	11,071	14.70	10,504	17.90	8,956
September	10.80	16,958	14.60	11,061	16.90	10,621
October	11.10	17,755	14.30	13,819	18.40	14,366
November	11.80	16,787	14.00	13,279	19.80	13,191
December	12.90 1/	N/A	14.40	15,429	18.70	11,606
January			14.40	18,449	18.20	13,779
February			14.40	13,494	16.00	13,365
March			14.00	15,912	15.60	12,158
April			13.80	12,130	15.00	12,712
May			13.40	12,870	14.60	8,069
June			13.00	10,952	14.70	9,075
July			12.30	12,101	14.20	11,246
Average price to date	11.58 2/					
Season average farm price	12.50 3/		14.00		16.80	
Average Marketings		15,643		13,333		11,595
Total volume marketed		62,571		160,000		139,144

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			
	2010/11		2009/10		2010/11		2009/10	
	\$/cwt	1,000 cwt	\$/cwt	1,000 cwt	\$/cwt	1,000 cwt	\$/cwt	1,000 cwt
August	10.30	9,056	12.70	8,677	16.10	2,015	24.20	1,827
September	9.89	14,440	12.80	9,125	16.40	2,518	22.60	1,936
October	10.10	14,781	12.70	9,410	16.60	2,974	17.70	4,409
November	10.50	13,104	13.00	10,266	16.10	3,683	17.30	3,013
December	11.10 1/	N/A	13.30	11,091	17.30 1/	N/A	17.00	4,338
January			13.50	13,598			17.10	4,851
February			13.40	10,012			17.20	3,482
March			13.00	12,261			17.20	3,651
April			12.70	9,141			17.10	2,989
May			12.50	10,068			16.70	2,802
June			11.80	8,361			16.90	2,591
July			11.20	9,460			16.40	2,641
Average to date 2/	10.38				16.50			
Season-average farm price	11.00		12.80		17.50		17.70	
Average marketings		12,845		10,123		2,798		3,211
Total volume marketed		51,381		121,470		11,190		38,530

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	2010/11		2009/10		2008/09	
	Long	Medium/ short	Long	Medium/ short	Long	Medium/ short
	\$/cwt					
August	9.58	9.68	11.33	11.42	17.33	17.48
September	10.51	10.62	11.25	11.35	17.83	17.98
October	12.15	12.29	11.02	11.11	16.93	17.08
November	13.40	13.58	11.40	11.50	15.52	15.65
December	14.50	14.67	13.03	13.15	14.17	14.28
January 2/	14.21	14.38	13.03	13.14	12.71	12.81
February			12.74	12.99	12.74	12.80
March			11.21	11.42	12.36	12.42
April			10.53	10.72	12.25	12.31
May			9.92	10.10	11.89	11.94
June			9.41	9.57	11.21	11.26
July			9.42	9.58	11.68	11.72
Market-year average 1/	12.39	12.54	11.19	11.34	13.89	13.98

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 or region	2010/11 as of November 2010 2/	2009/10 as of November 2009	2009/10 market year	2008/09 market year	2007/08 market year	2006/07 market year
1,000 metric tons						
<b>ASIA</b>	168.7	203.7	563.8	536.4	720.2	604.0
China	0.5	1.3	3.8	4.0	123.0	119.7
India	30.1	35.1	94.7	74.0	119.1	71.0
Pakistan	6.5	6.4	19.4	16.9	19.4	16.7
Thailand	127.0	125.1	401.0	422.1	454.4	394.4
Vietnam	3.3	34.9	41.6	17.5	0.6	1.2
Other	1.2	0.8	3.4	1.9	3.8	1.1
<b>EUROPE &amp; FSU</b>	2.9	2.6	9.4	7.6	8.5	8.7
Italy	1.8	1.9	6.2	5.7	6.3	6.2
Spain	0.7	0.4	1.6	0.4	0.4	0.6
Russia	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1
United Kingdom	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.4	0.5	0.3
Other	0.4	0.3	1.5	0.9	1.2	1.5
<b>WESTERN HEMISPHERE</b>	7.8	10.2	30.4	31.1	28.5	22.9
Argentina	1.1	0.6	2.5	1.1	2.6	2.6
Brazil	1.0	1.4	3.5	3.9	2.4	2.0
Canada	5.0	4.7	15.4	18.0	13.6	7.8
Mexico	0.3	1.3	6.1	6.1	9.2	10.2
Uruguay	0.4	2.2	2.9	1.7	0.3	0.0
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.4	0.4
<b>OTHER</b>	2.1	1.6	5.5	39.3	5.2	21.4
Egypt	0.0	0.1	0.6	36.6	2.7	19.3
United Arab Emirates	1.8	1.4	4.4	2.2	2.2	1.7
Other	0.3	0.1	0.4	0.5	0.3	0.4
<b>TOTAL</b>	181.5	218.1	609.0	614.3	762.4	657.0

