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The 2015/16 U.S. rice production forecast was lowered 1 percent to 205.0 million cwt due to a lower yield. Production is 7 percent below a year earlier, with crops projected to be smaller in all reported States except Texas. Imports were raised 0.5 million cwt to a record 25.5 million cwt and beginning stocks were revised up 1.5 million cwt to 47.9 million cwt. Total supply is nearly unchanged from the previous forecast.

The 2015/16 total use forecast was lowered 4.0 million cwt to 236.0 million cwt, with forecasts for both combined domestic and residual use and for total exports lowered. The reduced total use forecast raised the ending stocks forecast 4.0 million cwt to 42.4 million cwt, 11 percent below a year earlier.

The 2015/16 season-average farm price (SAFP) for U.S. long-grain rice was raised 60 cents on both the high and low ends to \$11.50-\$12.50 per cwt. The 2015/16 U.S. medium- and short-grain SAFP remains projected at \$17.80-\$18.80, with the California medium- and short-grain SAFP remaining at \$20.50-\$21.50 per cwt and the Other States 2015/16 medium- and short-grain SAFP remaining at \$14.30-\$15.30 per cwt.

Global rice production for 2015/16 is projected at 478.6 million tons (milled basis), down 1.7 million tons from last month's forecast but 2.4 million tons larger than a year earlier and the highest on record. Production forecasts were lowered for Argentina, Cuba, Iraq, South Korea, Thailand, Uruguay, the United States, and Venezuela, but raised for Sri Lanka.

The 2016 global trade forecast was raised slightly to 42.3 million tons. Export forecasts were raised for India and Vietnam, but lowered for Argentina, United States, and Uruguay. The 2015 global trade forecast was reduced 1.2 million tons to 42.5 million tons, mostly due to a reduced forecast for Thailand exports.

Prices for high and medium grades of Thailand's regular-milled white rice have decreased 1-3 percent from a month earlier. Price quotes from Vietnam have declined slightly over the past month. Price quotes for package-quality California medium-grain milled-rice (bulk) for domestic sales to processors and repackagers are unchanged will prices for exported medium-grain milled rice have declined.

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U.S. 2015/16 Rice Production Projected at 205.0 Million Acres

The U.S. 2015/16 rice production forecast was lowered 1 percent to 205.0 million cwt, 7 percent below a year earlier. This month's downward revision in production was based on a lower average yield. At 7,472 pounds per acre, the 2015/16 average field yield is down 72 pounds from the previous forecast and 100 pounds below a year earlier. This is the first survey-based yield forecast for the 2015/16 U.S. rice crop.

Total planted area remains estimated at 2.77 million acres, 6 percent below a year earlier. Area is estimated below a year earlier in all reported States, with Arkansas accounting for more than half the decline in U.S. rice area. California reported the largest percentage decline in rice area in 2015/16, with area down 11 percent, a result of a fourth consecutive year of drought. Rice area declined 3-5 percent in Louisiana, Mississippi, and Texas. Rice plantings in 2015/16 declined less than 1 percent in Mississippi. Declining prices and adverse weather early in the season account for much of the area decline in the South. In addition, Texas growers faced a fourth year of water restrictions.

By class, 2015/16 U.S. long-grain production is projected at 149.0 million cwt, down 2 percent from the previous forecast and 8 percent below a year earlier. Almost all U.S. long-grain rice is grown in the South. Combined medium- and short-grain production is projected at 56.0 million cwt, up 3 percent from the previous forecast but 5 percent below a year earlier. California typically supplies the bulk of U.S. medium- and short-grain production. However, since 2014/15, the South has produced a larger than normal share of U.S. medium- and short-grain production due to reduced area in California.

Average field yields were reported below a year earlier in California, Louisiana, and Mississippi; nearly unchanged in Arkansas and Missouri; and higher than last year in Texas. At 8,400 pounds per acre, the California 2015/16 average yield is 2 percent smaller than a year earlier. Louisiana's average yield of 6,750 pounds per acre is 5 percent below a year ago. Mississippi's 2015/16 average yield of 7,300 pounds per acre is almost 2 percent below a year earlier. At 7,550 pounds per acre, the Arkansas 2015/16 average yield is just 10 pounds below the year-earlier record. Nearby Missouri's 2015/16 yield of 6,600 pounds per acre is just 4 pounds below a year earlier. In contrast, the average rice yield in Texas of 8,000 pounds per acre is 9 percent larger than a year earlier.

Rice production in 2015/16 is projected to be smaller than a year earlier in all reported States except Texas. The Arkansas rice crop of 104.6 million cwt is 7 percent smaller than a year earlier, a result of smaller plantings. California's 2015/16 production of 31.9 million cwt is 14 percent smaller than a year earlier and the smallest since 1998/99. The decline in California production is due to both smaller plantings and a weaker yield. The Louisiana 2015/16 rice crop is projected at 30.0 million cwt, 8 percent below last year, also due to smaller area and a weaker yield. In Mississippi, production is projected to decline 7 percent in 2015/16 to 13.1 million cwt, a result of smaller area and a slightly weaker yield. Missouri's production is projected at 14.0 million cwt, down 4 percent from last year, mostly

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due to a lower yield. In contrast, rice production in Texas is projected to increase 6 percent in 2015/16 to 11.4 million cwt, a result of a higher yield; the planted area was actually lower.

