



Economic  
Research  
Service

Situation and  
Outlook

RCS-13d

April 12, 2013

# Rice Outlook

**Nathan Childs**

[nchilds@ers.usda.gov](mailto:nchilds@ers.usda.gov)

## U.S. 2013/14 Rice Acreage Indicated at 2.61 million Acres

Rice Chart Gallery  
will be updated on  
April 15, 2013.

The next release is  
May 14, 2013.

-----  
Approved by the  
World Agricultural  
Outlook Board.

The March 2013 Prospective Plantings report indicated total U.S. rice plantings in 2013/14 of 2.61 million acres, down 3 percent from a year earlier and the smallest since 1987/88. Plantings are behind both a year earlier and normal timing in the Delta, but well ahead on the Gulf Coast.

There were no supply side revisions this month to the 2012/13 U.S. rice balance sheet. Total supplies for 2012/13 remain forecast at 262.1 million cwt, almost 4 percent larger than a year earlier. A larger crop and near-record imports are projected to more than offset a smaller carryin. Based on data reported in the National Agricultural Statistics Service's March Rice Stocks, U.S. rice stocks on March 1, 2013 are estimated at 113.8 million cwt, up almost 1 percent from a year earlier.

The total domestic and residual use forecast was lowered 5.0 million cwt to 120.0 million, based on the March 1 rice stocks report that indicated smaller than expected domestic and residual use during the first 7 months of the market year. Total exports of U.S. all rice in 2012/13 remain projected at 108.0 million cwt, 6 percent above a year earlier. The smaller domestic and residual use forecast resulted in a 5.0-million cwt reduction in the ending stocks forecast to 34.1 million cwt.

The 2012/13 season-average farm price (SAFP) for U.S. long-grain rice remains forecast at \$14.20-\$14.80 per cwt, and the combined medium- and short-grain 2012/13 U.S. SAFP remains forecast at \$15.60-\$16.20 per cwt

Global rice production for 2012/13 is forecast at a record 467.6 million tons (milled basis), down 0.5 million tons from last month's forecast, but 1.8 million tons above a year earlier. Production forecasts were lowered this month for Pakistan, Thailand, and Colombia, but raised for the Philippines, Indonesia, and Ecuador.

Global rice use (including a residual component) for 2012/13 is projected at a record 469.3 million tons, down 0.9 million tons from last month's forecast. Global ending stocks for 2012/13 are projected at 103.8 million tons, up 0.5 million tons from last month's forecast. Ending stocks forecasts were raised this month for Indonesia, the Philippines, and the United States.

The calendar year 2013 global rice trade forecast was lowered slightly to 37.3 million tons, 1.9 million tons below the year-earlier record. Export forecasts for 2013 were lowered for Pakistan and Argentina but raised for Venezuela, Uruguay, Burma, and Russia.

Prices for most grades of Thailand's higher and medium-quality white milled rice were nearly unchanged over the past month, as weaker domestic prices were offset by a stronger Thai baht. Price quotes from Vietnam continue to decline, largely a response to a slowing pace of sales in 2013. U.S. prices for long-grain milled rice have decreased slightly since mid-March and are back to levels reported in early March. Prices for California milled rice for the U.S. market have remained unchanged over the past month.

## Domestic Outlook

### *U.S. 2013/14 Rice Acreage Indicated at 2.61 Million Acres*

Text is 11pt Times New Roman The March 2013 Prospective Plantings report indicated total U.S. rice plantings in 2013/14 of 2.61 million acres, down 3 percent from a year earlier and the smallest since 1987/88. The year-to-year decline is largely due to more favorable expected returns for alternative crops, especially soybeans and corn in the Delta, the largest rice-producing region in the country. Plantings were indicated lower this year in both California and the South, with the South accounting for the bulk of the indicated decline.

By class, long-grain plantings were indicated at 1.93 million acres, a 3-percent decrease from a year earlier. Almost all long-grain rice is grown in the South. Medium- and short-grain plantings were indicated at 678,000 acres, a decline of 4 percent from a year earlier. The South accounts for almost two-thirds of the indicated decline in U.S. medium- and short-grain plantings in 2013/14.

Rice acreage for 2013/14 is indicated lower in all reported States except the Gulf Coast States Louisiana and Texas. Growers in Arkansas indicated 2013/14 rice plantings of 1.23 million acres, a 5-percent decline from a year earlier and the smallest since 1989/90. Long-grain accounts for most of the indicated area decline in Arkansas. California growers indicated 2013/14 plantings at 550,000 acres, down 2 percent from a year earlier, with medium-grain accounting for almost all of the decline. In Mississippi, growers indicated 2013/14 plantings of just 120,000 acres, nearly 8 percent below a year earlier and the smallest since 1977/78. Mississippi grows only long-grain rice. Growers in Missouri indicated rice plantings of 160,000 acres in 2013/14, down 11 percent from a year earlier, with long-grain accounting for all of the intended decrease.

In contrast, growers in Louisiana indicated they would expand rice plantings 4.5 percent to 420,000 acres in 2013/14, with long-grain accounting for all of the increase. Medium-grain plantings in Louisiana are indicated lower in 2013/14. In Texas, growers intend to plant 135,000 acres of rice in 2013/14, unchanged from last year. The State has endured severe drought for several years and has imposed water restrictions in many counties. Almost all rice grown in Texas is long grain.

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. The first survey of actual plantings of the 2013/14 crop will be conducted in early June and reported in the Acreage report to be released on June 28, 2013.

### *Planting of 2013/14 U.S. Rice Crop Well Behind Normal Pace in the Delta*

For the week ending April 7, just 17 percent of the U.S. rice crop was reported planted, well behind 35 percent a year earlier and the U.S. 5-year average of 20 percent. Planting was slower than normal in the Delta, but well ahead on the Gulf Coast. In Arkansas, just 4 percent of the crop was reported planted by April 7, down from a record high of 45 percent last year and a 5-year average of 16 percent. Mississippi's 2013/14 rice crop was just 1-percent planted by April 7, well behind 33 percent last year and the State's 5-year average of 12 percent. In Missouri, 2

percent of the 2013/14 rice crop was reported planted by April 7, well behind last year's record 42 percent and the State's average of 10 percent. Across the Delta rice area, temperatures have been cooler than normal and rainfall more abundant this year, slowing the pace of planting.

In contrast, the pace of planting the 2013/14 crop was well ahead of normal in the Gulf Coast rice-growing States. For the week ending April 7, the Louisiana 2013/14 rice crop was reported 75 percent planted, well ahead of 49 percent last year and the State's 5-year average of 53 percent. In Texas, 76 percent of the 2013/14 rice crop was reported planted by April 7, well ahead of 31 percent last year and the State's 5-year average of 57 percent. Planting of the 2013/14 California rice crop has just started, a pace typical for the State.

By April 7, 9 percent of the U.S. 2013/14 rice crop had emerged, nearly unchanged from a year earlier, but ahead of the U.S. average of 5 percent. Like planting, emergence was well ahead of normal on the Gulf Coast, but it was behind in the Delta. In Arkansas, emergence of the 2013/14 rice crop had not begun by April 7, compared with a record 10 percent last year and the State's 5-year average of 2 percent. Emergence had not begun in Missouri either, typical for the State in early April. In Mississippi, 1 percent of the 2013/14 rice crop had emerged by April 7, down from a record 10 percent last year and the State's average of 3 percent.

In Texas, 40 percent of the 2013/14 rice crop had emerged by April 7, well ahead of 13 percent last year and the Texas average of 28 percent. For Louisiana, 46 percent of the crop had emerged by April 7, well ahead of 10 percent last year and the State's 5-year average of 14 percent.

