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U.S. 2011/12 Rice Plantings Indicated at 3.02 Million Acres

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The March 2011 *Prospective Plantings* report indicated total U.S. rice plantings in 2011/12 at 3.02 million acres, down 17 percent from a year earlier, with long-grain accounting for all of the indicated decline. Growers intended to expand combined medium- and short-grain plantings by 7 percent in 2011/12. Plantings were indicated lower in all reported States except California, where growers indicated a slight expansion.

There were no supply side revisions this month. On the use side, total domestic and residual use of all-rice was lowered 2.0 million cwt to 127.0 million cwt, still 4 percent above a year earlier and the highest on record. This month's downward revision in total domestic use is based on data from the March *Rice Stocks* report indicating less than expected domestic and residual use during the first 7 months of the 2010/11 market year. Total exports of U.S. rice in 2010/11 remain projected at 116.0 million cwt, 5 percent larger than a year earlier and the highest since 2005/06. By type, 3.0 million cwt was switched from rough-rice to combined milled and brown rice exports.

On balance, these revisions resulted in a 2.0-million cwt increase in the 2010/11 all-rice ending stocks forecast to 54.8 million cwt, the highest since 1985/86. The 2010/11 long-grain season-average farm price (SAFP) remains projected at \$11.05-\$11.55 per cwt. The combined medium- and short-grain SAFP range was raised on both ends by 50 cents to \$16.75-\$17.25. The SAFP for both classes of rice is down from 2009/10.

Global rice production in 2010/11 is forecast at a record 450.7 million tons (milled basis), down 0.8 million tons from last month's forecast, but still more than 2 percent larger than a year earlier. Production forecasts were lowered this month for Indonesia, Iran, North Korea, Laos, and Sri Lanka, but raised for Madagascar, Brazil, and Colombia. The global disappearance forecast for 2010/11 was raised this month by nearly 400,000 tons to a record 447.4 million tons. The global ending stocks forecast for 2010/11 was reduced by 1.7 million tons to 97.1 million tons, still up more than 3 percent from 2009/10. The global stocks-to-use ratio declined this month to 21.7 percent. This is the highest ending stocks and the highest global stocks-to-use ratio since 2002/03.

The global trade forecast for 2011 was reduced by less than 1 percent this month to 30.1 million tons, more than a million tons less than last year and 5 percent lower than the 2007 record. There were no significant export revisions this month. On the import side, 2011 projections were lowered for the Philippines, Madagascar, and Thailand.

Trading prices for Thailand's high- and medium-quality grades of non-specialty rice have declined 3 to 4 percent from the first week of March, largely due to a lack of new large sales and expectations of large global supplies this spring. In Vietnam, price quotes have nearly stabilized over the past month, due mostly to a steady sales volume. U.S. long-grain milled rice prices continue to decline, primarily a result of large domestic supplies and weaker Thai prices. Prices for California's medium-grain milled rice have remained strong over the past month and have been steady since late November of 2010.

Domestic Outlook

U.S. 2011/12 Rice Plantings are Indicated at 3.02 Million Acres

The March 2011 *Prospective Plantings* report indicated total U.S. rice plantings in 2011/12 at 3.02 million acres, down 17 percent from a year earlier. The 624,000-acre indicated reduction is largely driven by strong returns for competing crops and expectations of a very large 2010/11 U.S. carryout of long-grain rice. Long-grain accounts for all of the indicated decline in U.S. rice acreage in 2011/2012. At 2.17 million acres, U.S. long-grain plantings would be 24 percent below a year earlier and the lowest since 2007/08. Almost all of the U.S. long-grain crop is grown in the South.

In contrast, combined 2011/12 medium/short-grain plantings are indicated at 853,000 acres, up more than 7 percent from last year and the largest since 2000/01. Reported cash prices for U.S. medium- and short-grain rough-rice are above levels reported in August and remain well above current prices for long-grain rough-rice. The South accounts for more than two-thirds of this year's indicated expansion in medium/short-grain plantings. Arkansas grows the bulk of the southern medium- and short-grain crop; Louisiana produces most of the remainder. Southern medium and short-grain rice typically sell at a discount to medium and short-grain rice from California. California grows more than 70 percent of the U.S. medium- and short-grain crop and supplies most of the medium- and short-grain rice exported by the U.S.

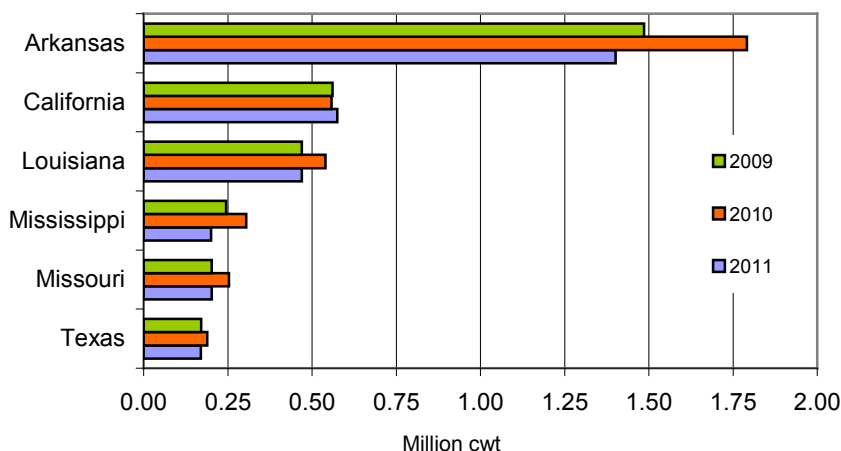
Growers indicated reduced plantings of rice in all reported States except California, where growers indicated a slight expansion. Arkansas, the largest rice growing State, accounts for more than 60 percent of the intended U.S. rice area reduction. At 1.40 million acres, rice plantings in Arkansas are indicated to be 22 percent below last year. Long-grain accounts for all of the indicated rice area decline in Arkansas; medium-grain plantings in Arkansas are indicated to be up 13 percent from 2010/11. Growers in Mississippi indicated 2011/12 rice plantings at 200,000 acres, more than 34 percent below last year and the smallest since 2007/08. Mississippi produces only long-grain rice. In Missouri, growers indicated 2011/12 plantings at 202,000 acres, a 20-percent decline from 2010/11, with long-grain accounting for all of the reduction. Rice plantings in Louisiana are indicated at 470,000 acres, more than 13 percent below 2010/11. Long-grain accounts for all of the indicated area decline in Louisiana rice area; medium-grain plantings in Louisiana were indicated to be up 25 percent. Texas growers indicated a 10-percent reduction—all long-grain—in rice plantings in 2011/12 to 170,000 acres, the smallest since 2007/08.

Finally, growers in California indicated 3-percent area expansion to 575,000 acres, the third highest on record. Medium-grain accounts for all of the intended increase in California's rice area. The majority of California's rice land is not rotated and prices for California rice remain very high. In addition, water supplies for irrigation appear more than adequate in northern California this year.

Indicated U.S. plantings are based on a survey of growers that was conducted by USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service in early March. Actual plantings may differ from reported intentions.

Figure 1

Plantings are indicated lower in 2011 in all reported States except California 1/



These six States account for more than 99 percent of U.S. production.

1/ 2011 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.

The first survey of actual plantings of the 2011/12 crop will be conducted in early June and reported in the *Acreage* report released on June 30, 2011.

As of April 3, about 16 percent of the U.S. 2011/12 rice crop was reported planted, up 3 percentage points from both last year and the U.S. 5-year average. The pace of plantings has been especially rapid in the two Gulf Coast States. The Texas crop was reported 67 percent planted by April 3, well ahead of just 33 percent a year earlier and the Texas 5-year average of 48 percent. By April 3, Louisiana growers reported that 57 percent of their crop was planted, 9 percentage points ahead of a year earlier and 15 percentage points ahead of the State's 5-year average. Early planting typically bodes well for high yields. In Arkansas, 7 percent of the crop was reported planted by April 3, unchanged from last year or the State's 5-year average. In Mississippi, 6 percent of the crop was reported planted by April 3, down from 9 percent last year, but ahead of the State's 5-year average of 4 percent. Plantings have not yet begun in the remaining reported States.