Despite a slow start to planting across most of the South, progress of the 2015/16 U.S. rice crop was well ahead of both last year and the U.S. 5-year average. For the week ending August 9, 81 percent of the U.S. crop was reported heading, up from 69 percent a year earlier and the U.S. 5-year average of 71 percent. Progress was especially ahead of normal in California, with 79 percent of the crop reported heading, well ahead of 59 percent a year earlier and the State's average of 36 percent. The Arkansas 2015/16 crop was reported 76 percent headed for the week ending August 9, well ahead of 63 percent a year ago and slightly ahead of the State's 5-year average of 74 percent.

In Louisiana, 96 percent of the 2015/16 crop was reported heading by August 9, just 1 percentage point in advance of both last year and the State's 5-year average. At 88 percent headed, crop progress in Mississippi was past last year's 76 percent and slightly past the State's 5-year average of 84 percent. Missouri's 2015/16 rice crop was reported 70 percent headed for the week ending August 9, 5 percentage points ahead of a year ago and well ahead of the State's 5-year average of 58 percent. The Texas crop was reported 95 percent headed by August 9, unchanged from a year ago but 1 percentage point beyond the State's 5-year average. Harvest has begun on the Gulf Coast and should begin in the Delta next month.

2015/16 U.S. Rice Import Forecast Raised to a Record 25.5 Million Cwt

U.S. 2015/16 rice imports are forecast at a record 25.5 million cwt, up 0.5 million cwt from last month's forecast and 2 percent higher than the year-earlier revised level. Long-grain accounts for all of the upward revision in imports. U.S. 2015/16 long-grain imports are forecast at a record 22.0 million cwt, up 2 percent from the year-earlier revised level. The upward revision was based on a faster than expected pace of purchases in recent months, especially from Southeast Asian exporters. The bulk of these purchases from Southeast Asia is in jasmine rice from Thailand. U.S. 2015/16 medium- and short-grain imports remain forecast at 3.5 million cwt, unchanged from a year earlier.

The 2015/16 U.S. carryin was raised 1.5 million cwt to 47.9 million cwt due to revisions to the 2014/15 balance sheet. Carryin in 2015/16 is 50 percent larger than a year earlier and the second highest since 1987/88. The 2015/16 long-grain carryin was raised 3.5 million cwt to 29.1 million, 80 percent larger than a year earlier. In contrast, the medium- and short-grain 2015/16 carryin was lowered 2.0 million cwt to 16.5 million cwt, still 24 percent higher than a year earlier and the highest since 1987/88. The large medium- and short-grain carryin is partly due to a slower than normal pace of shipments in the second half of 2014/15 that was caused by the West Coast dock workers strike. These delayed shipments, mostly purchases by Japan and South Korea, will likely ship early in the 2015/16 market year.

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The 2015/16 total supply forecast of 278.4 million cwt is nearly unchanged from last month and just 0.5 million cwt above a year earlier. In 2015/16, a larger carryin and record imports offset a smaller crop, resulting in near-stable supplies. Long-grain 2015/16 total supplies are projected at 200.0 million cwt, up 0.5 million cwt from last month but unchanged from 2014/15. Combined medium- and short-grain total supplies are projected at 76.0 million cwt, down 0.5 million from last month's forecast but up 0.5 million from a year ago.

U.S. 2015/16 Rice Export Forecast Lowered to 107.0 Million Cwt

The 2015/16 total use forecast was lowered 4.0 million cwt to 236.0 million cwt, with forecasts for both combined domestic and residual use and for total exports lowered. Total use is up 3 percent from a year earlier and is second only to the 2010/11 record of 249.5 million cwt. Long-grain 2015/16 total use is projected at 173.0 million cwt, down 3.0 million cwt from the previous forecast but still 1 percent larger than the year-earlier revised estimate. Combined medium- and short-grain 2015/16 total use is forecast at 63.0 million cwt, down 1.0 million cwt from last month's forecast but 7 percent above the year-earlier revised estimate.

Total domestic and residual use is projected at 129.0 million cwt, down 1.0 million from the previous forecast but unchanged from a year earlier. The downward revision was largely based on expectations of a smaller residual due to the reduced crop forecast. Long-grain 2015/16 total domestic and residual use is projected at 99.0 million cwt, down 1.0 million cwt from the previous forecast and a year earlier. Combined medium- and short-grain domestic and residual use remains projected at 30.0 million cwt, up 3 percent from the previous year.

U.S. rice exports in 2015/16 are forecast at 107.0 million cwt, down 3.0 million cwt from the previous forecast but 6 percent larger than a year earlier. This month's downward revision was based on expectations of more competitive prices from Asian suppliers in 2015/16. By type, U.S. rough-rice exports remain projected at 35.0 million cwt, up 0.5 million cwt from a year earlier. Combined milled and brown rice exports (on a milled basis) are projected at 72.0 million cwt, down 3.0 million from the previous forecast but up 8 percent from a year earlier.