### ***Total U.S. 2012/13 Rice Supplies Projected at 262.1 Million Cwt***

There were no supply side revisions this month to the 2012/13 U.S. rice balance sheet. Imports remain projected at 21.5 million cwt (rough-equivalent basis), up 11 percent from a year earlier and the second highest imports on record. Imports from Vietnam (mostly broken) and India (virtually all basmati) have been well ahead of a year earlier. Long-grain imports remain projected at 19.0 million cwt, 12 percent larger than a year earlier. These are the highest U.S. long-grain imports on record. Medium- and short-grain imports remain projected at 2.5 million cwt for 2012/13, up 3 percent from a year earlier.

The U.S. crop remains estimated at 199.5 million cwt, 8 percent larger than a year earlier, a result of both expanded area and a record yield. The 2012/13 long-grain crop remains estimated at 144.2 million cwt, an increase of 23 percent from a year earlier, a result of both expanded area and a record yield. In contrast, the 2012/13 U.S. medium- and short-grain crop declined 19 percent from a year earlier to 55.3 million cwt, a result of a 21-percent decline in plantings.

The 2012/13 all rice carryin remains estimated at 41.1 million cwt, 15 percent below a year earlier. The long-grain 2012/13 carryin remains estimated at 24.3 million cwt, 32 percent below a year earlier. The medium- and short-grain carryin remains estimated at 14.7 million cwt, up 45 percent from a year earlier. Stocks of broken, included in the all-rice stocks estimate, are not specified by class.

Total supplies for 2012/13 are forecast at 262.1 million cwt, almost 4 percent larger than a year earlier. A larger crop and near-record imports are projected to more than offset a smaller carryin. By class, long-grain supplies remain projected at 187.4 million cwt, 11 percent larger than a year earlier. Medium- and short-grain supplies remain forecast at 72.5 million cwt, 11 percent below a year earlier.

In addition, the 2012/13 milling rate was lowered 0.25 percent to 70.00 percent based on reported milling data through January. The lower milling rate lowered the production reported on a milled basis.

Based on data reported in the National Agricultural Statistics Service's March Rice Stocks, U.S. rice stocks on March 1, 2013, are estimated at 113.8 million cwt, up almost 1 percent from a year earlier. Long-grain stocks on March 1 are estimated at 72.0 million cwt, up 1.2 percent from a year earlier. In contrast, combined medium- and short-grain stocks are estimated at 36.15 million cwt, down more than 8 percent from a year earlier. The South accounted for most of the decline in medium- and short-grain stocks. U.S. stocks of brokens on March 1 are estimated at 5.7 million cwt, up 140 percent from a year earlier.

Arkansas, the largest rice-growing State, accounts for most of the year-to-year increase in March 1 stocks. At 61.1 million cwt, rice stocks in Arkansas on March 1 were up almost 9 percent from a year earlier. Stocks in Missouri are estimated at 4.8 million cwt on March 1, up 16 percent from a year earlier. In California, March 1 rice stocks are estimated at 29.8 million cwt, up 2 percent from March 1, 2012. March 1 rice stocks are estimated lower than a year earlier in the remaining reported States. Mississippi's March 1 stocks of 2.5 million cwt are 42 percent smaller than a year earlier. Rice stocks in Louisiana on March 1 are estimated at 8.85 million cwt, a decline of 20 percent from last year. Finally, rice stocks in Texas on March 1 are estimated at 6.4 million cwt, down almost 6 percent from a year earlier.

### ***U.S. 2012/13 Domestic and Residual Use Forecast Lowered to 120.0 Million Cwt***

Total use of U.S. rice in 2012/13 is projected at 228.0 million cwt, down 5.0 million cwt from last month's forecast but still 8 percent above a year earlier. The downward revision is due to a smaller domestic and residual use forecast. By class, long-grain total use is projected at 167.0 million cwt, down 4.0 million cwt from last month's forecast, but still 15 percent above a year earlier. Medium- and short-grain total use is projected at 61.0 million cwt, down 1.0 million cwt from last month's forecast and 9 percent below a year earlier. The expected year-to-year decline is mostly due to tighter supplies and higher prices.

Total domestic and residual use of all rice in 2012/13 is projected at 120.0 million cwt, down 5.0 million from last month's forecast but still 9 percent higher than a year earlier. The downward revision was based on the March 1 rice stocks report that indicated smaller than expected domestic and residual use during the first 7 months of the market year. The 2011/12 domestic and residual use estimate was the lowest since 1997/98. Despite expectations of a 9-percent increase, the 2012/13 domestic and residual use estimate is still 5 million cwt below the 2007/08-2011/12 average.

For long-grain, 2012/13 domestic and residual use is projected at 90.0 million cwt, down 4 million cwt from last month's forecast but almost 16 percent larger than a year earlier. Medium- and short-grain domestic and residual use is projected at 30.0 million, a decline of 1.0 million cwt from last month and 7 percent below a year earlier.

Total exports of U.S. all rice in 2012/13 remain projected at 108.0 million cwt, 6 percent above a year earlier. Based on data from U.S. Export Sales, total outstanding commercial sales and exports of all rice (based on actual shipment weight) through March 28 were more than 14 percent ahead of a year earlier. By type, U.S. rough-rice exports are projected at 35.0 million cwt, 7 percent larger than a year earlier. Latin America is the largest market for U.S. rough-rice exports, taking almost exclusively long-grain. Turkey and Libya are the largest markets for U.S. medium- and short-grain rough-rice.

U.S. milled rice exports (combined milled- and brown-rice exports converted to a rough-rice basis) remain projected at 73.0 million cwt, 6 percent above a year earlier. Northeast Asia, the Caribbean, the Middle East, Sub-Saharan Africa, and Canada are the largest destinations for U.S. milled-rice exports. Haiti is the largest market for U.S. milled rice in the Western Hemisphere, taking almost exclusively long-grain rice.

By class, long-grain exports remain projected at 77.0 million cwt, 15 percent above a year earlier. South America has been a much stronger buyer of U.S. rice in 2012/13 than in the previous year, with Colombia and Venezuela top buyers. In addition, Iran has purchased more than 91,000 tons of U.S. long-grain milled rice. These are the first significant purchases of U.S. rice by Iran since 2008/09. Medium- and short-grain exports remain projected at 31.0 million cwt, 11 percent below the year-earlier near-record. Some of the projected decline is based on stronger competition with Australia and Egypt.

U.S. ending stocks of all rice in 2012/13 are projected at 34.1 million cwt, up 5.0 million cwt from last month's forecast but 17 percent below a year earlier. The stocks-to-use ratio is calculated at 14.9 percent, up from last month's forecast of 12.5 percent, but still below 19.4 percent in 2011/12. By class, the 2012/13 U.S. long-grain carryout is projected at 20.4 million cwt, down 4.0 million cwt from last month's forecast and 16 percent below a year earlier. The long-grain stocks-to-use ratio is calculated at 12.2 percent, down from 16.8 percent a year earlier. The medium- and short-grain carryout remains projected at 11.5 million cwt, up 1.0 million cwt from last month but still 14 percent below a year earlier. The medium/short-grain stocks-to-use ratio is calculated at 18.9 percent, down from 21.9 percent in 2011/12.

### ***U.S. Long-Grain Season-Average Price Projected To Be Higher in 2012/13***

The 2012/13 season-average farm price (SAFP) for U.S. long-grain rice remains forecast at \$14.20-\$14.80 per cwt, with the mid-point well above the 2011/12 SAFP of \$13.40 per cwt. The higher U.S. long-grain price in 2012/13 is primarily due to stronger global demand for U.S. rice and expectations of a tight U.S. ending-stocks situation. However, the U.S. price increase is limited by weaker global trading prices.