March 1, 2011 U.S. Rice Stocks Are Estimated To Be Up 17 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, 2011 were nearly 130.0 million cwt, up 17 percent from a year earlier and above industry expectations. These are the largest March 1 U.S. rice stocks on record. Long-grain accounts for all of the year-to-year increase in U.S. March 1 stocks. At 91.3 million cwt, long-grain stocks on March 1 were 28 percent above a year earlier. Almost all long-grain stocks are in the South. In contrast, combined medium- and short-grain rice stocks on March 1 are calculated at 36.5 million cwt, a 5-percent decline from a year earlier.

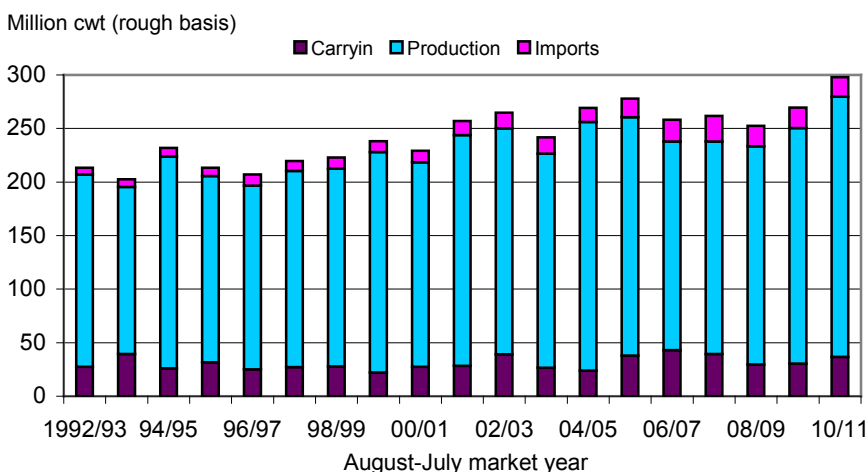
The bulk of medium- and short-grain rice stocks are in California. Stocks of brokens—not reported by class—are calculated at 2.03 million cwt, up 44 percent from a year earlier.

Stocks were larger than a year earlier on March 1 in all reported States except California, where stocks were slightly lower. Rice stocks in Arkansas on March 1, 2011 are calculated at 62.1 million cwt, up 15 percent from a year earlier. In Louisiana, rice stocks on March 1 are calculated at 12.5 million cwt, almost 13 percent larger than a year earlier. At 6.4 million cwt, March 1 rice stocks in Mississippi are almost 88 percent larger than a year earlier. Rice stocks in Missouri on March 1 are estimated at 7.2 million cwt, an increase of 106 percent from a year earlier. At 7.2 million cwt, rice stocks in Texas on March 1 are up 3 percent from a year earlier. In contrast, California’s March 1, 2011 stocks are estimated at 30.7 million cwt, almost 3 percent below a year earlier. Medium- and short-grain account for nearly all of the rice stocks in California.

2010/11 U.S. Total Rice Supplies Are Projected To Be the Highest on Record

There were no supply side revisions this month. Total U.S. rice supplies in 2010/11 remain projected at 297.8 million cwt, almost 11 percent larger than a year earlier and the highest on record. In 2010/11, a record crop and larger carryin more than offset a small decline in imports. By class, long-grain accounts for all of the year-to-year increase in total supplies. Long-grain total supplies remain forecast at a record 221.9 million cwt, up 17 percent from a year earlier. In contrast, combined medium- and short-grain total supplies remain forecast at 74.4 million cwt, down more than 5 percent from a year earlier.

Figure 2
Total U.S. rice supplies are projected to be the highest on record in 2010/11



2010/11 is a forecast.
 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>.

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 U.S. rice imports for 2010/11 remain forecast at 18.0 million cwt, 5 percent below a year earlier and the third consecutive year of a decline. Through January, shipments from India, Vietnam, and to a lesser degree Thailand were behind a year earlier. In 2009/10, Vietnam shipped nearly 33,000 tons of brokens to the U.S. Through January 2011, Vietnam has shipped less than 2,000 tons of brokens to the U.S. in 2010/11. Beginning in the early 1980s, U.S. rice imports increased almost every year, reaching a record 23.9 million cwt in 2007/08 and accounting for almost 20 percent of total domestic and residual use (excluding seed use). This year, imports are projected to account for about 14 percent of total domestic and residual use (excluding seed use).

Long-grain imports remain projected at 15.5 million cwt, 6 percent below a year earlier. 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. Thailand accounts for most of the decline in U.S. rice imports since 2007/08. Basmati rice from India and Pakistan—also a premium aromatic—accounts for most of the remaining U.S. long-grain 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 cwt.

In 2010/11, the U.S. harvested 243.1 million cwt of rice, almost 11 percent more than a year earlier and the largest U.S. crop on record. Long-grain accounts for all of the U.S. production increase in 2010/11. At 183.3 million cwt, the U.S. long-grain crop is 20 percent above a year earlier and the largest long-grain crop on record. The U.S. medium/short-grain crop of 59.8 million cwt is 11 percent below a year earlier.

U.S. 2010/11 Total Domestic Disappearance Forecast Is Lowered 2.0 Million Cwt to 127.0 Million Cwt

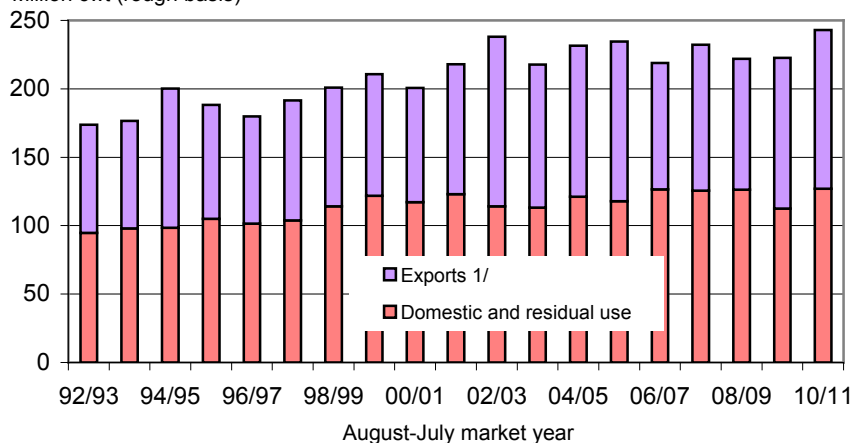
Total use of U.S. rice in 2010/11 is projected at 243.0 million cwt, down 2.0 million cwt from last month's forecast, but still more than 4 percent above a year earlier and the highest on record. By class, long-grain total use is projected at 178.0 million cwt, down 1.0 million from last month's forecast, but still 7 percent larger than a year earlier and a near-record. Medium/short-grain total use is forecast at 65.0 million cwt, also down 1.0 million from last month and more than 2 percent below a year earlier.

Total domestic and residual use of all-rice is projected at a record 127.0 million cwt for 2010/11, down 2.0 million cwt from last month's forecast, but almost 4 percent above a year earlier. This month's downward revision is based on data from the March Rice Stocks report indicating less than expected domestic use during the first 7 months of the 2010/11 market year. Some of the year-to-year increase is due to the low 2010/11 milling rate. The lower the milling rate, the more rough-rice needed to produce any given quantity of milled rice.

Figure 3

Both U.S. exports and domestic and residual use are projected to increase 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.

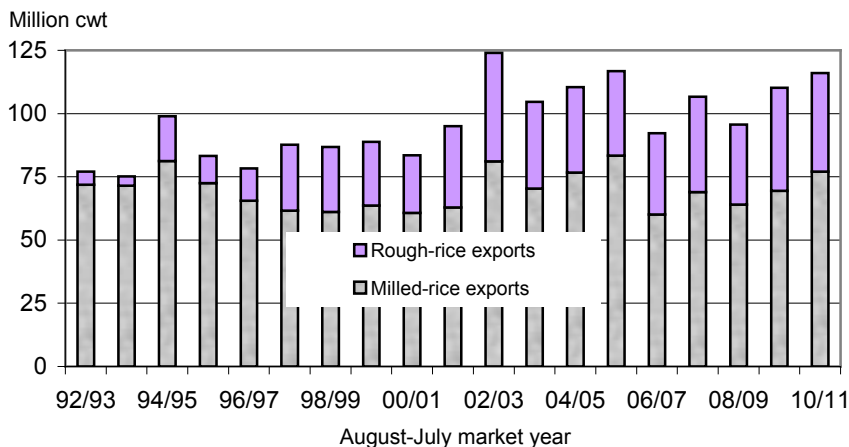
By class, long-grain domestic disappearance is projected at a near-record 99.0 million cwt, down 2.0 million cwt from last month’s forecast, but still 9 percent above a year earlier. Combined medium- and short-grain domestic disappearance remains projected at 28.0 million cwt, 12 percent below 2009/10. The projected decline in medium/short-grain domestic disappearance in 2010/11 is based on likely switching by some processors from medium/short-grain rice to lower priced long-grain rice.