1/ Columns labeled "market year" are total August-July imports reported by the U.S. Census Bureau. 2/ Most recent month available.

All data is reported on a product-weight basis.

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

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

Country or region	2010/11 as of 1/6/2011	2009/10 as of 1/7/2010	2009/10 market year	2008/09 market year	2007/08 market year	2006/07 market year
1,000 metric tons						
<b>EUROPE &amp; FSU</b>	51.7	60.3	98.3	77.6	89.7	54.0
European Union	44.5	52.6	88.6	71.0	87.0	51.4
Other Europe	3.4	2.2	2.6	3.9	0.7	1.4
Former Soviet Union (FSU)	3.8	5.5	7.1	2.7	2.0	1.2
<b>NORTHEAST ASIA</b>	375.7	412.1	571.3	472.3	450.9	467.0
Hong Kong	0.6	0.5	1.1	0.6	1.1	0.6
Japan	282.5	282.2	388.9	386.1	339.9	324.5
South Korea	81.5	64.4	79.4	85.0	78.6	69.0
Taiwan	11.1	65.0	101.9	0.6	31.3	72.9
<b>OTHER ASIA, OCEANIA, &amp; THE MIDDLE EAST</b>	473.8	381.9	751.5	669.0	697.5	483.7
French Pacific Islands	0.0	2.2	2.2	4.7	0.0	0.0
Iraq	120.0	100.0	135.1	121.0	188.6	308.8
Iran	0.0	0.0	0.0	31.7	0.0	0.0
Israel	23.1	19.0	45.7	33.4	30.0	4.8
Jordan	56.4	46.1	66.4	86.2	79.7	50.8
Papua New Guinea	9.4	36.1	37.9	103.2	2.3	0.0
Philippines	0.0	0.0	0.0	46.3	70.7	0.0
Saudi Arabia	69.6	67.7	108.5	143.6	111.3	87.1
Turkey	151.8	61.4	267.0	22.7	154.9	0.1
Rest of Asia, Oceania, and Middle East	43.5	49.4	88.7	76.2	60.0	32.1
<b>AFRICA</b>	302.6	59.5	117.4	131.6	119.6	97.7
Cote d'Ivoire	0.0	0.0	0.0	15.3	15.0	0.0
Ghana	77.5	20.5	43.7	50.9	75.9	80.4
Liberia	12.0	5.2	8.4	11.1	8.3	11.2
Libya	118.2	1.4	1.1	2.8	0.7	2.1
Nigeria	53.0	14.2	36.6	24.3	0.0	0.1
Senegal	16.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	13.3	0.0
South Africa	0.4	0.2	0.5	0.3	0.0	0.0
Togo	14.4	0.0	0.0	6.8	0.0	0.0
Other Africa	10.4	18.0	27.1	20.1	6.5	3.8
<b>WESTERN HEMISPHERE</b>	1,088.5	1,250.1	2,142.9	1,972.4	2,258.7	2,023.4
Brazil	19.9	0.1	15.4	0.1	0.2	0.1
Canada	95.8	119.4	124.8	168.9	182.1	198.4
Costa Rica	14.3	88.3	166.8	153.8	146.6	146.3
Colombia	0.1	0.1	0.2	71.6	0.0	0.1
Cuba	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	20.6	59.6
Dominican Republic	4.4	15.2	25.2	30.7	9.0	0.7
Guatemala	26.9	45.5	72.6	65.0	58.8	95.4
Haiti	105.4	125.5	226.5	257.0	279.0	251.1
Honduras	69.2	80.0	119.3	150.1	131.2	157.3
Jamaica	14.2	12.7	20.2	26.9	50.7	37.0
Leeward & Windward Islands	6.3	5.7	8.3	9.3	12.4	5.8
Mexico	470.2	509.1	775.1	594.2	855.3	734.4
Netherlands Antilles	2.5	2.4	5.2	4.4	5.3	6.1
Nicaragua	97.0	108.0	147.0	97.3	179.2	138.3
Panama	27.4	92.0	104.0	9.4	96.4	80.6
Peru	1.4	0.0	0.0	0.2	2.8	0.0
El Salvador	31.1	40.7	78.5	79.2	86.0	99.1
Venezuela	96.6	0.1	241.8	243.7	125.9	0.6
Other Western Hemisphere	5.8	5.3	12.0	10.6	17.2	12.5
<b>UNKNOWN</b>	50.0	0.0	-	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL</b>	2,342.3	2,163.9	3,681.4	3,322.9	3,616.4	3,125.8