The combined medium- and short-grain 2012/13 U.S. SAFP remains forecast at \$15.60-\$16.20 per cwt, with the mid-point well below the 2011/12 SAFP of \$17.10. Greater competition from Egypt and Australia in the global market accounts for much of the projected price decline for U.S. medium- and short-grain rice in 2012/13.

In late March, NASS reported a mid-March U.S. long-grain rough-rice price of \$14.70 per cwt, up 10 cents from the revised February estimate and the highest since January 2009. The February price was lowered 50 cents from the mid-month estimate to \$14.60. For combined medium- and short-grain rice, the mid-March NASS price was reported at \$16.80 per cwt, up \$1.00 from the February revised price. The February price was lowered 20 cents from the mid-month estimate to \$15.80 per cwt.

## International Outlook

### *Production Forecasts for 2012/13 Lowered for Pakistan, Thailand, and Colombia*

Global rice production for 2012/13 is forecast at a record 467.6 million tons (milled basis), down 0.5 million tons from last month's forecast but 1.8 million tons above a year earlier. Global rice area in 2012/13 is projected at 158.4 million hectares, down fractionally from last month's forecast and 0.5 million hectares below the year-earlier record. India accounts for most of the year-to-year area decline. The average global yield is forecast at a record 4.40 tons per hectare (on a rough-rice basis), up from 4.37 tons in 2011/12.

There were six downward revisions to 2012/13 production forecasts this month, with most in Asia or South America. First, Pakistan's 2012/13 production estimate was lowered 0.8 million tons to 6.0 million tons based on damage caused by localized floods in September that was more severe than initially reported. This is the third year in a row that Pakistan's rice crop has been adversely affected by flooding. Pakistan's production is down 3 percent from 2011/12, a result of weaker plantings and a lower yield. Second, Thailand's 2012/13 production estimate was lowered 0.3 million tons to 20.2 million based on information from the USDA office in Bangkok indicating reduced off-season acreage caused by drought. Thailand's 2012/13 production is forecast to be 1 percent below the year earlier record. Third, Vietnam's 2012/13 production forecast was lowered 60,000 tons to 27.65 million tons based on information from the USDA office in Hanoi reporting smaller area in the spring crop due to unexpected dry weather. Vietnam's 2012/13 production is still the highest on record. All three countries are major rice exporters.

Outside Asia, Colombia's 2012/13 production forecast was lowered 0.4 million tons to 1.72 million tons based on lower area and a weaker yield caused by flooding and rains near harvest-time and disease problems that were caused by excessive rain. Colombia's production is down more than 6 percent from a year earlier and this is the fourth consecutive year of a significant decline in production, a major factor behind the country's rising imports. Argentina's 2012/13 production forecast was reduced 33,000 tons to 975,000 tons based on a lower yield caused by recent excessive rains at the start of harvest. Production is down 3 percent from a year earlier. Finally, the European Union's 2012/13 crop estimate was decreased 9,000 tons to 2.03 million tons based on smaller production in Bulgaria and France that more than offset a larger crop in Spain. Production in the EU is down slightly from a year earlier.

These downward revisions were partially offset by 3 upward revisions. First, the Philippines' 2012/13 production forecast was raised 360,000 tons to a record 11.35 million tons based on larger area and a higher yield reported by the Government of the Philippines Bureau of Agricultural Statistics. Second, Indonesia's 2012/13 production forecast was raised 0.6 million tons to 37.5 million tons based on higher yields that resulted from good weather for the main crop, low pest and disease problems, and larger area planted to high yielding varieties. Indonesia's production is up almost 3 percent from a year earlier, but still below-record. Both Southeast Asian countries are major rice importers. Outside Asia, Ecuador's 2012/13 production was raised 125,000 tons to 775,000 tons based on slightly higher area



and a much stronger yield caused by better than expected weather. Production in Ecuador is up 24 percent from a year earlier due to a more typical yield.

The 2011/12 global crop estimate was lowered 0.4 million tons this month to 465.8 million tons, still up almost 4 percent from a year earlier. There were three downward revisions. First, Pakistan's 2011/12 crop was lowered 300,000 tons to 6.2 million tons based on information from the USDA office in Islamabad indicating a lower yield. Second, Colombia's 2011/12 crop estimate was lowered 180,000 tons to 1.25 million tons based on information from the USDA office in Bogota indicating lower area and a weaker yield caused by flooding and rains near harvest time that led to disease problems. Finally, Argentina's 2011/12 crop estimate was lowered 12,000 tons to 1.008 million based on data from the Ministry of Agriculture.

Global rice use (including a residual component) for 2012/13 is projected at a record 469.3 million tons, down 0.9 million tons from last month's forecast but 2 percent larger than a year earlier. Consumption forecasts were lowered this month for Brazil, Burma, South Korea, the Philippines, Thailand, and the United States. On a year-to-year basis, Bangladesh, Burma, Cambodia, China, India, Indonesia, Sub-Saharan Africa, Thailand, the United States, and Vietnam account for most of the expected increase in global domestic and residual use.

Global ending stocks for 2012/13 are projected at 103.8 million tons, up 0.5 million tons from last month's forecast but 1.7 million tons below a year earlier. Ending stocks forecasts were raised this month for Indonesia, the Philippines, and the United States, but lowered for Colombia, Pakistan, Thailand, and Vietnam. Global ending stocks in 2012/13 are the second highest in a decade. On a year-to-year basis, stocks are projected to be smaller in India, Indonesia, the United States, and Vietnam but higher in China, Pakistan, and Thailand. The global stocks-to-use ratio for 2012/13 is calculated at 22.1 percent, down from 23.0 percent a year earlier.

### ***Export Forecasts for 2013 Lowered for Argentina and Pakistan***

Total calendar year 2013 global rice trade is forecast at 37.4 million tons, nearly unchanged from last month's forecast and 1.8 million tons below the year-earlier record. Export forecasts for 2013 were lowered for two countries this month. First, Pakistan's 2013 exports were lowered 0.5 million tons to 3.3 million tons based on a much smaller crop and power shortages that have reduced millings. Second, Argentina's 2013 export forecast was lowered 25,000 tons to 600,000 tons based on a smaller crop and a recent slowing of sales.

These two reductions were partially offset by four upward revisions in 2013 export forecasts this month. First, Venezuela's 2013 export forecast was raised 150,000 tons to a record 200,000 based on much larger sales to Colombia. Second, Uruguay's 2013 export forecast was raised 50,000 tons to 900,000 tons based on strong sales to Peru and Iraq. Outside South America, Burma's 2013 export forecast was raised 50,000 tons to 750,000 tons based on larger shipments to Thailand and China. Finally, Russia's 2013 export forecast was raised 50,000 tons to 210,000 tons based on stronger sales to the Middle East and Central Asia. Despite the upward revision, Russia's 2013 exports are 25 percent below the year-earlier record.

There were several 2013 import revisions this month. Starting with the reductions, Vietnam's 2013 imports were lowered 100,000 tons to 100,000 tons based on recommendations from the USDA office in Hanoi. Second, Iran's 2013 imports were reduced 100,000 tons to 1.7 million tons based on weaker shipments from Pakistan. Iran is purchasing more rice from the Western Hemisphere. Third, South Africa's 2013 imports were lowered 50,000 tons to 950,000 tons based on recommendation from the USDA office in Pretoria. And fourth, Russia's 2013 imports were lowered 20,000 tons to 200,000 tons based on a decision to halt purchases from India despite lower import duties.