Long-grain exports in 2015/16 are projected at 74.0 million cwt, down 2.0 million cwt from the previous forecast but 4 percent higher than a year earlier. Medium- and short-grain exports are forecast at 33.0 million cwt, down 1.0 million from the previous forecast but 10 percent above a year earlier. This month's downward revision was based on a stronger than expected pace of 2014/15 shipments in July. Much of the year-to-year increase in medium- and short-grain rice exports is based on several large sales made in 2014/15 but not expected to ship until early in the 2015/16 market year.

The reduced forecast for total use in 2015/16 raised the ending stocks forecast 4.0 million cwt to 42.4 million cwt, 11 percent below a year earlier. The 2015/16 stocks-to-use ratio is estimated at 18.0 percent, down from 20.8 percent a year earlier.

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The 2015/16 long-grain ending stocks forecast was raised 3.5 million cwt to 27.1 million cwt, down 7 percent from a year earlier. The long-grain 2015/16 stocks-to-use ratio is forecast at 15.7 percent, down from 17.0 percent a year earlier. Medium- and short-grain ending stocks in 2015/16 are forecast at 13.0 million cwt, up 0.5 million cwt from the previous forecast but 21 percent below the year-earlier 28-year high. The decline in stocks in 2015/16 is the result of a smaller crop and expanded use more than offsetting a larger carryin. The medium- and short-grain stocks-to-use ratio is forecast at 20.6 percent, well below the abnormally high 27.9 percent estimated for 2014/15.

U.S. 2014/15 Long-Grain Export Forecast Lowered

There were several revisions to the 2014/15 all-rice balance sheet this month. On the supply side, total exports were raised 0.5 million cwt to 25.0 million based on delivery pace through June and expectations regarding imports in July. Through June 2015, U.S. imports (product-weight) were 7 percent ahead of a year earlier, with imports from Southeast Asia 15 percent ahead. Jasmine rice from Thailand accounts for the bulk of U.S. rice imports from Southeast Asia. Vietnam ships a much smaller amount of brokens to the United States. All of the upward revision in imports was for long-grain, now forecast at 21.5 million cwt, up 10 percent from a year earlier.

On the use side, 2014/15 long-grain exports were lowered 3.0 million cwt to 71.0 million cwt, 15 percent above a year earlier. The revision was based on Census trade data through June and shipment data from the weekly *U.S. Export Sales* through July 30 indicating a slower-than-expected pace of shipments late in the market year. In contrast, the medium- and short-grain 2014/16 export forecast was raised 2.0 million cwt to 30.0 million cwt based on a faster-than-expected pace of shipments to Northeast Asia in July. Northeast Asia is the largest market for U.S. medium- and short-grain exports, with Japan, South Korea, and Taiwan accounting for most of the U.S. shipments to the region. U.S. medium- and short-grain exports in 2014/15 were 5 percent below 2013/14.

Total exports were lowered 1.0 million cwt to 101.0 million cwt, 8 percent larger than a year earlier. By type, rough-rice exports were lowered 0.5 million cwt to 34.5 million cwt, 23 percent above a year earlier. Latin America is the largest market for U.S. rough rice, taking almost exclusively long-grain rice. Milled rice exports (fully milled and brown rice exports on a rough-rice basis) are projected at 66.5 million cwt, down 0.5 million cwt from last month's forecast but up 2 percent from a year earlier.

These revisions in supply and use forecasts resulted in a 1.5 million cwt increase in 2014/15 ending stocks to 47.9 million cwt, 50 percent above a year earlier and the second highest since 1986/87. The 2014/15 long-grain ending stocks forecast was raised 3.5 million cwt to 29.1 million cwt, 80 percent larger than a year earlier. In contrast, the medium- and short-grain 2014/15 ending stocks forecast was lowered 2.0 million cwt to 16.5 million cwt, 24 percent above a year earlier and highest since 1986/87.

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U.S. 2015/16 Long-Grain Season-Average Rough-Rice Price Forecast Raised

The 2015/16 season-average farm price (SAFP) for U.S. long-grain rice is projected at \$11.50-\$12.50 per cwt, up 60 cents on both the high and low ends from last month's forecast, compared with a slightly revised \$11.90 in 2014/15. The upward revision for the 2015/16 long-grain SAFP is based on a slightly smaller U.S. long-grain crop, early-season strong sales of new-crop rice, higher prices for U.S. milled rice, and movements in futures prices.

The 2015/16 U.S. medium- and short-grain SAFP remains projected at \$17.80-\$18.80, compared with a slightly revised \$17.90 in 2014/15. By region, the California 2015/16 medium- and short-grain SAFP remains projected at \$20.50-\$21.50 per cwt, compared with a revised \$20.70 in 2014/15. In the South, the 2015/16 medium- and short-grain SAFP remains projected at \$14.30-\$15.30 per cwt, compared with a revised \$14.60 for 2014/15. The 2015/16 all-rice SAFP is projected at \$13.40-\$14.40 per cwt, up 40 cents on both the high and low ends from last month. This compares with a revised 2014/15 SAFP of \$13.30.

There were slight revisions to the 2014/15 SAFP forecasts this month. First, the 2014/15 long-grain SAFP forecast was lowered 20 cents to \$11.90 per cwt. Second, the California medium- and short-grain 2014/15 SAFP was raised 20 cents to \$20.70 per cwt. Third, the southern medium- and short-grain SAFP was lowered 20 cents to \$14.60 per cwt. Fourth, the 2014/15 U.S. medium- and short-grain price was lowered 10 cents to \$17.90 per cwt. All three revisions were based on monthly cash prices and marketings through June and expectations regarding prices and marketings the remainder of the market year. These revisions resulted in a 10-cent reduction in the all rice SAFP to \$13.30 per cwt.