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

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

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Table 8--U.S., Thailand, and Vietnam price quotes

Month or market year 1/	United States			Thailand 5/				Vietnam 7/	
	Southern long grain milled 2/	Southern long grain rough 3/	California medium grain milled 4/	100% Grade B	5% Parboiled	15% Brokens	35% Brokens	A1 6/ Super	5% 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
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	486	301	728	502	494	445	NQ	354	353
May 2010	466	293	719	478	468	421	NQ	330	356
June 2010	451	284	739	463	462	409	NQ	330	363
July 2010	427	255	728	465	470	411	NQ	349	356
2009/10	506	316	791	532	544	472	NQ	350	397
Aug. 2010	413	240	722	472	489	425	NQ	367	410
Sep. 2010	450	265	741	494	522	458	NQ	412	458
Oct. 2010	540	327	794	501	533	465	NQ	428	468
Nov. 2010	584	320	852	534	543	499	NQ	427	493
Dec. 2010	595	309	871	550	536	513	NQ	411	496
Jan. 2011 8/	590	318	871	537	528	498	NQ	401	490
2010/11 8/	529	296	808	515	525	476	NQ	408	469

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: 2008/09-2010/11 monthly revisions and annual changes 1/

Country	2008/09	2009/10 2/			2010/11 2/				
	January 2011	December 2010	January 2011	Monthly revisions	Annual changes	December 2010	January 2011	Monthly revisions	Annual changes
	1,000 metric tons					1,000 metric tons			
Afghanistan	275	335	335	0	60	275	275	0	-60
Argentina	867	806	806	0	-61	1,040	1,040	0	234
Australia	44	142	142	0	98	572	572	0	430
Bangladesh	31,000	31,000	31,000	0	0	32,300	32,300	0	1,300
Brazil	8,570	7,657	7,657	0	-913	8,400	8,450	50	793
Burma	10,150	10,597	10,597	0	447	10,500	10,500	0	-97
Cambodia	4,520	4,780	4,780	0	260	4,800	4,800	0	20
China	134,330	136,570	136,570	0	2,240	139,300	139,300	0	2,730
Colombia	1,680	1,512	1,512	0	-168	1,335	1,269	-66	-243
Cote d'Ivoire	374	378	378	0	4	399	399	0	21
Cuba	312	375	375	0	63	375	375	0	0
Dominican Republic	507	552	552	0	45	560	560	0	8
Ecuador	785	860	860	0	75	900	900	0	40
Egypt	4,402	4,160	4,300	140	-102	3,588	3,100	-488	-1,200
European Union-27	1,620	1,995	1,995	0	375	2,020	2,020	0	25
Ghana	181	235	235	0	54	258	258	0	23
Guinea	780	910	910	0	130	975	975	0	65
Guyana	330	360	360	0	30	364	364	0	4
India	99,180	89,130	89,130	0	-10,050	95,000	95,000	0	5,870
Indonesia	38,310	37,100	36,370	-730	-1,940	38,000	38,000	0	1,630
Iran	1,500	2,000	2,000	0	500	2,050	2,050	0	50
Japan	8,029	7,711	7,711	0	-318	7,850	7,850	0	139
Korea, North	1,860	1,910	1,910	0	50	1,800	1,800	0	-110
Korea, South	4,843	4,916	4,916	0	73	4,300	4,300	0	-616