These downward revisions were partially offset by six upward revisions in 2013 imports, all occurring in South America and Asia. In South America, Colombia's 2013 import forecast was raised 220,000 tons to a record 400,000 tons based on smaller production and large shipments from Venezuela, Ecuador, Peru, and the United States. Second, Venezuela's 2013 import forecast was raised 70,000 tons to a near-record 370,000 tons based on recommendation from the USDA office in Caracas. And third, Brazil's 2013 import forecast was raised 50,000 tons to 750,000 tons based on recommendation from the USDA office in Brasilia which expects imports to return to normal levels.

In Asia, Thailand's 2013 imports were raised 200,000 tons to 600,000 tons to match the 2012 record. China's 2013 imports were increased 200,000 tons to 2.4 million tons based on higher 2012 imports and strong shipments from Pakistan early in the year. China's imports in 2013 are second only to the 2012 record of 2.7 million tons. Finally, Bangladesh's 2013 import forecast was revised up 50,000 tons to 300,000 tons to meet demand and keep stock levels adequate.

On a year-to-year basis, a big drop in exports from India and smaller shipments from Vietnam and Pakistan in 2013 are expected to more than offset larger exports from Australia, Burma, Cambodia, Egypt, and the United States. On the 2013 global import side, big declines in imports by Egypt, Indonesia, and West Africa are projected to more than offset larger purchases by Bangladesh, the European Union, and South Korea. The substantial projected increase in South Korea's 2013 imports is based solely on the timing of its annual WTO commitments.

The 2012 global trade estimate was raised 0.16 million tons to a record 39.2 million tons, 8 percent larger than a year earlier. The record trade was mainly driven by large exports from India and Vietnam, matched by record purchases from West Africa and China. There were two export revisions for 2012, both in South America. First, Venezuela's exports were raised 100,000 tons to a near-record 150,000 tons based on stronger than expected sales to Colombia. And second, Ecuador's 2012 exports were raised 33,000 tons to 63,000 tons based on final trade data.

There were several 2012 import revisions this month, mostly based on final trade data. On the upside, Colombia's 2012 imports were raised 155,000 tons to a near-record 330,000 based on higher unofficial imports from neighboring countries. Stocks are quite low and imports are lower priced than domestic production, which is down sharply. The European Union's 2012 import estimate was raised 106,000 tons to 1.31 million tons based on stronger than expected purchases from India, Thailand, and Cambodia.

China's 2012 imports were increased 100,000 tons to a record 2.7 million tons based on additional trade data from Pakistan. China's 2012 imports were up 2.1 million tons from a year earlier, with Vietnam the top supplier. Imported rice was priced substantially lower than domestically produced rice in China. Import forecasts for 2012 were also raised this month for Algeria, Bangladesh, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, Turkey, and Venezuela.

These upward revisions were partially offset by three reductions. First, South Africa's 2012 import estimate was lowered 80,000 tons to 870,000 tons based on recommendations from the USDA office in Pretoria. Second, Egypt's 2012 import estimate was decreased 58,000 tons to 292,000 tons based on final trade data. Last, Iran's 2012 import estimate was reduced 50,000 tons to 1.7 million tons based on final shipment data from Pakistan.

### ***Thailand's Trading Prices Nearly Unchanged; Vietnam's Prices Continue To Drop***

Prices for most grades of Thailand's higher and medium-quality white milled rice were nearly unchanged over the past month, as weaker domestic prices were offset by a stronger Thai baht. Prices for lower quality grades and some specialty rices declined slightly, while prices for aromatic rice increased.

Prices for Thailand's high-quality, 100-percent Grade B (fob vessel, Bangkok) milled rice for export were quoted at \$573 per ton for the week ending April 9, down \$1 from the week ending March 4. Prices for Thailand's 5-percent broken were quoted at \$559 per ton for the week ending April 9, also down \$1 from the week ending March 4. Prices for Thailand's 5-percent parboiled rice—a specialty rice—were quoted at \$554 per ton for the week ending April 9, down \$14 from the week ending March 4.

Price quotes for Thailand's premium jasmine rice—an aromatic variety—were quoted at \$1,141 per ton for the week ending April 9, up \$22 from the week ending March 4.

Prices for Thailand's broken have declined slightly. For the week ending April 9, prices for Thailand's A-1 Super 100-percent broken were quoted at \$530 per ton, down \$5 from the week ending March 4. All price quotes for Thailand's rice are from the Weekly Rice Price Update, reported by the USDA office in Bangkok.

Price quotes from Vietnam continue to decline, largely a response to a slowing pace of sales in 2013. For the week ending April 9, prices for Vietnam's 5-percent double-water-polished with 5-percent broken were quoted at \$385 per ton, down \$20 from March 5. Thailand's price quotes for 5-percent broken are currently \$174 per ton above quotes for Vietnam's 5-percent double-water-polished milled rice, up \$14 from a month earlier.

U.S. prices for long-grain milled rice have decreased slightly since mid-March and are back to levels reported in early March. To date, the pace of sales has been strong, especially to Haiti, Iran, Saudi Arabia, and Ghana. For the week ending April 9, prices for high-quality Southern long-grain rice (No. 2, 4-percent broken,

bagged, free alongside vessel, U.S. Gulf port) were quoted at \$628 per ton, down \$11 from a week earlier but unchanged from March 5. U.S. long-grain rough-rice (bulk, fob vessel, New Orleans) were quoted at \$375 per ton for the week ending April 9, up \$5 from the week ending March 5.

Prices for California milled rice for the U.S. market have remained unchanged over the past month. California's package-quality medium-grain rice (sacked) for domestic sales remain quoted at \$750 per ton for the week ending April 9, unchanged since late December. Export prices (for 30 kg bags, fob vessel) for California milled rice remain quoted at \$700 per ton for the week ending April 9, unchanged since late January. 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.

## Contacts and Links

### Contact Information

Nathan Childs (domestic), (202) 694-5292, [nchilds@ers.usda.gov](mailto:nchilds@ers.usda.gov)  
Beverly Payton (Web Publishing), (202) 694-5165, [bpayton@ers.usda.gov](mailto:bpayton@ers.usda.gov)

### Subscription Information

Subscribe to ERS e-mail notification service at <http://www.ers.usda.gov/subscribe-to-ers-e-newsletters.aspx> to receive timely notification of newsletter availability. Printed copies can be purchased from the USDA Order Desk by calling 1-800-363-2068 (specify the issue number)

To order printed copies of the five field crop newsletters—cotton and wool, feed, rice, oil crops, and wheat—as a series, specify series SUB-COR-4043

### Data

*Rice Monthly Tables* <http://www.ers.usda.gov/publications/rcs-rice-outlook/>

*Rice Chart Gallery* <http://www.ers.usda.gov/data-products/rice-chart-gallery.aspx>

### Related Websites

Rice Outlook

<http://www.ers.usda.gov/publications/rcs-rice-outlook/>

Rice Topic

<http://www.ers.usda.gov/topics/crops/rice.aspx>

WASDE

<http://usda.mannlib.cornell.edu/MannUsda/viewDocumentInfo.do?documentID=1194>

Grain Circular

[http://www.fas.usda.gov/grain\\_arc.asp](http://www.fas.usda.gov/grain_arc.asp)

### E mail Notification

Readers of ERS outlook reports have two ways they can receive an e-mail notice about release of reports and associated data.

- Receive timely notification (soon after the report is posted on the web) via USDA's Economics, Statistics and Market Information System (which is housed at Cornell University's Mann Library). Go to <http://usda.mannlib.cornell.edu/MannUsda/aboutEmailService.do> and follow the instructions to receive e-mail notices about ERS, Agricultural Marketing Service, National Agricultural Statistics Service, and World Agricultural Outlook Board products.