In late July, NASS reported a June U.S. long-grain rough-rice cash price of \$10.40 per cwt, down 60 cents from May but the lowest since October 2010. Since the start of the 2014/15 market year in August, long-grain cash prices have dropped \$3.90 per cwt. Virtually all U.S. long-grain rice is grown in the South. For U.S. combined medium- and short-grain rice, the June NASS price was reported at \$17.40 per cwt, up 20 cents from the May price but \$2.90 below the August price.

By region, in June the California medium- and short-grain rough-rice price was estimated at \$21.70 per cwt, up 50 cents from a month earlier. The June 2015 Southern medium- and short-grain rough-rice price is reported at \$13.50 per cwt, down 50 cents from May and \$2.30 cents below the start of the southern medium- and short-grain market year in August.

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2015/16 Production Forecast Lowered for Thailand, Cambodia, Iraq, and South Korea

Global rice production for 2015/16 is projected at 478.6 million tons (milled basis), down 1.7 million tons from last month's forecast but 2.4 million tons larger than a year earlier and the highest on record. The bumper crop is primarily due to expanded area. At a record 161.0 million hectares, global rice area in 2015/16 is down 0.5 million hectares from the previous forecast but up almost 0.9 million hectares from a year earlier. Bangladesh, India, and the Philippines account for most of the expected increase in global rice area. The average yield is projected at 4.43 tons per hectare (rough basis), unchanged from 2014/15 and just fractionally below the 2012/13 record.

Production forecasts were lowered this month for several countries, with countries in Southeast Asia and Latin America accounting for most of the reduction. First, Thailand's 2015/16 production forecast was lowered 5 percent to 18.0 million tons, 4 percent smaller than a year earlier and the smallest production since 2004/05. This month's downward revision was due to a 0.33 million hectare reduction in area to 10.2 million hectares, slightly below a year earlier and the smallest since 2004/05. The reduced area forecast is based on Government statements informing growers that they will receive only 50 percent of normal dry season irrigation water due to low reservoir levels. In addition to less-than-adequate rainfall in 2014, the 2015 monsoon started poorly with less than normal rainfall in the central growing region in May and June, both factors behind the low reservoir levels. Rainfall picked up in July. The dry-season crop, nearly all irrigated, typically accounts for about 28 percent of total production. This is the second consecutive year of a drought-reduced rice crop in Thailand. Thailand is typically the largest or near-largest rice exporting country.

In nearby Cambodia, the 2015/16 production forecast was reduced 0.2 million tons to 4.7 million due to a 100,000-hectare reduction in harvested area to 2.95 million hectares. Area was lowered due to a mild-to-moderate drought that persisted throughout the major growing zones early in the wet season. Harvest for this early wet season crop normally begins in August after planting in May. The early rice crop typically makes up 25 percent of the wet season crop. Cambodia's production in 2015/16 is unchanged from the year-earlier record. Cambodia has recently returned to being a rice exporter and currently exports around a million tons of rice a year.

The only other crop reduction in Asia was for South Korea, where the 2015/16 production was lowered 0.1 million tons to 4.0 million tons based on lower yield. In South Korea, dryness and hot weather have reduced yield prospects. Production in South Korea is down 6 percent from a year earlier, a result of both smaller area and a lower yield.

There were four reductions in 2015/16 production forecasts for Latin American countries this month. First, Argentina's 2015/16 production forecast was lowered 0.16 million tons to 890,000 tons due to a smaller area forecast. Expectations of low net returns—as a result of low prices and high costs—are behind an expected 11-percent decline in Argentina's rice area to 205,000 hectares, the smallest area

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since 2008/09. Second, Uruguay's 2015/16 production forecast was lowered 46,000 tons to 990,000 tons, also due to expectations of smaller plantings. Both Argentina and Uruguay are mid-level exporters, with exports accounting for the bulk of their crop. Their 2015/16 rice crops will be harvested April-May 2016.

Third, Venezuela's 2015/16 production forecast was lowered 40,000 tons to 340,000 tons due to smaller plantings. The 2015/16 area forecast was lowered 10,000 hectares to 130,000 hectares, 7 percent below a year earlier. Input shortages, high production costs, and adverse weather are behind the expected decline in area in 2015/16. Finally, Cuba's 2015/16 production forecast was reduced 65,000 tons to 390,000 tons based on a lower yield caused by abnormally dry conditions. Cuba's 2015/16 production is forecast to decline 14 percent from the previous year. Both Cuba and Venezuela currently import about 0.5 million tons of rice a year.

In other regions, Iraq's 2015/16 production forecast was lowered 190,000 tons to 110,000 tons due to a 50-percent reduction in the area forecast to 48,000 hectares. The substantial area reduction is a result of low water levels and risk factors hindering planting associated with conflict in the region. The 2015/16 crop is 59 percent smaller than a year earlier and the smallest since 2003/04. Finally, the U.S. 2015/16 production forecast was lowered 63,000 tons to 6.5 million tons based on a weaker yield reported by NASS. U.S. production is 8 percent below a year earlier, a result of both smaller area and a lower yield.