Laos	1,755	1,821	1,821	0	66	1,900	1,900	0	79
Liberia	172	176	176	0	4	180	180	0	4
Madagascar	2,505	2,688	2,688	0	183	2,688	2,688	0	0
Malaysia	1,536	1,590	1,590	0	54	1,600	1,600	0	10
Mali	873	1,043	1,043	0	170	1,188	1,188	0	145
Mozambique	141	172	172	0	31	119	119	0	-53
Nepal	2,850	2,900	2,900	0	50	2,900	2,900	0	0
Nigeria	3,200	3,400	3,400	0	200	3,600	3,600	0	200
Pakistan	6,900	6,800	6,800	0	-100	5,000	5,000	0	-1,800
Peru	1,948	2,087	2,087	0	139	2,000	2,000	0	-87
Philippines	10,755	9,772	9,772	0	-983	10,500	10,500	0	728
Russia	480	590	590	0	110	670	690	20	100
Sierra Leone	408	465	465	0	57	465	465	0	0
Sri Lanka	2,227	2,566	2,566	0	339	2,594	2,800	206	234
Taiwan	1,025	1,111	1,111	0	86	1,018	1,018	0	-93
Tanzania	903	877	877	0	-26	916	916	0	39
Thailand	19,850	20,260	20,260	0	410	20,350	20,350	0	90
Uganda	117	120	120	0	3	130	130	0	10
United States	6,400	6,917	6,917	0	517	7,397	7,443	46	526
Uruguay	901	804	804	0	-97	925	925	0	121
Venezuela	495	320	320	0	-175	350	350	0	30
Vietnam	24,393	24,689	24,979	290	586	24,820	24,983	163	4
Others	3,874	4,069	4,083	14	209	4,143	4,164	21	81
World total	448,157	441,228	440,942	-286	-7,215	452,414	452,366	-48	11,424

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 2009-2011; monthly revisions and annual changes

	2009	2010 1/				2011 1/			
	January 2011	December 2010	January 2011	Monthly revisions	Annual changes	December 2010	January 2011	Monthly revisions	Annual changes
	1,000 metric tons (milled basis)					1,000 metric tons (milled basis)			
Argentina	594	500	500	0	-94	600	600	0	100
Australia	17	40	40	0	23	325	325	0	285
Brazil	591	400	400	0	-191	575	575	0	175
Burma	1,052	400	400	0	-652	500	500	0	100
Cambodia	800	850	850	0	50	850	850	0	0
China	783	600	600	0	-183	900	900	0	300
Ecuador	37	70	70	0	33	100	100	0	30
Egypt	575	600	560	-40	-15	300	35	-265	-525
European Union-27	150	230	230	0	80	180	180	0	-50
Guyana	244	240	275	35	31	250	250	0	-25
India	2,123	2,200	2,200	0	77	2,500	2,500	0	300
Japan	200	200	200	0	0	200	200	0	0
Korea, South	4	9	9	0	5	5	5	0	-4
Pakistan	3,187	3,800	3,800	0	613	2,650	2,650	0	-1,150
Thailand	8,570	8,500	8,800	300	230	9,700	10,000	300	1,200
Uganda	20	20	20	0	0	20	20	0	0
Uruguay	926	700	700	0	-226	800	800	0	100
Vietnam	5,950	6,500	6,734	234	784	5,800	5,800	0	-934
Other	457	498	533	35	76	475	510	35	-23
Subtotal	26,280	26,357	26,921	564	641	26,730	26,800	70	-121
United States	2,983	3,525	3,500	-25	517	3,550	3,525	-25	25
U.S. Share	10.2%	11.8%	11.5%	--	--	11.7%	11.6%	--	--
World total	29,263	29,882	30,421	539	1,158	30,280	30,325	45	-96

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

1/ Projected.