Total exports of U.S. rice in 2010/11 remain projected at 116.0 million cwt, 5 percent larger than a year earlier and the highest since 2005/06. Through March 31, U.S. sales and shipments to Africa were well ahead of a year earlier. By type, U.S. rough-rice exports are projected at 39.0 million cwt, down 3.0 million from last month’s forecast and 4 percent below a year earlier. Through March 31, U.S. shipments and outstanding sales of rough-rice were well behind a year earlier. Latin America is the primary market for U.S. rough-rice exports, taking long-grain from the South almost exclusively.

U.S. milled rice exports (combined milled and brown rice exports on a rough basis) are projected at 77.0 million cwt, up 3.0 million cwt from last month’s forecast and 11 percent above a year earlier. The upward revision is largely based on recent large food aid announcements and larger than expected commercial sales to Sub-Saharan Africa. Through March 31, combined U.S. commercial sales and shipments to Ghana, Liberia, Nigeria, and Senegal were well ahead of a year earlier.

By class, U.S. long-grain exports are projected at 79.0 million cwt, up 1.0 million cwt from last month’s forecast and nearly 5 percent larger than a year earlier. Sub-Saharan Africa accounts for most of the expected increase in U.S. long-grain exports in 2010/11.

Figure 4
U.S. rough-rice exports are projected to decline 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>.

Combined medium- and short-grain exports are projected at a record 37.0 million cwt, down 1.0 million cwt from last month's forecast, but 6 percent larger than a year earlier. The downward revision is largely based on slower-than-expected sales to Taiwan.

Libya accounts for most of the year-to-year increase in U.S. medium/short-grain exports. The weekly U.S. Export Sales report indicated that as of March 31, almost 155,000 tons of U.S. rice has been sold to Libya this market year, with 73,600 tons already shipped. Any impacts on future U.S. sales and shipments to Libya due to the current political upheaval in the region are unknown at this time. Libya had previously been supplied primarily by Egypt. Expanded shipments of medium- and short-grain rice from Australia, due to a forecast production increase, are not expected until late in the U.S. 2010/11 market year.

U.S. 2010/11 Long-Grain Ending Stocks Are Projected To Be the Highest since 1985/86

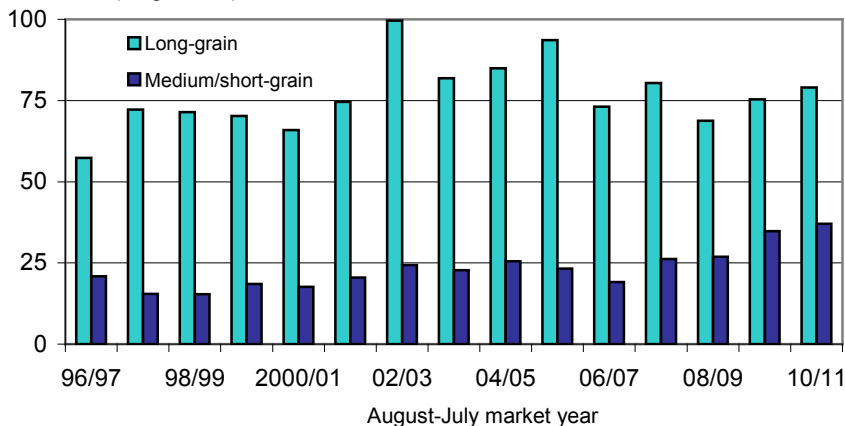
U.S. ending stocks of all-rice in 2010/11 are projected at 54.8 million cwt, up 2.0 million from last month's forecast and 49 percent above a year earlier. These are the largest ending stocks since 1985/86. The stocks-to-use ratio is calculated at 22.5 percent, well above the 15.8 percent calculated in 2009/10 and the highest since 1992/93.

By class, the 2010/11 long-grain carryout is projected at 43.9 million cwt, 90 percent larger than a year earlier and the highest since 1985/86. The long-grain stocks-to-use ratio is calculated at 24.7 percent, up from 13.9 percent last year and also the highest since 1985/86.

Figure 5

U.S. medium/short-grain exports are 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: 1996/97-2007/08, *2010 Rice Yearbook Data Set*, Economic Research Service/USDA; 2009/09-2010/11, *World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates*, <http://www.usda.gov/oce/commodity/wasde/index.htm>.

The medium/short-grain carryout is projected at 9.4 million cwt, 22 percent below a year earlier. The decline is primarily due to the smaller crop. Total use was nearly unchanged. The medium/short-grain stocks-to-use ratio is calculated at 14.4 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. Stocks of brokens, included in the total stocks estimate, are not reported by class.

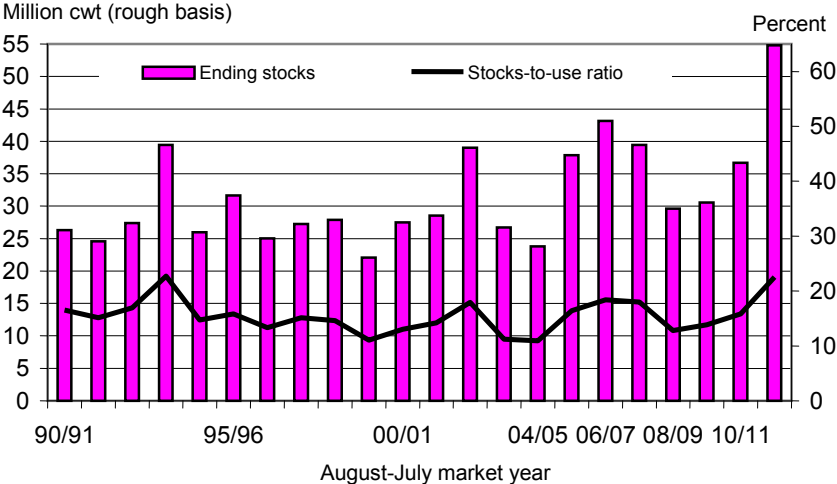
U.S. Medium/Short-Grain Season-Average Farm Price Is Raised to \$16.75-\$17.25 per Cwt

The 2010/11 season-average farm price (SAFP) for U.S. long-grain rice remains projected at \$11.05-\$11.55 per cwt, down from \$12.90 per cwt reported for last year. The projected decline in U.S. long-grain prices in 2010/11 is primarily based on record U.S. supplies and quality concerns regarding much of the rice harvested in the U.S. Delta in 2010/11. Almost all U.S. long-grain rice is grown in the South.

The combined medium- and short-grain 2010/11 U.S. SAFP is projected at \$16.75-\$17.25 per cwt, up 50 cents on both the high and low end from last month's forecast range. The upward revision is based on NASS-reported monthly cash prices through mid-March and expectations regarding prices the remainder of the market year. Despite the upward revision, the 2010/11 projected medium/short-grain SAFP remains below the 2009/10 SAFP of \$18.40. More than 70 percent of the U.S. medium- and short-grain crop is grown in California. The U.S. is likely to face some competition in the global medium- and short-grain market from Australia late in the 2010/11 market year. Australia's 2010/11 rice crop—virtually all medium- and short-grain, and currently being harvested—is projected to be the largest since 2005/06, allowing the country to return as a major exporter of medium- and short-grain rice.

Last month, NASS reported a mid-March 2011 cash price for long-grain rice of \$12.30 per cwt, up 30 cents from the revised February price and the highest since May 2010. For medium/short-grain rice, the mid-March NASS price was reported at \$20.30 per cwt, up \$2.60 per cwt from the revised February price and the highest since September 2009. The February medium/short-grain rough-rice cash price was raised 60 cents from the mid-month estimate to \$17.70 per cwt.