These downward revisions were partly offset by two upward revisions. First, Sri Lanka's 2015/16 production forecast was raised 0.15 million tons to 3.0 million tons due to a larger than expected yala crop harvested August-September 2015. The bumper yala crop is the result of abundant supplies of water. Second, the European Union's 2015/16 production forecast was raised 25,000 tons to 1.92 million tons, a result of larger crop forecasts for Italy and Portugal. Rice production in the European Union is up 2 percent from 2014/15.

The 2014/15 global production forecast was lowered fractionally to 476.2 million tons, almost 2 million tons below the 2013/14 crop. There were four nearly offsetting 2015/16 production revisions this month, all in South America. Production estimates were lowered for Ecuador and Bolivia, but raised for Venezuela and Uruguay.

Global consumption and residual use is projected at 487.8 million cwt in 2015/16, down 1.0 million tons from the previous forecast but up almost 1 percent from a year earlier and the highest on record. Consumption forecasts were lowered for Bangladesh, India, and the United States. China accounts for more than half the projected increase in global rice consumption in 2015/16. Consumption is projected to be larger in 2015/16 than a year earlier in Bangladesh, Brazil, Indonesia, the Philippines, Thailand, and Vietnam.

With consumption projected to exceed production for the third consecutive year, global ending stocks in 2015/16 are projected to decline 9.2 million tons to 90.8 million, 0.3 million below last month's forecast and the lowest since 2007/08. Ending stocks forecasts were lowered for Iraq, South Korea, and Venezuela. The stocks-to-use ratio is forecast at 18.6 percent, down from 20.7 percent a year earlier.

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India and Thailand account for the bulk of the projected decline in global ending stocks in 2015/16.

Export Forecasts for 2016 Raised for India and Vietnam

Global rice trade in calendar year 2016 is projected at 42.3 million tons (milled basis), up 0.2 million tons from last month's forecast but 0.2 million tons below this year's trade. Trade in 2016 would be the third largest on record.

There were several nearly offsetting 2016 export revisions this month. Two were upward revisions. First, India's 2016 export forecast was raised 0.5 million tons to 9.5 million tons based on more competitive prices. India's exports are 18 percent below the year-earlier record. Second, Vietnam's 2016 export forecast was raised 100,000 tons to 7.0 million tons to offset weaker shipments from Cambodia.

These two upward revisions were partially offset by four reductions. First, Cambodia's 2016 export forecast was lowered 0.2 million tons to 1.0 million, 0.1 million tons below a year earlier. Second, Argentina's 2016 export forecast was lowered 100,000 tons to 480,000 tons, still 20 percent above this year. Third, Uruguay's 2016 exports were lowered 50,000 tons to 950,000 tons, unchanged from a year earlier. Finally, the U.S. 2016 export forecast was lowered 50,000 tons to 3.45 million tons. These four reductions were due to smaller crops.

There were only two 2016 import revisions this month. First, Cuba's 2016 import forecast was raised 50,000 tons to 500,000 tons due to a smaller crop. Second, the United States' 2016 import forecast was raised 20,000 tons to a record 820,000 tons based on expectations that the stronger pace observed in 2015 will continue.

Global trade in 2015 is projected at 42.5 million tons, down 1.2 million tons from last month's forecast and 0.9 million tons below the year-earlier record. The decline in global trade in 2015 is primarily due to a 2.0 million ton drop in Thailand's exports not being fully offset by expanded shipments from other sources.

There were three export revisions for 2015. First, Thailand's 2015 export forecast was lowered 1.0 million tons to 9.0 million tons based on shipment pace through June and stronger competition from India in major markets. Thailand's exports are 18 percent below 2014. Second, Argentina's 2015 exports were lowered 160,000 tons to 400,000 tons based on a slow pace of sales. Third, the U.S. 2015 export forecast was lowered 50,000 tons to 3.4 million tons.

There were five significant 2015 import revisions this month. First, Brazil's 2015 imports were lowered 0.1 million tons to 0.5 million tons based on a slower pace of shipments from Argentina and Uruguay. Second, Sri Lanka's 2015 imports were raised 100,000 tons to 350,000 tons based on continued large purchases from India. Third, Mexico's 2015 export forecast was lowered almost 0.1 million tons to 680,000 based on shipment pace. Fourth, Bangladesh's 2015 imports were increased 50,000 tons to 750,000 tons based on recommendations from the U.S.

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Agricultural Office in Dhaka. Finally, the U.S. 2015 import forecast was raised 20,000 tons to 800,000 tons based on a stronger pace of deliveries through June.

Thailand and Vietnam's Trading Prices Drop; U.S. Long-Grain Prices Rise

Prices for high and medium grades of Thailand's regular-milled white rice have decreased 1-3 percent from a month earlier, largely due to a weaker baht, continued sales of Government stocks, and a lack of new export sales. Prices for Thailand's high-quality, 100-percent Grade B (free-on-board (fob) vessel, Bangkok) milled rice for export were quoted at \$386 per ton for the week ending August 10, down \$6 from the week ending July 6. Prices for Thailand's 5-percent broken were quoted at \$374 per ton for the week ending August 10, down \$7 from the week ending July 6. Prices for Thailand's 5-percent parboiled rice, a specialty rice, were quoted at \$377 per ton for the week ending August 10, down \$10 from the week ending July 6.