- Receive weekly notification (on Friday afternoon) via the ERS website. Go to <http://www.ers.usda.gov/subscribe-to-ers-e-newsletters.aspx> and follow the instructions to receive notices about ERS outlook reports, Amber Waves magazine, and other reports and data products on specific topics. ERS also offers RSS (really simple syndication) feeds for all ERS products. Go to <http://www.ers.usda.gov/rss/> to get started.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) prohibits discrimination in all its programs and activities on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, disability, and, where applicable, sex, marital status, familial status, parental status, religion, sexual orientation, genetic information, political beliefs, reprisal, or because all or a part of an individual's income is derived from any public assistance program. (Not all prohibited bases apply to all programs.) Persons with disabilities who require alternative means for communication of program information (Braille, large print, audiotape, etc.) should contact USDA's TARGET Center at (202) 720-2600 (voice and TDD). To file a complaint of discrimination write to USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20250-9410 or call (800) 795-3272 (voice) or (202) 720-6382 (TDD). USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

# Tables

Table 1--U.S. rice supply and use <sup>1/</sup>

Item	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13 <sup>2/</sup>
<b>TOTAL RICE</b>							
Million acres							
Area:							
Planted	2.838	2.761	2.995	3.135	3.636	2.689	2.699
Harvested	2.821	2.748	2.976	3.103	3.615	2.617	2.678
Pounds per harvested acre							
Yield	6,898	7,219	6,846	7,085	6,725	7,067	7,449
Million cwt							
Beginning stocks	43.0	39.3	29.5	30.4	36.5	48.5	41.1
Production	194.6	198.4	203.7	219.9	243.1	184.9	199.5
Imports	20.6	23.9	19.2	19.0	18.3	19.4	21.5
Total supply	258.2	261.6	252.4	269.3	297.9	252.8	262.1
Food, industrial, & residual <sup>3/</sup>	124.7	123.2	123.8	120.0	133.2	106.8	N/A
Seed	3.4	3.7	3.9	4.5	3.3	3.3	N/A
Total domestic use	128.1	126.8	127.6	124.5	136.5	110.1	125.0
Exports	90.8	105.3	94.4	108.3	113.0	101.6	108.0
Rough	32.1	37.7	31.6	40.4	35.1	32.7	35.0
Milled <sup>4/</sup>	58.7	67.6	62.8	68.0	77.8	68.9	73.0
Total use	218.8	232.1	222.0	232.8	249.5	211.7	233.0
Ending stocks	39.3	29.5	30.4	36.5	48.5	41.1	29.1
Percent							
Stocks-to-use ratio	18.0	12.7	13.7	15.7	19.4	19.4	12.5
\$/cwt							
Average farm price <sup>5/</sup>	9.96	12.80	16.80	14.40	12.70	14.50	14.60 to 15.20
Percent							
Average milling rate	71.00	69.88	70.83	71.53	68.86	69.93	70.25

N/A = not available. <sup>1/</sup> August-July market year; rough equivalent. <sup>2/</sup> Projected. <sup>3/</sup> Residual includes unreported use, processing losses, and estimating errors. <sup>4/</sup> Rough-rice equivalent. <sup>5/</sup> Market-year weighted average.  
Source: *World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates*, WAOB, USDA.  
Updated March 8, 2013.

**Errata:** On March 26, 2013, 2011/12 Food, industrial, and residual use was corrected from 97.0 million cwt to 106.8 million cwt.

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

Item	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13 2/
<b>LONG GRAIN:</b>							
	Million acres						
Planted	2.200	2.063	2.365	2.290	2.841	1.794	1.994
Harvested	2.186	2.052	2.350	2.265	2.826	1.739	1.979
	Pounds per harvested acre						
Yield	6,727	6,980	6,522	6,743	6,486	6,691	7,285
	Million cwt						
Beginning stocks	32.7	28.5	19.1	20.0	23.0	35.6	24.3
Production	147.1	143.2	153.3	152.7	183.3	116.4	144.2
Imports	14.2	17.7	15.9	16.5	15.8	16.9	19.0
Total supply	194.0	189.4	188.2	189.3	222.2	168.9	187.4
Domestic use 3/	93.4	90.9	100.1	91.9	108.2	77.9	94.0
Exports	72.0	79.4	68.0	74.3	78.3	66.8	77.0
Total use	165.4	170.4	168.1	166.2	186.5	144.7	171.0
Ending stocks	28.5	19.1	20.0	23.0	35.6	24.3	16.4
	Percent						
Stocks-to-use ratio	17.2	11.2	11.9	13.9	19.1	16.8	9.6
Average farm price	9.47	12.40	14.90	12.90	11.00	13.40	14.20 to 14.80
<b>MEDIUM/SHORT GRAIN:</b>							
	Million acres						
Planted	0.638	0.698	0.630	0.845	0.795	0.895	0.705
Harvested	0.635	0.696	0.626	0.838	0.789	0.878	0.699
	Pounds per harvested acre						
Yield	7,484	7,924	8,063	8,010	7,580	7,812	7,914
	Million cwt						
Beginning stocks	9.4	10.0	9.1	8.0	12.0	10.1	14.7
Production	47.5	55.2	50.5	67.1	59.8	68.6	55.3
Imports	6.3	6.2	3.4	2.5	2.5	2.4	2.5
Total supply 4/	63.4	69.4	61.9	78.6	73.1	81.7	72.5
Domestic use 3/	34.6	34.5	27.5	32.5	28.3	32.2	31.0
Exports	18.8	25.8	26.4	34.0	34.6	34.8	31.0
Total use	53.4	60.3	53.9	66.6	63.0	67.0	62.0
Ending stocks	10.0	9.1	8.0	12.0	10.1	14.7	10.5
	Percent						
Stocks-to-use ratio	18.8	15.1	14.9	18.1	16.1	21.9	16.9
Average farm price 5/	12.10	14.60	24.80	18.40	18.80	17.10	15.60 to 16.20
Ending stocks difference 1/	0.8	1.3	2.4	1.4	2.7	2.1	--

-- = 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.

5/ The medium/short-grain season-average farm price (SAFP) largely reflects rice that is marketed through price pools in California. The pool price is not final until all the rice in the pool is marketed for the crop year.

Therefore, SAFP forecasts based on the average of NASS monthly prices and the final price may differ.

For example, the average difference between the August WASDE SAFP forecast and the final price has averaged \$1.75 per cwt from 2008/09 through 2011/12, with a high of \$3.50 per cwt in 2008/09 and a low of \$0.60 per cwt in 2009/10.

Last updated March 8, 2013.

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

Month	2012/13		2011/12		2010/11	
	\$/cwt	1,000 cwt	\$/cwt	1,000 cwt	\$/cwt	1,000 cwt
August	14.60	10,856	13.60	11,434	11.70	10,691
September	14.30	10,630	14.40	12,704	11.00	15,095
October	14.20	14,547	14.90	12,070	11.50	17,131
November	14.40	15,772	15.30	11,404	12.60	16,929
December	14.60	15,163	15.00	14,624	13.90	19,137
January	14.50	18,693	15.20	15,053	14.00	21,806
February	15.30 1/	N/A	14.10	13,555	13.40	14,847
March			14.10	14,682	13.00	15,844
April			14.40	13,311	13.10	12,727
May			14.10	13,127	12.70	14,227
June			14.20	10,510	12.10	11,317
July			14.50	11,380	12.90	12,369
Average price to date	14.56 2/					
Season average farm price	14.90 3/		14.50		12.70	
Average Marketings		14,277		12,821		15,177
Total volume marketed		85,661		153,854		182,120

N/A = Not available.