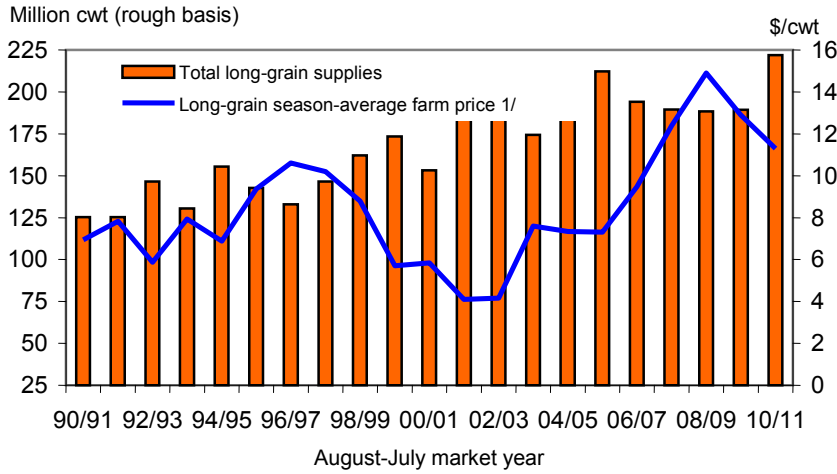
Figure 6
U.S. ending stocks are projected to be the highest since 1985/86



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.

Figure 7

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

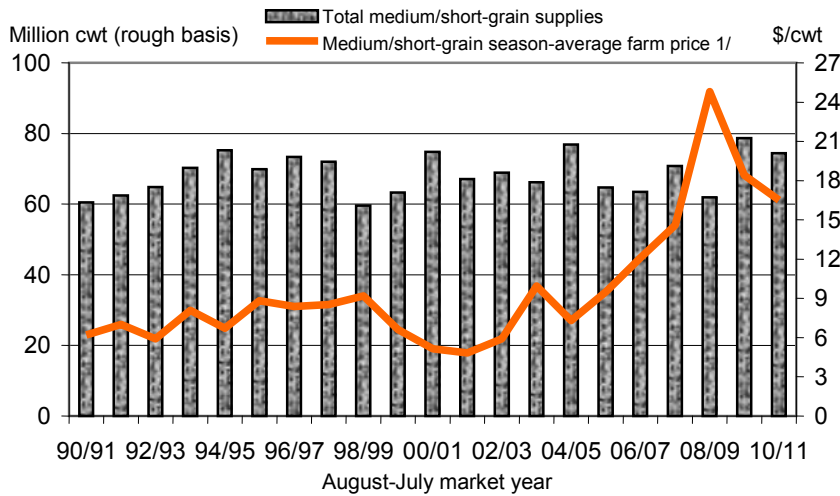


2010/11 is a forecast. 1/ 2010/11 is the midpoint of the price range.

Sources: 1990/91-2007/08, *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 8

Despite smaller supplies, U.S. medium/short-grain prices are projected to decline in 2010/11

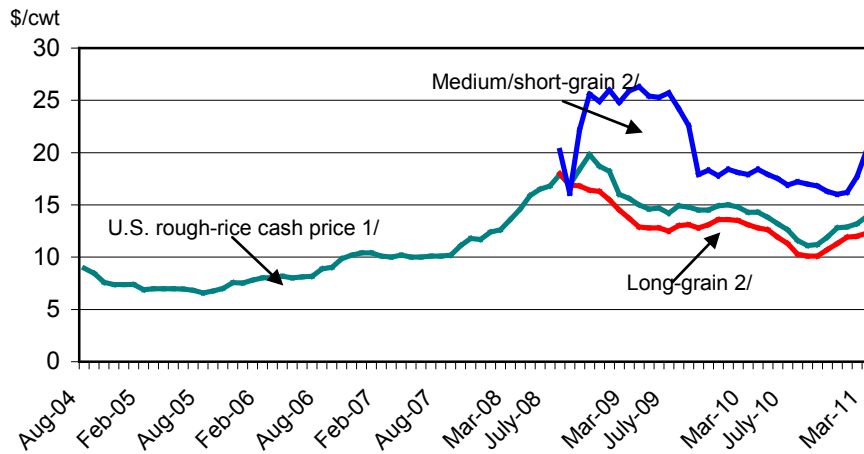


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Sources: 1990/91-2007/08, *2010 Rice Yearbook Data Set*, Economic Research Service/USDA; 2008/09-2010/11, *World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates*, <http://www.usda.gov/oce/commodity/wasde/index.htm>.

Figure 9

U.S. long-grain rough-rice prices continue to rise



March 2011 prices are mid-month 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>.

International Outlook

Global Rice Production Is Forecast To Be a Record 450.7 Million Tons in 2010/11

Global rice production in 2010/11 is forecast at a record 450.7 million tons (milled basis), down 0.8 million tons from last month's forecast, but still more than 2 percent larger than a year earlier. Expanded rice area accounted for most of the 2010/11 global production increase. At 158.5 million hectares, global rice area is up more than 1 percent from a year earlier and the highest on record.

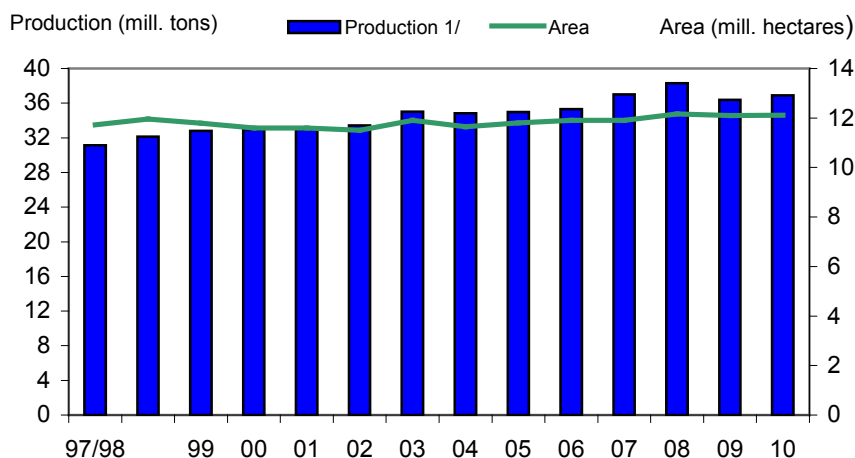
The largest upward revision this month was for Madagascar, whose 2010/11 production estimate was raised 374,000 tons to a record 3.1 million tons based on information from the Food and Agricultural Organization of the United Nations (FAO). Brazil's 2010/11 production estimate was also raised this month, up 208,000 tons to 8.9 million tons based on the March crop progress report from the Brazilian Government's Supply Company, CONAB. The increased estimate is mostly a product of a higher harvested area forecast. This is the country's second largest crop on record. Colombia's production estimate was also raised this month, up 101,000 tons to 1.37 million tons based on information from the U.S. Agricultural Counselor in Bogota. Though excessive rainfall reduced Colombia's harvested rice area in 2010/11, overall yields increased slightly from 2009/10. Smaller increases in production estimates were made this month for Afghanistan, Angola, Chad, Cote d'Ivoire, Gambia, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Malaysia, Mauritania, Senegal, and Sierra Leone.

These increases were more than offset by several downward production adjustments. The largest of these was for Indonesia, whose 2010/11 production estimate was reduced 600,000 tons to 36.9 million tons. This decrease was based on a report from the U.S. Agricultural Counselor in Jakarta. After conducting a detailed survey of production throughout the country, the Counselor determined that uninterrupted rainfall throughout the marketing year increased pest pressure, hampered harvesting operations, hindered grain-drying ability, and negatively affected milling rates. Iran's production estimate for 2010/11 was reduced by nearly 30 percent this month, down 550,000 tons to 1.5 million tons. This reduction was based on an adjusted trend due to downward revisions in Iran's production estimates from 2007/08 forward.

Weather problems were responsible for several other production estimate reductions this month. North Korea's 2010/11 crop estimate was reduced by 200,000 tons to 1.6 million tons. In February and March of 2011, U.N. personnel from the World Food Program (WFP), the Food and Agricultural Organization of the United Nations (FAO), and the U.N. Children's Fund (UNICEF) conducted a comprehensive food security assessment in North Korea. The mission found that heavy rains from May through September 2010 reduced yields of the 2010/11 rice crop more severely than previously estimated.

Figure 10

Indonesia's rice production remains below the 2008/09 record



2010/11 are projections. 1/ Milled basis.

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

Similarly, an FAO/WFP food security assessment mission to Laos determined that rice production in that country had been negatively affected by drier than normal conditions after the start of the rainy season that delayed transplanting.