In contrast, prices for Thailand's A-1 Super 100-percent broken were quoted at \$325 per ton, up \$4 from July 6. In addition, price quotes for Thailand's premium jasmine rice, an aromatic variety, were quoted at \$864 per ton for the week ending August 10, up \$16 from the week ending July 6. All price quotes for Thailand's rice are from the *Weekly Rice Price Update*, reported by the U.S. Agricultural Office in Bangkok.

Price quotes from Vietnam have declined slightly over the past month. For the week ending August 10, prices for Vietnam's double-water-polished milled-rice with 5-percent broken were quoted at \$345 per ton, down \$5 from early July. Most of Vietnam's markets—The Philippines, Indonesia, China, and West Africa—are quiet. Vietnam's prices are \$29 below price quotes for similar grades of Thailand's rice, down a few dollars from early July, making Vietnam the low-cost supplier.

U.S. prices for long-grain milled-rice have increased over the past month, partly a response to recent large purchases of new-crop rice for shipment later in season. Both Iraq and Iran have 60,000 tons of outstanding sales of long-grain milled-rice. For the week ending August 11, prices for high-quality U.S. Southern long-grain rice (No. 2, 4-percent broken, bagged, free alongside vessel, U.S. Gulfport) were quoted at \$491 per ton, up \$17 from July 7. The U.S. price difference (adjusted to reflect an fob vessel location) over Thailand's 100-percent grade B is \$130 per ton, up \$23 from a month ago. Prices for U.S. long-grain rough-rice (bulk, fob vessel, New Orleans) are quoted at \$280 per ton for the week ending August 11, up \$60 from the week ending July 7. For the week ending August 6, both Panama and Venezuela had large outstanding sales balances for U.S. long-grain rough rice, with Panama's outstanding sales reported at 50,400 tons and Venezuela's at 60,000 tons.

Price quotes for package-quality California medium-grain milled-rice (bulk) for domestic sales to processors and repackagers are unchanged from late May. For the week ending August 11, prices remain quoted at \$849 per ton. Export prices for California milled rice have declined since early July. For California milled

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medium-grain exports (4 percent broken, sacked, on board vessel in Oakland), prices were quoted at \$920 per ton for the week ending August 11, down \$30 from early July. Price quotes for Vietnam, U.S. long- and medium-grain milled-rice, and U.S. rough-rice export prices are from the weekly *Creed Rice Market Report*.

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

Item	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15 2/	2015/16 2/
TOTAL RICE							
Million acres							
Area:							
Planted	3.135	3.636	2.689	2.700	2.490	2.939	2.767
Harvested	3.103	3.615	2.617	2.679	2.469	2.919	2.744
Pounds per harvested acre							
Yield	7,085	6,725	7,067	7,463	7,694	7,572	7,544
Million cwt							
Beginning stocks	30.42	36.50	48.47	41.08	36.42	31.83	47.87
Production	219.85	243.10	184.94	199.94	189.95	221.04	205.03
Imports	19.02	18.34	19.36	21.06	23.11	25.00	25.50
Total supply	269.29	297.94	252.77	262.08	249.48	277.87	278.40
Food, industrial, & residual 3/	119.95	133.60	107.48	115.97	120.74	125.58	N/A
Seed	4.49	3.32	3.33	3.07	3.62	3.42	N/A
Total domestic use	124.44	136.92	110.81	119.04	124.36	129.00	129.00
Exports	108.36	112.55	100.88	106.62	93.29	101.00	107.00
Rough	40.35	34.76	32.97	34.08	28.02	34.50	35.00
Milled 4/	68.01	77.79	67.91	72.54	65.27	66.50	72.00
Total use	232.79	249.47	211.69	225.66	217.65	230.00	236.00
Ending stocks	36.50	48.47	41.08	36.42	31.83	47.87	42.40
Percent							
Stocks-to-use ratio	15.7	19.4	19.4	16.1	14.6	20.8	18.0
\$/cwt							
Average farm price 5/	14.40	12.70	14.50	15.10	16.30	13.30	13.40 to 14.40
Percent							
Average milling rate	71.53	68.86	69.93	70.00	71.00	70.50	70.00

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*, USDA, World Agricultural Outlook Board.