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

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

Last updated March 8, 2013.



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

Month	Long-grain				Medium/Short Grain			
	2012/13		2011/12		2012/13		2011/12	
	\$/cwt	1,000 cwt	\$/cwt	1,000 cwt	\$/cwt	1,000 cwt	\$/cwt	1,000 cwt
August	14.00	8,176	12.40	9,343	16.60	2,680	18.90	2,091
September	13.80	9,172	13.70	10,310	17.80	1,458	17.60	2,394
October	13.90	11,849	14.10	8,703	15.70	2,698	17.00	3,367
November	14.00	12,784	13.90	7,205	16.00	2,988	17.70	4,199
December	14.10	11,332	13.80	9,947	16.10	3,831	17.50	4,677
January	14.40	13,973	13.60	9,455	15.00	4,720	17.80	5,598
February	15.10 1/	N/A	13.30	9,926	16.00 1/	N/A	16.50	3,629
March			13.00	10,050			16.50	4,632
April			13.30	9,432			17.20	3,879
May			13.30	9,698			16.50	3,429
June			13.50	7,129			15.80	3,381
July			13.50	8,037			16.60	3,343
Average to date 2/	14.19				16.17			
Season-average farm price	14.50 3/		13.40		15.90 3/ 4/		17.10	
Average marketings		11,214		9,103		3,063		3,718
Total volume marketed		67,286		109,235		18,375		44,619

N/A = Not available. 1/ Mid-month only. 2/ Simple average. 3/ Forecast.

4/ The medium/short-grain season-average farm price (SAFP) largely reflects rice that is marketed through price pools in California. The pool price is not final until all the rice in the pool is marketed for the crop year.

Therefore, SAFP forecasts based on the average of NASS monthly prices and the final price may differ.

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

Last updated March 8, 2013.

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

Month	2012/13		2011/12		2010/11	
	Long	Medium/ short	Long	Medium/ short	Long	Medium/ short
	\$/cwt					
August	11.91	12.13	14.08	14.40	9.58	9.68
September	12.57	12.81	15.09	15.44	10.51	10.62
October	12.72	12.97	15.63	15.99	12.15	12.29
November	12.92	13.17	14.93	15.28	13.40	13.58
December	12.62	12.86	13.90	14.21	14.50	14.67
January	12.35	12.59	12.61	12.88	13.98	14.15
February	11.77	12.43	11.81	12.20	12.68	13.35
March 2/	11.88	12.54	11.52	11.92	12.13	12.76
April			11.15	11.54	11.76	12.36
May			11.42	11.82	11.58	12.17
June			11.93	12.35	11.78	12.39
July			11.97	12.40	12.49	13.14
Market-year average 1/	12.34	12.69	13.00	13.37	12.21	12.60

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.  
Last updated March 8, 2013.

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

Country or region	2012/13 through January 2013	2011/12 through January 2012	2011/12 market year	2010/11 market year	2009/10 market year	2008/09 market year
1,000 metric tons						
<b>ASIA</b>	329.9	285.4	541.6	529.8	563.9	536.4
China	1.4	2.1	3.6	3.1	3.8	4.0
India	67.2	48.6	110.6	96.5	94.8	74.0
Pakistan	6.1	6.8	15.3	17.3	19.4	16.9
Thailand	204.9	215.6	387.6	393.5	401.0	422.1
Vietnam	48.6	10.8	21.7	15.6	41.6	17.5
Other	1.7	1.5	2.8	3.9	3.4	1.9
<b>EUROPE &amp; FSU</b>	5.9	7.6	14.2	12.5	9.4	7.6
Italy	3.9	4.1	8.2	7.5	6.2	5.7
Spain	1.0	2.5	4.7	3.8	1.6	0.4
Russia	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1
United Kingdom	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.4
Other	0.9	0.8	1.3	1.2	1.5	0.9
<b>WESTERN HEMISPHERE</b>	17.4	43.3	64.5	42.7	42.7	31.1
Argentina	2.4	1.5	3.4	2.7	2.5	1.1
Brazil	3.2	25.0	30.5	6.3	3.5	3.9
Canada	5.2	8.2	16.3	17.1	15.4	18.0
Mexico	0.5	0.6	1.1	1.3	6.1	6.1
Uruguay	6.0	8.0	13.2	15.4	2.9	1.7
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2
<b>OTHER</b>	0.8	0.5	4.0	3.5	5.5	39.3
Egypt	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.6	36.6
United Arab Emirates	0.1	0.3	0.5	3.0	4.4	2.2
Other	0.4	0.2	4.2	0.5	0.4	0.5
<b>TOTAL</b>	354.0	336.7	624.3	588.6	609.2	614.3

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

All data is reported on a product-weight basis. Categories may not sum to total due to rounding.

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

Last updated March 8, 2013.

Table 7--U.S. commercial rice exports

Country or region	2012/13 through February 28	2011/12 through March 2	2011/12 market year 1/	2010/11 market year 1/	2009/10 market year 1/	2008/09 market year 1/
1,000 tons						
<b>EUROPE &amp; FSU</b>	37.2	38.6	61.3	101.7	98.3	77.6
European Union	34.2	32.0	52.2	90.3	88.6	71.0
Other Europe	0.7	4.6	5.5	5.3	2.6	3.9
Former Soviet Union (FSU)	2.3	2.0	3.6	6.1	7.1	2.7
<b>NORTHEAST ASIA</b>	483.6	473.1	592.3	473.6	571.3	472.3
Hong Kong	3.0	0.6	2.6	0.6	1.1	0.6
Japan #	336.2	309.1	375.5	355.3	388.9	85.0
South Korea	99.1	99.4	148.6	100.6	79.4	386.1
Taiwan	45.3	64.0	65.6	17.1	101.9	0.6
<b>OTHER ASIA, OCEANIA, &amp; THE MIDDLE EAST</b>	346.0	361.4	499.9	641.8	751.5	668.9
Australia	6.2	6.4	10.0	15.8	26.2	27.5
Iraq	0.0	0.0	0.0	114.0	135.1	121.0
Iran	91.4	1.2	4.9	0.0	0.0	31.7
Israel	11.5	20.2	22.4	33.3	45.7	33.4
Jordan	58.8	68.3	93.2	83.0	66.4	86.2
Micronesia	3.0	3.6	6.2	6.0	5.2	5.5
New Zealand	1.8	1.5	3.0	6.5	8.3	4.2
Papua New Guinea	0.0	0.0	0.0	9.4	37.9	103.2
Saudi Arabia	92.7	78.5	107.1	118.0	108.5	143.6
Singapore	4.0	3.8	5.8	5.3	3.0	3.0
Syria	0.0	21.3	21.9	13.6	15.9	3.1
Turkey	51.5	130.8	189.8	200.3	267.0	22.7
United Arab Emirates	2.7	2.9	4.6	7.5	4.8	6.9
Rest of Asia, Oceania, and Middle East	22.4	22.9	31.0	29.1	27.5	76.9
<b>AFRICA</b>	186.7	137.2	179.6	432.4	117.4	131.7
Algeria	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.9	6.9	2.3
Ghana	86.7	78.0	94.0	100.2	43.7	50.9
Guinea--Conakry	2.4	7.1	11.0	5.0	4.8	4.7
Liberia	13.1	21.1	26.7	38.5	8.4	11.1
Libya	57.5	15.2	24.8	152.9	1.1	2.8
Nigeria	18.3	0.0	6.1	52.1	36.6	24.3
Senegal	0.0	0.0	0.0	49.8	0.0	0.0
South Africa	0.6	0.3	0.5	1.1	0.5	0.3
Togo	0.0	0.0	0.0	23.9	0.0	6.8
Other Africa	8.1	15.5	16.5	7.0	15.4	28.5
<b>WESTERN HEMISPHERE</b>	1,418.7	1,078.2	1,785.0	2,058.3	2,142.9	1,972.4
Bahamas	4.4	4.4	6.3	6.3	6.1	6.8
Brazil	0.1	0.0	0.1	20.0	15.4	0.1
Canada	117.8	108.8	147.7	148.6	166.8	168.9
Colombia	91.0	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	71.6
Costa Rica	70.7	28.1	58.1	69.7	124.8	153.8
Dominican Republic	1.2	8.9	8.9	7.0	25.2	30.7
El Salvador	50.1	47.8	76.5	77.0	78.5	79.2
Guatemala	51.3	45.9	81.4	69.4	72.6	65.0
Haiti	224.2	128.4	233.4	248.9	226.5	257.0
Honduras	79.2	114.3	140.0	136.8	119.3	150.1
Jamaica	0.8	14.8	11.6	25.5	20.2	26.9
Leeward & Windward Islands	2.7	10.7	10.2	9.4	8.3	9.3
Mexico	559.9	521.7	803.7	848.5	775.1	594.2
Netherlands Antilles	3.1	3.2	4.7	4.8	5.2	4.4
Nicaragua	39.9	23.2	40.6	142.2	147.0	97.3
Panama	22.4	13.9	59.7	88.2	104.0	9.4
Venezuela	0.4	0.1	94.1	149.6	241.8	243.7
Other Western Hemisphere	99.5	3.9	7.9	6.2	5.9	4.0
<b>UNKNOWN</b>	57.7	25.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>TOTAL</b>	2,523.8	2,113.5	3,118.0	3,707.7	3,681.4	3,322.9