Additionally, heavier-than-normal rainfall at the end of the season resulted in some losses due to late-season flooding. As a result, USDA this month reduced Laos' 2010/11 production estimate by 100,000 tons to 1.8 million tons. Flooding also caused production problems in Sri Lanka. Based on the recommendation of the U.S. Agricultural Counselor in Colombo, Sri Lanka's 2010/11 production estimate was reduced by 100,000 tons to 2.4 million tons. Severe flooding in that country in January reduced harvested area compared with 2009/10 and also negatively affected yields. Smaller 2010/11 downward revisions in production estimates were made for Argentina, Benin, Ghana, Kenya, Liberia, Mali, Niger, Peru, Rwanda, and Thailand.

Global rice production for 2009/10 was also revised down this month, by 560,000 tons to 440.4 million tons. Increased production estimates for Guinea, Laos, and Malaysia were more than offset by reductions for Iran and Peru.

The global disappearance forecast for 2010/11 was raised this month by nearly 400,000 tons to 447.4 million tons—the highest on record. Increases for Colombia, Madagascar, and Thailand more than offset reductions for Iran, North Korea, and Sri Lanka. The global ending stocks forecast for 2010/11 was reduced 1.7 million tons this month to 97.1 million tons, still up more than 3 percent from 2009/10. Increased ending stocks forecasts for Brazil and Sri Lanka were more than offset by reductions for Indonesia, Peru, the Philippines, and Thailand.

The global stocks-to-use ratio declined this month to 21.7 percent. Despite this month's revisions, these are the highest ending stocks and the highest global stocks-to-use ratio since 2002/03.

Global 2011 Rice Trade Forecast Is Reduced to 30.2 Million Tons

Global trade for 2011 was reduced by less than 1 percent this month to 30.2 million tons – more than a million tons less than last year and 5 percent lower than the record 31.9 million tons seen in 2007.

The only increase for an exporter this month was for Sri Lanka, whose projected exports were set at 10,000 tons based on small quantities shipped to Sri Lankan expatriates, as recommended by the U.S. Agricultural Counselor in Colombo. This increase was more than offset by a decrease for Peru of 35,000 tons to 45,000 tons based on a smaller 2010/11 production estimate for that country.

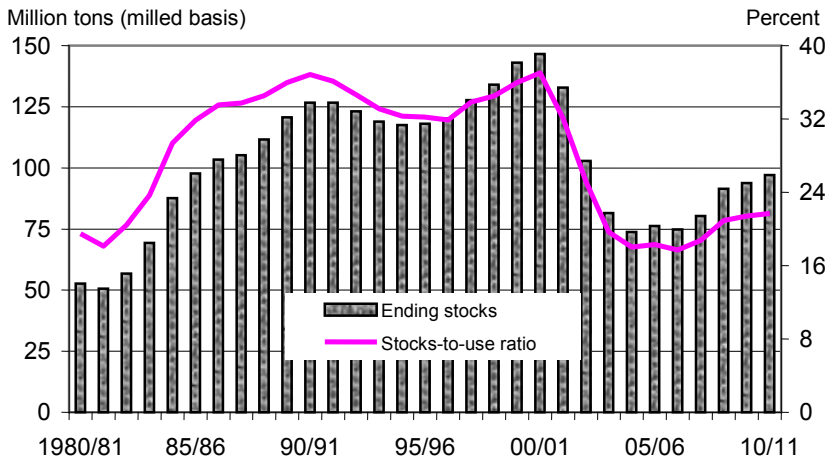
On the importer side, Kenya's imports were raised 60,000 tons to 300,000 tons based on reduced production estimates for both 2009/10 and 2010/11. Similarly, Afghanistan's imports were raised 50,000 tons to 250,000 tons on a reduced crop estimate. Liberia's import estimate was raised 50,000 tons to 250,000 tons to match the pace of previous years.

These increases were more than offset by several reductions. The largest of these was for the Philippines, whose import estimate was reduced 500,000 tons to 1.0 million tons based on a lackluster pace of imports to date and expectations of a larger harvest this year as compared with 2009/10. A large 2010/11 production increase for Madagascar resulted in a 100,000-ton reduction in that country's import estimate to 50,000 tons. Last, Thailand's 2011 import estimate was also reduced 100,000 tons to 200,000 tons. The U.S. Agricultural Counselor in Bangkok expects a drop in Thai imports from neighboring Cambodia in 2011, motivating the change.

Several smaller import adjustments were also made this month for Armenia, Colombia, Laos, Malaysia, Peru, Rwanda, Switzerland, Taiwan, and Zambia.

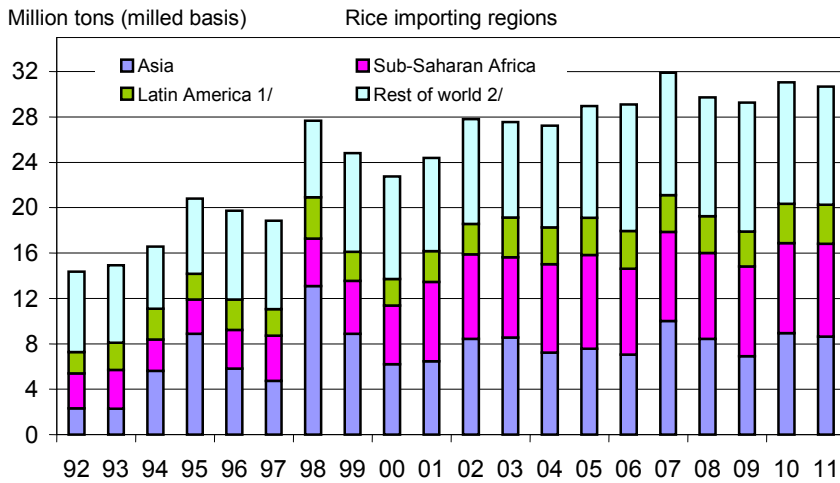
In contrast to 2011, trade for calendar year 2010 was raised this month to 31.3 million tons, as end-of-year shipment data has been finalized for several major exporters. The largest export increase this month was for Uruguay, whose 2010 export estimate was raised 58,000 tons to 808,000 tons based on final shipment data from the Government of Uruguay. Thailand's export estimate was increased 47,000 tons to 9.047 million tons this month, also based on year-end data supplied by the U.S. Agricultural Counselor in Bangkok. Smaller increases were made for Argentina and Sri Lanka. There were no 2010 export reductions this month.

Figure 11
Global ending stocks are projected to be the highest since 2002/03



2010/11 is a forecast.
 Source: *Production, Supply, and Distribution* data base, Foreign Agricultural Service, USDA, <http://www.fas.usda.gov/psd>.

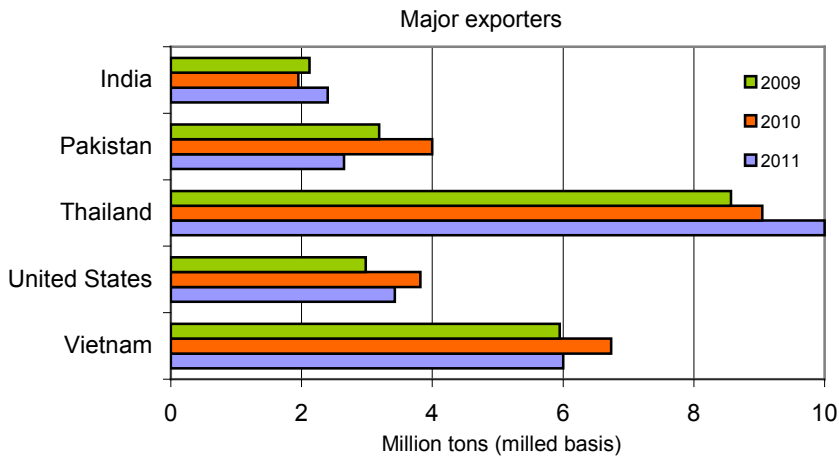
Figure 12
Asia is projected to import less rice in 2011



2011 are forecasts. 1/ Mexico, Central America, the Caribbean, and South America.
 2/ Includes imports not assigned a specific country.
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Figure 13

Pakistan and Vietnam are projected to export less rice in 2011

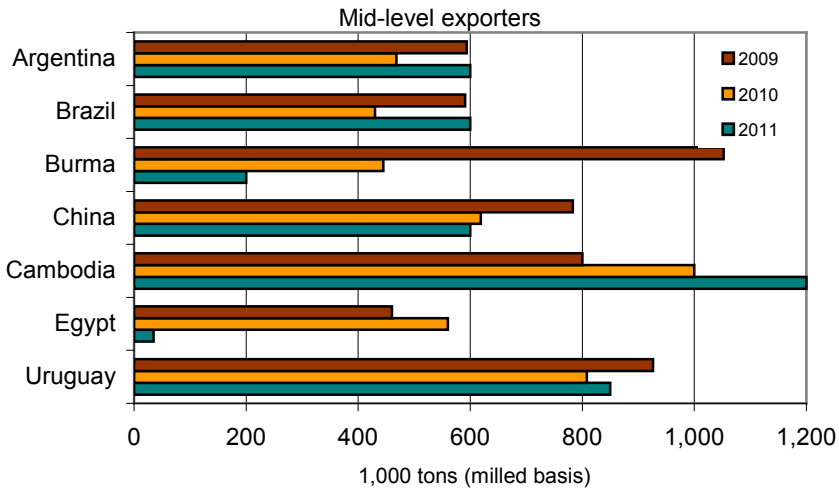


2011 are forecast. These 5 countries account for more than 80 percent of global rice exports.