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

Item	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15 2/	2015/16 2/
LONG GRAIN:							
	Million acres						
Planted	2.290	2.841	1.794	1.994	1.781	2.207	--
Harvested	2.265	2.826	1.739	1.979	1.767	2.192	--
	Pounds per harvested acre						
Yield	6,743	6,486	6,691	7,291	7,464	7,408	--
	Million cwt						
Beginning stocks	20.0	23.0	35.6	24.3	21.9	16.2	29.1
Production	152.7	183.3	116.4	144.3	131.9	162.4	149.0
Imports	16.5	15.8	16.9	18.7	19.6	21.5	22.0
Total supply	189.3	222.2	168.9	187.3	173.3	200.1	200.1
Domestic use 3/	91.9	108.6	78.0	89.6	95.3	100.0	99.0
Exports	74.3	78.0	66.7	75.8	61.9	71.0	74.0
Total use	166.2	186.5	144.7	165.4	157.1	171.0	173.0
Ending stocks	23.0	35.6	24.3	21.9	16.2	29.1	27.1
	Percent						
Stocks-to-use ratio	13.9	19.1	16.8	13.2	10.3	17.0	15.7
	\$/cwt						
Average farm price 4/	12.90	11.00	13.40	14.50	15.40	11.90	11.50 to 12.50
MEDIUM/SHORT GRAIN:							
	Million acres						
Planted	0.845	0.795	0.895	0.706	0.709	0.732	--
Harvested	0.838	0.789	0.878	0.700	0.702	0.727	--
	Pounds per harvested acre						
Yield	8,010	7,580	7,812	7,951	8,270	8,068	--
	Million cwt						
Beginning stocks	8.0	12.0	10.1	14.7	12.2	13.3	16.5
Production	67.1	59.8	68.6	55.7	58.1	58.7	56.0
Imports	2.5	2.5	2.4	2.3	3.5	3.5	3.5
Total supply 5/	78.6	73.1	81.7	72.5	73.8	75.5	76.0
Domestic use 3/	32.5	28.4	32.8	29.4	29.1	29.0	30.0
Exports	34.1	34.6	34.2	30.8	31.4	30.0	33.0
Total use	66.6	63.0	67.0	60.3	60.5	59.0	63.0
Ending stocks	12.0	10.1	14.7	12.2	13.3	16.5	13.0
	Percent						
Stocks-to-use ratio	18.1	16.1	21.9	20.3	22.0	27.9	20.6
	\$/cwt						
Average farm price							
U.S. average 4/ 6/	18.40	18.80	17.10	17.40	19.20	17.90	17.80 to 18.80
California 6/ 7/	19.50	20.80	18.40	18.40	20.70	12.30 to 20.70	20.50 to 21.50
Other States 4/	15.70	15.00	14.30	14.70	15.70	14.60	14.30 to 15.30
Ending stocks difference 1/	1.4	2.7	2.1	2.3	2.3	--	--

-- = Not available. 1/ Stock totals by type omit broken, which are included in total stocks for all types of rice in table 1. 2/ Projected.

3/ Includes residual. 4/ Market year begins August 1. 5/ 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.

6/ 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.

7/ Market year begins October 1.

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

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

Month	2014/15		2013/14		2012/13	
	\$/cwt	1,000 cwt	\$/cwt	1,000 cwt	\$/cwt	1,000 cwt
August	15.60	9,679	15.80	8,879	14.80	10,856
September	14.50	9,857	15.60	11,420	14.50	10,630
October	14.00	16,395	16.10	13,239	14.50	13,969
November	14.40	15,253	16.30	9,462	15.00	16,513
December	13.40	16,453	16.50	11,544	15.00	15,260
January	14.60	16,459	17.10	19,762	15.30	18,957
February	12.90	12,269	16.70	13,495	15.00	15,410
March	12.40	13,983	16.40	12,694	15.20	14,224
April	12.50	15,306	16.20	8,573	15.40	12,521
May	12.50	12,979	16.20	7,858	15.50	11,213
June	11.80	14,275	16.30	7,777	15.50	9,829
July			16.10	8,013	15.60	8,840
Average price to date	13.46	1/				
Season-average farm price	13.30		16.30		15.10	
Average marketings		13,901		11,060		13,185
Total volume marketed		152,908		132,716		158,222

1/ Weighted average.

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

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

Month	Long-grain				Medium- and short-grain			
	2014/15		2013/14		2014/15		2013/14	
	\$/cwt	1,000 cwt	\$/cwt	1,000 cwt	\$/cwt	1,000 cwt	\$/cwt	1,000 cwt
August	14.30	7,615	15.20	6,566	20.30	2,064	17.40	2,313
September	13.70	8,388	15.30	10,032	18.90	1,469	17.80	1,388
October	12.90	13,465	15.40	10,856	18.90	2,930	19.50	2,383
November	12.50	9,179	15.40	6,873	17.30	6,074	18.90	2,589
December	12.40	13,159	15.50	8,144	17.20	3,294	18.90	3,400
January	12.50	11,257	15.50	12,223	19.00	5,202	19.80	7,539
February	11.80	10,143	15.50	9,794	17.80	2,126	19.60	3,701
March	11.30	11,423	15.50	9,729	17.40	2,560	19.30	2,965
April	11.00	11,923	15.60	6,983	17.50	3,383	18.50	1,590
May	11.00	9,896	15.50	6,218	17.20	3,083	18.70	1,640
June	10.40	11,232	15.60	6,356	17.40	3,043	19.70	1,421
July			15.40	6,691			19.90	1,322
Average to date 1/	12.08				17.97			
Season-average farm price	11.90 2/		15.40		17.90 2/ 3/		19.20	
Average marketings		10,698		8,372		3,203		2,688
Total volume marketed		117,680		100,465		35,228		32,251

1/ Weighted average. 2/ Forecast.

3/ 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*, USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service.