1/ Total August-July marketing year shipments.

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

Last updated March 8, 2013.

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%	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	151	184
2003/04	360	206	533	220	222	207	184	212
2004/05	312	176	405	278	278	265	219	244
2005/06	334	192	484	301	293	284	216	259
2006/07	407	237	538	320	317	302	243	292
2007/08	621	368	694	551	570	334	454	620
2008/09	610	356	1,119	609	616	532	342	456
2009/10	506	316	791	532	544	472	350	397
Aug. 2010	413	240	722	472	489	425	367	410
Sep. 2010	450	265	741	494	522	458	412	458
Oct. 2010	540	327	794	501	533	465	428	468
Nov. 2010	584	320	852	534	543	499	427	493
Dec. 2010	595	309	871	550	536	513	411	496
Jan. 2011	579	319	871	534	528	496	404	480
Feb. 2011	540	330	871	538	532	495	418	469
Mar. 2011	509	307	871	509	506	473	408	455
Apr. 2011	497	283	871	500	501	467	409	475
May 2011	502	280	871	498	500	466	421	476
June 2011	522	288	871	531	522	496	428	463
July 2011	557	314	871	557	553	523	448	506
2010/11	524	298	840	518	522	481	415	471
Aug. 2011	604	338	866	576	579	543	463	555
Sep. 2011	648	373	860	614	617	577	487	568
Oct. 2011	617	366	860	615	602	581	488	573
Nov. 2011	586	348	816	629	609	599	550	554
Dec. 2011	549	325	764	608	588	577	548	498
Jan. 2012	526	325	816	557	540	539	515	448
Feb. 2012	517	323	816	552	548	NQ	517	426
Mar. 2012	507	315	788	563	576	NQ	526	413
Apr. 2012	507	320	772	554	582	NQ	526	437
May 2012	540	344	780	614	616	NQ	562	426
June 2012	554	345	783	612	607	590	548	415
July 2012	564	349	788	587	576	566	520	408
2011/12	560	339	809	590	587	572	521	477
Aug. 2012	576	366	799	579	586	555	509	433
Sep. 2012	590	374	794	579	591	551	512	455
Oct. 2012	593	365	785	571	586	539	519	450
Nov. 2012	595	360	783	573	590	535	523	449
Dec. 2012	595	360	772	569	566	535	521	414
Jan. 2012	607	360	750	575	573	540	530	405
Feb. 2012 8/	621	370	750	575	574	542	534	400
Mar. 2012 9/	628	370	750	574	568	536	535	390
2012/13 9/	601	366	773	574	579	542	523	425

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. 8/ Revised. 9/ Preliminary.

Sources: U.S. and Vietnam prices, *Creed Rice Market Report*; Thailand prices, *Weekly Rice Price Update*, U.S. Agricultural Office, Bangkok, Thailand ([www.fas.usda.gov](http://www.fas.usda.gov)).  
Last update March 8, 2013.

Table 9--Global rice producers: monthly revisions and annual changes 1/

Country	2010/11		2011/12			2012/13 2/			
	March 2013	February 2013	March 2013	Monthly revisions	Annual changes	February 2013	March 2013	Monthly revisions	Annual changes
	1,000 metric tons					1,000 metric tons			
Afghanistan	266	338	338	0	72	350	350	0	12
Argentina	1,118	1,020	1,020	0	-98	1,008	1,008	0	-12
Australia	521	678	678	0	157	800	800	0	122
Bangladesh	31,700	33,700	33,700	0	2,000	34,000	34,000	0	300
Brazil	9,300	7,888	7,888	0	-1,412	8,160	8,160	0	272
Burma	10,528	10,816	10,816	0	288	10,750	10,750	0	-66
Cambodia	4,233	4,268	4,268	0	35	4,225	4,600	375	332
China	137,000	140,700	140,700	0	3,700	143,000	143,000	0	2,300
Colombia	1,323	1,430	1,430	0	107	1,591	1,591	0	161
Cote d'Ivoire	469	456	456	0	-13	566	566	0	110
Cuba	295	370	370	0	75	310	310	0	-60
Dominican Republic	562	573	573	0	11	510	510	0	-63
Ecuador	900	624	624	0	-276	650	650	0	26
Egypt	3,100	4,250	4,250	0	1,150	4,700	4,700	0	450
European Union-27	2,172	2,090	2,090	0	-82	2,042	2,042	0	-48
Ghana	295	276	276	0	-19	276	276	0	0
Guinea	1,056	1,097	1,097	0	41	1,135	1,135	0	38
Guyana	361	402	402	0	41	420	420	0	18
India	95,980	104,320	105,310	990	9,330	99,000	101,000	2,000	-4,310
Indonesia	35,500	36,500	36,500	0	1,000	36,900	36,900	0	400
Iran	1,510	1,550	1,550	0	40	1,550	1,550	0	0
Japan	7,720	7,646	7,646	0	-74	7,756	7,756	0	110
Korea, North	1,600	1,600	1,600	0	0	1,740	1,740	0	140
Korea, South	4,295	4,224	4,224	0	-71	4,006	4,006	0	-218
Laos	1,400	1,395	1,395	0	-5	1,475	1,475	0	80
Liberia	187	189	189	0	2	180	180	0	-9
Madagascar	3,062	2,752	2,752	0	-310	2,560	2,560	0	-192
Malaysia	1,642	1,690	1,690	0	48	1,700	1,700	0	10
Mali	1,500	1,132	1,132	0	-368	1,430	1,430	0	298
Mexico	146	111	111	0	-35	128	128	0	17
Mozambique	168	176	176	0	8	182	182	0	6
Nepal	2,680	2,970	2,970	0	290	3,000	3,000	0	30
Nigeria	2,615	2,709	2,709	0	94	2,850	2,850	0	141
Pakistan	5,000	6,500	6,500	0	1,500	6,800	6,800	0	300
Peru	1,939	1,666	1,837	171	-102	2,001	2,100	99	263
Philippines	10,539	10,700	10,700	0	161	10,990	10,990	0	290
Russia	690	686	686	0	-4	683	683	0	-3
Sierra Leone	648	746	746	0	98	693	693	0	-53
Sri Lanka	2,490	3,311	3,311	0	821	2,860	2,650	-210	-661
Taiwan	1,186	1,175	1,175	0	-11	1,161	1,161	0	-14
Tanzania	990	990	990	0	0	990	990	0	0
Thailand	20,262	20,460	20,460	0	198	20,500	20,500	0	40
Turkey	502	502	502	0	0	483	483	0	-19
Uganda	134	142	142	0	8	151	151	0	9
United States	7,593	5,866	5,866	0	-1,727	6,356	6,356	0	490
Uruguay	1,150	997	997	0	-153	1,008	1,008	0	11
Venezuela	358	380	380	0	22	385	385	0	5
Vietnam	26,371	27,075	27,075	0	704	27,710	27,710	0	635
Subtotal	445,056	461,136	462,297	1,161	17,241	461,721	463,985	2,264	1,688
Others	4,035	3,891	3,891	0	-144	4,087	4,086	-1	195
World total	449,091	465,027	466,188	1,161	17,097	465,808	468,071	2,263	1,883