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

Figure 14

Cambodia's exports are projected to be the highest on record in 2011



2011 are forecast.

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

For importers, the largest adjustment for 2010 this month was for Malaysia. That country's 2010 import estimate was reduced 113,000 tons to 907,000 tons based on the recommendation of the U.S. Agricultural Counselor in Kuala Lumpur. Numerous smaller changes were made this month for Afghanistan, Algeria, Argentina, Armenia, Belarus, Bosnia, Brazil, Chile, Costa Rica, Croatia, Cuba, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Ghana, Haiti, Honduras, Hong Kong, Iraq, Kenya, Laos, Lebanon, Liberia, Madagascar, Mexico, Morocco, Nicaragua, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Rwanda, Singapore, Sudan, Switzerland, Syria, Taiwan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, and Zambia.

Thailand's Trading Prices Fall in Anticipation of Nearby Harvests

Trading prices for Thailand's high- and medium-quality grades of non-specialty rice have declined 3 to 4 percent from the first week of March. A slower pace of sales and anticipation of large supplies from both Vietnam's winter/spring crop (which is being harvested now) and from Thailand's soon-to-be harvested dry-season crop have put downward pressure on prices in recent weeks.

Prices for Thailand's high-quality, 100-percent Grade B (fob vessel, Bangkok) milled rice for export were quoted at \$496 per ton for the week ending April 4, down 4 percent from the week ending March 7. Prices for Thailand's 5-percent brokens were quoted at \$481 per ton for the week ending April 4, also down 4 percent from the week ending March 7.

Prices for Thailand's 5-percent parboiled rice—a specialty rice—were quoted at \$497 per ton for the week ending April 4, down 3 percent from the week ending March 7.

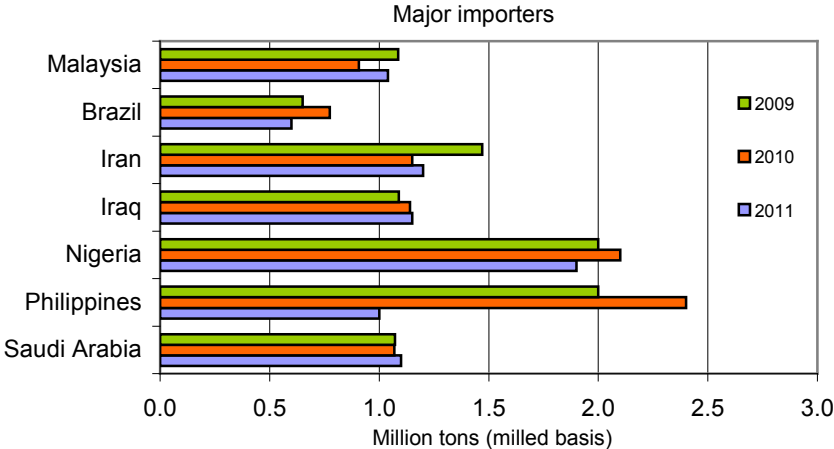
Prices were also down for Thailand's lower quality rice varieties. For the week ending April 4, prices for Thailand's A-1 Super 100-percent brokens were quoted at \$399 per ton, down 4 percent from the week ending March 7. All price quotes for Thailand's rice are from the *Weekly Rice Price Update*, reported by the U.S. Post in Bangkok.

In Vietnam, price quotes have nearly stabilized over the past month, due mostly to steady sales volumes. For the week ending April 5, prices for 5-percent brokens were quoted at \$465 per ton – up 1 percent from the week ending March 8. With Thai prices falling and Vietnam's quotes firming, the premium for Thailand's rice over rice from Vietnam has fallen to \$31, compared with a difference of \$59 last month.

Large domestic supplies and competition from major Asian exporters have largely been responsible for the lower U.S. prices in the past month. For the week ending April 5, prices for high-quality southern long-grain rice (No. 2, 4-percent brokens, bagged, free alongside vessel, U.S. Gulf port) were quoted at \$502 per ton, down \$11 from the week ending March 8. U.S. price quotes have not declined as much as Thailand's quotes, with the U.S. premium (adjusted to reflect the fob vessel price) over similar grades of Thai rice now at \$21 per ton, compared with just \$9 per ton a month ago. U.S. long-grain rough-rice (bulk, fob vessel, New Orleans) was quoted at \$290 per ton for the week ending April 5, down \$40 from the week ending March 8.

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 April 5, unchanged since late November of 2010. Export price quotes (for 30-kg bags, fob vessel) are also unchanged from November, quoted at \$875 per ton. Large commitments for California rice to Libya, Japan, and South Korea, combined with little international medium-grain competition until the harvest of Australia’s crop next month, have supported California’s prices. 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*.

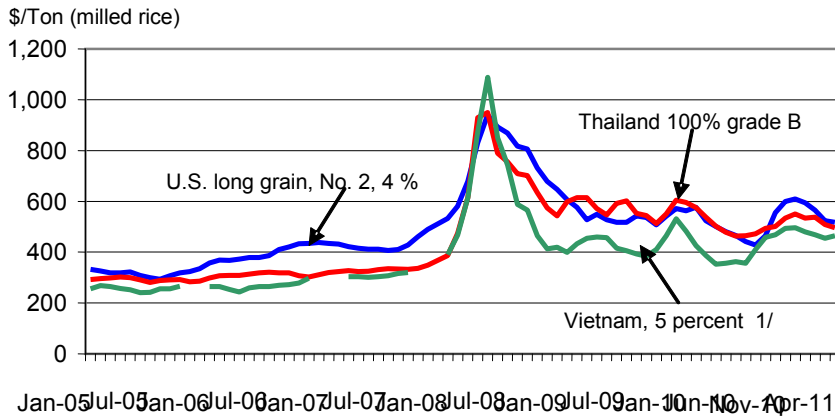
Figure 15
The Philippines are projected to sharply reduce imports in 2011



2011 are forecast. 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>.

Figure 16

U.S. export prices for long-grain milled rice continue to decline



April prices first week only. 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/
TOTAL RICE							
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	127.0
Exports	110.4	116.8	92.3	106.6	95.6	110.2	116.0
Rough	33.8	33.4	32.1	37.7	31.6	40.8	39.0
Milled 4/	76.6	83.4	60.1	69.0	64.0	69.4	77.0
Total use	231.5	234.7	218.9	232.1	222.0	232.7	243.0
Ending stocks	37.9	43.1	39.4	29.6	30.6	36.7	54.8
Percent							
Stocks-to-use ratio	16.4	18.4	18.0	12.8	13.8	15.8	22.5
\$/cwt							
Average farm price 5/	7.33	7.65	9.96	12.80	16.80	14.40	12.35 to 12.85
Percent							
Average milling rate	69.10	68.38	68.98	68.33	69.25	69.36	67.75

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.

Updated April 11, 2011.

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/
LONG GRAIN:							
	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	99.0
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	178.0
Ending stocks	22.8	32.8	28.6	19.1	20.1	23.2	43.9
	Percent						
Stocks-to-use ratio	13.5	18.3	17.3	11.2	11.9	13.9	24.7
Average farm price	7.34	7.30	9.47	12.40	14.90	12.90	11.05- 11.55
MEDIUM/SHORT GRAIN:							
	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	37.0
Total use	63.0	55.3	53.4	61.7	53.9	66.6	65.0
Ending stocks	13.9	9.5	10.0	9.1	8.0	12.1	9.4
	Percent						
Stocks-to-use ratio	22.0	17.1	18.8	14.7	14.9	18.1	14.4
Average farm price	7.29	9.49	12.10	14.60	24.80	18.40	16.75- 17.25
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 broken, which are included in total stocks for all types of rice in table 1.