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

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Table 11--Global rice importers, calendar years 2009-2011; monthly revisions and annual changes

	2009	2010 1/			2011 1/				
	January 2011	December 2010	January 2011	Monthly revisions	Annual changes	December 2010	January 2011	Monthly revisions	Annual changes
	1,000 tons (milled basis)					1,000 tons (milled basis)			
Bangladesh	150	750	750	0	600	400	400	0	-350
Brazil	650	800	800	0	150	600	600	0	-200
Cameroon	300	300	300	0	0	310	310	0	10
Canada	322	330	330	0	8	330	330	0	0
China	337	300	300	0	-37	330	330	0	30
Colombia	111	30	15	-15	-96	100	150	50	135
Costa Rica	86	65	65	0	-21	50	50	0	-15
Cote d'Ivoire	800	860	860	0	60	900	900	0	40
Cuba	457	500	500	0	43	525	525	0	25
Egypt	20	35	15	-20	-5	150	15	-135	0
European Union	1,383	1,200	1,200	0	-183	1,350	1,350	0	150
Ghana	410	300	300	0	-110	320	320	0	20
Guinea	150	200	200	0	50	225	225	0	25
Haiti	300	325	325	0	25	300	300	0	-25
Honduras	104	115	115	0	11	110	110	0	-5
Hong Kong	395	400	400	0	5	410	410	0	10
Indonesia	250	800	1,150	350	900	650	950	300	-200
Iran	1,470	1,150	1,150	0	-320	1,200	1,200	0	50
Iraq	1,089	1,100	1,100	0	11	1,150	1,150	0	50
Japan	750	700	700	0	-50	700	700	0	0
Jordan	177	140	140	0	-37	160	160	0	20
Korea, North	62	50	50	0	-12	50	50	0	0
Korea, South	245	300	300	0	55	330	330	0	30
Liberia	105	165	165	0	60	200	200	0	35
Malaysia	1,070	1,020	1,020	0	-50	1,020	1,020	0	0
Mexico	610	600	600	0	-10	650	650	0	50
Mozambique	385	320	320	0	-65	400	400	0	80
Nicaragua	77	100	100	0	23	100	100	0	0
Nigeria	2,000	1,700	2,000	300	0	1,900	1,900	0	-100
Philippines	2,000	2,600	2,600	0	600	2,000	2,000	0	-600
Russia	230	170	220	50	-10	150	150	0	-70
Saudi Arabia	1,095	1,100	1,100	0	5	1,300	1,300	0	200
Senegal	715	700	700	0	-15	700	700	0	0
Singapore	280	300	300	0	20	300	300	0	0
South Africa	745	800	800	0	55	850	850	0	50
Syria	300	350	350	0	50	350	350	0	0
Taiwan	85	130	130	0	45	120	120	0	-10
Turkey	282	500	520	20	238	300	400	100	-120
United Arab Emirates	380	400	400	0	20	400	400	0	0
United States	682	650	610	-40	-72	665	625	-40	15
Venezuela	100	350	350	0	250	300	300	0	-50
Vietnam	500	400	400	0	-100	500	500	0	100
Yemen	325	325	325	0	0	335	335	0	10
Subtotal	21,984	23,430	24,075	645	2,091	23,190	23,465	275	-610
Other countries 2/	7,279	6,452	6,346	-106	-933	7,090	6,860	-230	514
									0
World total	29,263	29,882	30,421	539	1,158	30,280	30,325	45	-96

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

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

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

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