-- = Not available. 1/ Milled basis. 2/ Projected.

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

Last updated March 8, 2013.

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

	2011		2012		2013 1/				
	April 2013	March 2013	April 2013	Monthly revisions	Annual changes	March 2013	April 2013	Monthly revisions	Annual changes
1,000 metric tons (milled basis)									
Argentina	732	608	608	0	-124	625	600	-25	-8
Australia	311	450	450	0	139	500	500	0	50
Brazil	1,296	1,105	1,105	0	-191	800	850	50	-255
Burma	778	690	690	0	-88	600	750	150	60
Cambodia	860	800	800	0	-60	975	975	0	175
China	487	267	267	0	-220	300	300	0	33
Ecuador	70	30	63	33	-7	15	50	35	-13
Egypt	320	600	600	0	280	850	850	0	250
European Union-27	241	210	197	-13	-44	235	235	0	38
Guinea	80	80	80	0	0	80	80	0	0
Guyana	257	285	285	0	28	300	300	0	15
India	4,637	10,250	10,250	0	5,613	7,600	7,600	0	-2,650
Japan	200	200	200	0	0	200	200	0	0
Korea, South	4	2	2	0	-2	5	2	-3	0
Pakistan	3,414	3,500	3,500	0	86	3,800	3,300	-500	-200
Paraguay	208	250	250	0	42	200	200	0	-50
Peru	50	50	50	0	0	50	100	50	50
Russia	142	282	282	0	140	160	210	50	-72
Thailand	10,647	6,945	6,945	0	-3,702	8,000	8,000	0	1,055
Turkey	90	75	75	0	-15	80	80	0	5
Uganda	40	35	35	0	-5	35	35	0	0
United States	3,247	3,300	3,300	0	53	3,500	3,500	0	200
Uruguay	841	1,056	1,056	0	215	850	900	50	-156
Venezuela	50	50	150	100	100	50	200	150	50
Vietnam	7,000	7,717	7,717	0	717	7,400	7,400	0	-317
Subtotal	36,002	38,837	38,957	120	2,955	37,210	37,217	7	-1,740
Other	244	223	259	36	14	210	215	5	(44)
World total	36,246	39,060	39,216	156	2,970	37,420	37,432	12	-1,784
U.S. Share	9.0%	8.4%	8.4%	--	--	9.4%	9.4%	--	--

-- 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>.

Last updated April 11, 2013.

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

	2011		2012 1/			2013 1/			
	March	February	March	Monthly	Annual	February	March	Monthly	Annual
	2012	2013	2013	revisions	changes	2013	2013	revisions	changes
	1,000 tons (milled basis)					1,000 tons (milled basis)			
Afghanistan	249	250	250	0	1	260	260	0	10
Australia	160	130	130	0	-30	90	90	0	-40
Bangladesh	1,486	30	30	0	-1,456	250	250	0	220
Brazil	591	732	732	0	141	700	700	0	-32
Cameroon	310	375	375	0	65	400	400	0	25
Canada	328	340	340	0	12	340	340	0	0
China	575	2,600	2,600	0	2,025	2,200	2,200	0	-400
Colombia	125	175	175	0	50	180	180	0	5
Costa Rica	64	65	84	19	20	70	70	0	-14
Cote d'Ivoire	935	1,450	1,450	0	515	1,150	1,150	0	-300
Cuba	558	330	330	0	-228	525	525	0	195
Egypt	76	350	350	0	274	50	50	0	-300
European Union	1,475	1,200	1,200	0	-275	1,400	1,400	0	200
Ghana	620	600	600	0	-20	600	600	0	0
Guinea	320	340	340	0	20	340	340	0	0
Haiti	389	360	372	12	-17	400	400	0	28
Honduras	126	100	111	11	-15	100	100	0	-11
Hong Kong	381	415	415	0	34	425	425	0	10
Indonesia	3,098	1,960	1,960	0	-1,138	800	800	0	-1,160
Iran	1,870	1,750	1,750	0	-120	1,800	1,800	0	50
Iraq	1,036	1,470	1,470	0	434	1,450	1,450	0	-20
Japan	742	650	650	0	-92	700	700	0	50
Jordan	140	210	210	0	70	165	165	0	-45
Korea, North	108	75	61	-14	-47	75	75	0	14
Korea, South	532	238	238	0	-294	640	640	0	402
Liberia	205	220	220	0	15	230	230	0	10
Libya	198	230	230	0	32	240	240	0	10
Malaysia	1,076	1,085	1,085	0	9	1,050	1,050	0	-35
Mexico	705	675	680	5	-25	725	725	0	45
Mozambique	360	375	375	0	15	375	375	0	0
Nicaragua	90	90	81	-9	-9	90	90	0	9
Niger	245	275	275	0	30	280	280	0	5
Nigeria	2,550	3,400	3,400	0	850	2,700	2,700	0	-700
Philippines	1,200	1,500	1,500	0	300	1,500	1,500	0	0
Russia	176	190	190	0	14	220	220	0	30
Saudi Arabia	1,059	1,150	1,150	0	91	1,225	1,225	0	75
Senegal	805	1,200	1,200	0	395	1,000	1,000	0	-200
Sierra Leone	185	175	175	0	-10	100	100	0	-75
Singapore	361	350	350	0	-11	350	350	0	0
South Africa	885	950	950	0	65	1,000	1,000	0	50
Syria	250	250	250	0	0	260	260	0	10
Taiwan	106	145	145	0	39	130	130	0	-15
Thailand	200	600	600	0	400	400	400	0	-200
Turkey	300	240	240	0	-60	300	300	0	60
United Arab Emirates	420	430	430	0	10	440	440	0	10
United States	621	650	640	-10	19	700	700	0	60
Venezuela	300	325	314	-11	14	300	300	0	-14
Vietnam	500	100	100	0	-400	200	200	0	100
Yemen	337	400	400	0	63	425	425	0	25
Subtotal	29,428	31,200	31,203	3	1,775	29,350	29,350	0	-1,853
Other countries 2/	6,793	7,827	7,857	30	1,064	7,780	8,070	290	213
World total	36,221	39,027	39,060	33	2,839	37,130	37,420	290	-1,640

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

-- = Not available. 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>.

Last updated March 8, 2013.