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

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

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

Month	2010/11		2009/10		2008/09	
	\$/cwt	1,000 cwt	\$/cwt	1,000 cwt	\$/cwt	1,000 cwt
August	11.60	11,168	14.90	10,503	17.90	8,956
September	11.10	15,095	14.80	11,061	16.90	10,621
October	11.20	17,153	14.50	14,148	18.40	14,366
November	11.90	16,474	14.50	13,854	19.80	13,191
December	12.80	19,010	14.90	15,902	18.70	11,606
January	12.90	20,424	15.00	19,351	18.20	13,779
February	13.20	14,895	14.80	13,991	16.00	13,365
March	13.90 1/	N/A	14.30	16,292	15.60	12,158
April			14.30	12,525	15.00	12,712
May			13.80	13,145	14.60	8,069
June			13.20	11,019	14.70	9,075
July			12.60	11,952	14.20	11,246
Average price to date	12.33 2/					
Season-average farm price	12.60 3/		14.40		16.80	
Average marketings		16,317		13,645		11,595
Total volume marketed		114,219		163,743		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	9,047	13.00	8,677	17.20	2,121	24.20	1,826
September	10.10	12,764	13.10	9,125	17.00	2,331	22.60	1,936
October	10.10	14,304	12.80	9,396	16.80	2,849	17.90	4,752
November	10.70	12,782	13.10	10,252	16.30	3,692	18.30	3,602
December	11.30	13,080	13.60	11,078	16.00	5,930	17.80	4,824
January	11.90	15,567	13.60	13,585	16.20	4,857	18.40	5,766
February	12.00	11,750	13.50	9,999	17.70	3,145	18.10	3,992
March	12.30 1/	N/A	13.10	12,248	20.30 1/	N/A	17.90	4,044
April			12.80	9,128			18.40	3,397
May			12.60	10,055			17.90	3,090
June			11.90	8,373			17.50	2,646
July			11.30	9,089			16.90	2,863
Average to date 2/	11.09				17.19			
Season-average farm price	11.30		12.90		17.00		18.40	
Average marketings		12,756		10,084		3,561		3,562
Total volume marketed		89,294		121,005		24,925		42,738

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	13.98	14.15	13.03	13.14	12.71	12.81
February	12.68	13.35	12.74	12.99	12.74	12.80
March	12.13	12.76	11.21	11.42	12.36	12.42
April 2/	11.74	12.34	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/	12.30	12.60	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 January 2011 2/	2009/10 as of January 2010	2009/10 market year	2008/09 market year	2007/08 market year	2006/07 market year
1,000 metric tons						
ASIA	268.5	311.8	563.8	536.4	720.2	604.0
China	0.9	2.0	3.8	4.0	123.0	119.7
India	42.6	49.2	94.7	74.0	119.1	71.0
Pakistan	9.3	9.2	19.4	16.9	19.4	16.7
Thailand	204.8	213.1	401.0	422.1	454.4	394.4
Vietnam	9.2	36.8	41.6	17.5	0.6	1.2
Other	1.8	1.5	3.4	1.9	3.8	1.1
EUROPE & FSU	4.3	4.2	9.4	7.6	8.5	8.7
Italy	3.0	3.0	6.2	5.7	6.3	6.2
Spain	0.8	0.5	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	0.5	0.5	1.5	0.9	1.2	1.5
WESTERN HEMISPHERE	12.3	16.1	30.4	31.1	28.5	22.9
Argentina	1.3	1.1	2.5	1.1	2.6	2.6
Brazil	1.7	1.9	3.5	3.9	2.4	2.0
Canada	8.1	7.2	15.4	18.0	13.6	7.8
Mexico	0.6	3.6	6.1	6.1	9.2	10.2
Uruguay	0.6	2.3	2.9	1.7	0.3	0.0
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.4	0.4
OTHER	2.5	2.4	5.5	39.3	5.2	21.4
Egypt	0.0	0.3	0.6	36.6	2.7	19.3
United Arab Emirates	2.2	1.8	4.4	2.2	2.2	1.7
Other	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.5	0.3	0.4
TOTAL	287.7	334.4	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 3/31/2011	2009/10 as of 4/1/2010	2009/10 market year	2008/09 market year	2007/08 market year	2006/07 market year
1,000 metric tons						
EUROPE & FSU	81.0	76.1	98.3	77.6	89.7	54.0
European Union	72.7	67.5	88.6	71.0	87.0	51.4
Other Europe	3.5	2.6	2.6	3.9	0.7	1.4
Former Soviet Union (FSU)	4.8	6.0	7.1	2.7	2.0	1.2
NORTHEAST ASIA	438.1	538.2	571.3	472.3	450.9	467.0
Hong Kong	0.7	0.6	1.1	0.6	1.1	0.6
Japan	344.3	383.2	388.9	386.1	339.9	324.5
South Korea	81.5	79.3	79.4	85.0	78.6	69.0
Taiwan	11.6	75.1	101.9	0.6	31.3	72.9
OTHER ASIA, OCEANIA, & THE MIDDLE EAST	571.1	646.9	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	129.1	135.1	121.0	188.6	308.8
Iran	0.0	0.0	0.0	31.7	0.0	0.0
Israel	29.1	31.6	45.7	33.4	30.0	4.8
Jordan	74.6	53.5	66.4	86.2	79.7	50.8
Papua New Guinea	9.4	37.9	37.9	103.2	2.3	0.0
Philippines	0.0	0.0	0.0	46.3	70.7	0.0
Saudi Arabia	110.9	98.5	108.5	143.6	111.3	87.1
Turkey	165.4	224.2	267.0	22.7	154.9	0.1
Rest of Asia, Oceania, and Middle East	61.7	69.9	88.7	76.2	60.0	32.1
AFRICA	411.4	94.1	117.4	131.6	119.6	97.7
Cote d'Ivoire	0.0	0.0	0.0	15.3	15.0	0.0
Ghana	90.0	26.0	43.7	50.9	75.9	80.4
Liberia	38.1	9.2	8.4	11.1	8.3	11.2
Libya	154.6	1.4	1.1	2.8	0.7	2.1
Nigeria	52.1	38.2	36.6	24.3	0.0	0.1
Senegal	49.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	13.3	0.0
South Africa	0.9	0.3	0.5	0.3	0.0	0.0
Togo	14.4	0.0	0.0	6.8	0.0	0.0
Other Africa	12.0	19.0	27.1	20.1	6.5	3.8
WESTERN HEMISPHERE	1,532.0	1,721.1	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	125.7	119.6	124.8	168.9	182.1	198.4
Costa Rica	15.5	138.9	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	6.2	22.0	25.2	30.7	9.0	0.7
Guatemala	46.6	62.6	72.6	65.0	58.8	95.4
Haiti	171.0	145.8	226.5	257.0	279.0	251.1
Honduras	102.1	89.7	119.3	150.1	131.2	157.3
Jamaica	26.9	20.0	20.2	26.9	50.7	37.0
Leeward & Windward Islands	9.4	8.8	8.3	9.3	12.4	5.8
Mexico	655.0	668.1	775.1	594.2	855.3	734.4
Netherlands Antilles	3.7	3.5	5.2	4.4	5.3	6.1
Nicaragua	123.9	121.2	147.0	97.3	179.2	138.3
Panama	37.3	100.3	104.0	9.4	96.4	80.6
Peru	1.4	0.0	0.0	0.2	2.8	0.0
El Salvador	49.8	65.3	78.5	79.2	86.0	99.1
Venezuela	129.6	147.2	241.8	243.7	125.9	0.6
Other Western Hemisphere	7.9	7.9	12.0	10.6	17.2	12.5
UNKNOWN	56.0	0.0	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	3,089.6	3,076.4	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	Southern long-grain	California medium-grain	100%	5%	15%	35%	A.1 6/	5%
	milled 2/	rough 3/	milled 4/	Grade B	Parboiled	Brokens		Super	Brokens
	\$/ metric ton								
2002/03	223	123	327	199	195	186	175	151	184
2003/04	360	206	533	220	222	207	199	184	212
2004/05	312	176	405	278	278	265	252	219	244
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	579	319	871	534	528	496	NQ	404	480
Feb. 2011	540	330	871	538	532	495	NQ	418	469
Mar. 2011	509	307	871	509	506	473	NQ	408	455
Apr. 2011 8/	502	290	871	496	497	463	NQ	399	465
2010/11 8/	524	301	829	514	521	476	NQ	408	466

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).

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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/			
	April 2011	March 2011	April 2011	Monthly revisions	Annual changes	March 2011	April 2011	Monthly revisions	Annual changes
	1,000 metric tons					1,000 metric tons			
Afghanistan	275	335	332	-3	57	275	335	60	3
Argentina	867	706	706	0	-161	1,175	1,138	-37	432
Australia	44	142	142	0	98	608	608	0	466
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	8,700	8,908	208	1,251
Burma	10,150	10,597	10,597	0	447	10,500	10,500	0	-97
Cambodia	4,520	4,780	4,780	0	260	5,020	5,020	0	240
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	1,269	1,370	101	-142
Cote d'Ivoire	374	378	378	0	4	399	416	17	38
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	4,300	4,300	0	-102	3,100	3,100	0	-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	247	-11	12
Guinea	780	910	975	65	195	975	1,040	65	65
Guyana	330	360	360	0	30	364	364	0	4
India	99,180	89,130	89,130	0	-10,050	94,500	94,500	0	5,370
Indonesia	38,310	36,370	36,370	0	-1,940	37,500	36,900	-600	530
Iran	1,441	2,000	1,487	-513	46	2,050	1,500	-550	13
Japan	8,029	7,711	7,711	0	-318	7,720	7,720	0	9
Korea, North	1,860	1,910	1,910	0	50	1,800	1,600	-200	-310
Korea, South	4,843	4,916	4,916	0	73	4,300	4,300	0	-616
Laos	1,764	1,821	1,923	102	159	1,900	1,800	-100	-123
Liberia	172	176	176	0	4	180	178	-2	2
Madagascar	2,505	2,688	2,688	0	183	2,688	3,062	374	374
Malaysia	1,536	1,590	1,620	30	84	1,600	1,610	10	-10
Mali	873	1,043	1,043	0	170	1,188	1,148	-40	105
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	1,840	-247	-108	2,000	1,950	-50	110
Philippines	10,755	9,772	9,772	0	-983	10,350	10,350	0	578
Russia	480	590	590	0	110	690	690	0	100
Sierra Leone	408	465	470	5	62	465	498	33	28
Sri Lanka	2,227	2,650	2,650	0	423	2,500	2,400	-100	-250
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	20,262	-88	2
Uganda	117	120	120	0	3	130	130	0	10
United States	6,400	6,917	6,917	0	517	7,471	7,471	0	554
Uruguay	901	804	804	0	-97	1,000	1,000	0	196
Venezuela	495	320	320	0	-175	350	350	0	30
Vietnam	24,393	24,979	24,979	0	586	24,983	24,983	0	4
Others	3,838	4,074	4,071	-3	233	4,152	4,225	73	154
World total	448,071	440,917	440,353	-564	-7,718	451,518	450,681	-837	10,328

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/			
	April 2011	March 2011	April 2011	Monthly revisions	Annual changes	March 2011	March 2011	Monthly revisions	Annual changes
	1,000 metric tons (milled basis)					1,000 metric tons (milled basis)			
Argentina	594	450	468	18	-126	600	600	0	132
Australia	17	40	40	0	23	350	350	0	310
Brazil	591	430	430	0	-161	600	600	0	170
Burma	1,052	445	445	0	-607	200	200	0	-245
Cambodia	800	1,000	1,000	0	200	1,200	1,200	0	200
China	783	619	619	0	-164	600	600	0	-19
Ecuador	30	60	60	0	30	100	100	0	40
Egypt	575	560	560	0	-15	35	35	0	-525
European Union-27	150	230	230	0	80	180	180	0	-50
Guyana	244	275	275	0	31	250	250	0	-25
India	2,123	1,950	1,950	0	-173	2,400	2,400	0	450
Japan	200	200	200	0	0	200	200	0	0
Korea, South	4	9	9	0	5	5	5	0	-4
Pakistan	3,187	4,000	4,000	0	813	2,650	2,650	0	-1,350
Peru	80	55	55	0	-25	80	45	-35	-10
Thailand	8,570	9,000	9,047	47	477	10,000	10,000	0	953
Uganda	20	20	20	0	0	20	20	0	0
Uruguay	926	750	808	58	-118	850	850	0	42
Vietnam	5,950	6,734	6,734	0	784	6,000	6,000	0	-734
Other	374	488	498	10	124	425	435	10	-63
Subtotal	26,270	27,315	27,448	133	1,178	26,745	26,720	-25	-728
United States	2,983	3,815	3,815	0	832	3,425	3,425	0	-390
U.S. Share	10.2%	12.3%	12.2%	--	--	11.4%	11.4%	--	--
World total	29,253	31,130	31,263	133	2,010	30,170	30,145	-25	-1,118

-- 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/			
	April 2011	March 2011	April 2011	Monthly revisions	Annual changes	March 2011	April 2011	Monthly revisions	Annual changes
	1,000 tons (milled basis)					1,000 tons (milled basis)			
Bangladesh	150	660	660	0	510	800	800	0	140
Brazil	650	750	774	24	124	600	600	0	-174
Cameroon	300	300	300	0	0	310	310	0	10
Canada	322	330	330	0	8	330	330	0	0
China	337	366	366	0	29	400	400	0	34
Colombia	111	15	15	0	-96	150	125	-25	110
Costa Rica	86	70	71	1	-15	50	50	0	-21
Cote d'Ivoire	800	860	860	0	60	900	900	0	40
Cuba	457	500	498	-2	41	525	525	0	27
Egypt	20	15	15	0	-5	15	15	0	0
European Union	1,383	1,200	1,200	0	-183	1,350	1,350	0	150
Ghana	410	300	320	20	-90	320	320	0	0
Guinea	150	200	200	0	50	225	225	0	25
Haiti	300	325	337	12	37	300	300	0	-37
Honduras	104	115	94	-21	-10	110	110	0	16
Hong Kong	397	400	390	-10	-7	410	410	0	20
Indonesia	250	1,150	1,150	0	900	1,750	1,750	0	600
Iran	1,470	1,150	1,150	0	-320	1,200	1,200	0	50
Iraq	1,089	1,107	1,140	33	51	1,150	1,150	0	10
Japan	750	650	650	0	-100	700	700	0	50
Jordan	177	140	140	0	-37	160	160	0	20
Korea, North	62	90	90	0	28	50	50	0	-40
Korea, South	245	320	320	0	75	330	330	0	10
Liberia	175	165	220	55	45	200	250	50	30
Malaysia	1,086	1,020	907	-113	-179	1,020	1,040	20	133
Mexico	610	600	598	-2	-12	655	655	0	57
Mozambique	385	320	320	0	-65	400	400	0	80
Nicaragua	77	100	89	-11	12	100	100	0	11
Nigeria	2,000	2,100	2,100	0	100	1,900	1,900	0	-200
Philippines	2,000	2,400	2,400	0	400	1,500	1,000	-500	-1,400
Russia	230	220	220	0	-10	200	200	0	-20
Saudi Arabia	1,072	1,069	1,069	0	-3	1,100	1,100	0	31
Senegal	715	650	650	0	-65	700	700	0	50
Singapore	278	300	310	10	32	300	300	0	-10
South Africa	745	733	733	0	-12	760	760	0	27
Syria	250	350	315	-35	65	350	350	0	35
Taiwan	86	130	146	16	60	120	130	10	-16
Turkey	282	520	520	0	238	400	400	0	-120
United Arab Emirates	380	400	400	0	20	400	400	0	0
United States	682	562	562	0	-120	620	620	0	58
Venezuela	100	350	350	0	250	300	300	0	-50
Vietnam	500	400	400	0	-100	600	600	0	200
Yemen	329	325	325	0	-4	335	335	0	10
Subtotal	22,002	23,727	23,704	-23	1,702	24,095	23,650	-445	-54
Other countries 2/	7,251	7,403	7,559	156	308	6,075	6,495	420	-1,064
									0
World total	29,253	31,130	31,263	133	2,010	30,170	30,145	-25	-1,118

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

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

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