Table 5--U.S. medium- and short-grain monthly rough-rice cash prices by region 1/

Month	California		Month	Other States 2/	
	2014/15	2013/14		2014/15	2013/14
	\$/cwt			\$/cwt	
October	21.90	21.50	August	15.60	15.00
November	18.30	19.90	September	15.70	15.40
December	19.80	19.90	October	15.30	15.50
January	21.00	20.60	November	15.10	15.40
February	21.80	21.10	December	15.20	15.90
March	20.50	20.60	January	15.10	15.70
April	21.00	20.40	February	14.90	15.80
May	21.20	21.20	March	14.90	16.10
June	20.70	20.80	April	14.40	16.10
July		21.20	May	13.80	15.90
August		21.10	June	13.30	15.90
September		20.70	July		15.80
Simple average to date	20.69	-----		14.85	-----
Market-year average	20.30 to 3/ 20.70	20.70		14.60 3/	15.70

---- Not reported. 1/ The California market year begins October 1; the Other States' market year begins August 1.

2/ The remaining U.S. rice growing States are Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, and Texas.

3/ USDA season-average farm price forecast.

Source: *Quick Stats*, USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service, http://www.nass.usda.gov/Quick_Stats/.

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Table 6--USDA-calculated world market rice prices (rough basis) 1/

Month	2015/16		2014/15		2013/14	
	Long-grain	Medium/ short-grain	Long-grain	Medium/ short-grain	Long-grain	Medium/ short-grain
	\$/cwt					
August 2/	9.32	9.58	11.80	12.12	12.08	12.43
September			11.76	12.09	11.87	12.22
October			11.40	11.71	11.95	12.30
November			11.04	11.33	11.78	12.13
December			10.81	11.10	11.93	12.29
January			10.56	10.83	11.74	12.09
February			10.27	10.41	11.77	12.03
March			10.00	10.13	11.58	11.84
April			10.02	10.15	11.63	11.88
May			9.78	9.91	11.57	11.82
June			9.62	9.74	11.60	11.86
July			9.70	9.82	11.77	12.03
Market-year average 1/	9.32	9.58	10.56	10.78	11.77	12.08

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

Source: USDA, Farm Service Agency, Economic and Policy Analysis, Rice Reports,
<http://www.fsa.usda.gov/FSA/epasReports?area=home&subject=ecpa&topic=fga-rp>
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Table 7--U.S. rice imports 1/

Country or region	Market year 2014/15 through June 2015	Market year 2013/14 through June 2014	2013/14 market year	2012/13 market year	2011/12 market year	2010/11 market year	2009/10 market year
1,000 metric tons							
ASIA	649.0	593.2	647.2	624.8	541.5	529.8	563.9
China	4.3	2.9	3.2	2.7	3.6	3.1	3.8
India	112.7	125.4	138.9	129.3	110.5	96.5	94.8
Pakistan	22.4	24.2	26.6	17.7	15.2	17.3	19.4
Thailand	441.7	394.6	428.6	393.8	387.6	393.5	401.0
Vietnam	63.6	41.9	45.4	77.8	21.7	15.9	41.6
Other	4.2	4.1	4.5	3.6	2.8	3.6	3.4
EUROPE & FORMER SOVIET UNION	13.2	11.4	12.0	12.0	14.3	12.5	9.4
Italy	8.2	7.8	8.2	7.5	5.2	7.5	6.2
Spain	1.5	1.1	1.2	2.3	4.7	3.8	1.6
Russia	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
United Kingdom	2.2	0.5	0.5	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1
Other	1.3	2.0	2.0	2.1	4.3	1.2	1.5
WESTERN HEMISPHERE	43.2	38.1	41.0	35.9	64.5	42.7	30.4
Argentina	5.6	3.6	4.0	5.5	3.4	2.7	2.5
Brazil	14.8	13.7	14.4	5.0	30.5	6.3	3.5
Canada	10.5	12.7	13.8	12.1	16.3	17.1	15.4
Mexico	1.0	1.1	1.2	1.0	1.1	1.3	6.1
Uruguay	5.7	4.9	5.3	12.3	13.2	15.4	2.9
Other	5.6	2.0	2.3	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
OTHER	24.4	39.1	40.3	1.9	1.0	3.5	5.5
Egypt	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.6	0.0	0.0	0.6
United Arab Emirates	0.8	1.0	1.3	0.4	0.5	3.0	4.4
Australia	23.0	37.0	37.4	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	0.6	1.1	1.6	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.4
TOTAL	729.8	681.7	740.5	674.6	621.2	588.6	609.2

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 August 13, 2015

Table 8--U.S. commercial rice exports

Country or region	2015/16 through Aug. 6, 2015 2/	2014/15 through Aug. 7, 2014 1/	2014/15 through year 1/	2013/14 market year 1/	2012/13 market year 1/	2011/12 market year 1/	2010/11 market year 1/	2009/10 market year 1/
1,000 tons								
EUROPE & FSU	1.2	0.8	30.2	38.1	41.7	61.3	101.7	98.3
European Union	0.9	0.6	26.8	30.6	37.7	52.2	90.3	88.6
Other Europe	0.0	0.0	2.3	2.9	1.1	5.5	5.3	2.6
Former Soviet Union (FSU)	0.3	0.2	1.1	4.6	2.9	3.6	6.1	7.1
NORTHEAST ASIA	137.3	3.1	464.1	474.6	561.4	592.3	473.6	571.3
Hong Kong	0.2	0.0	0.3	6.2	6.2	2.6	0.6	1.1
Japan	100.8	0.2	307.7	364.2	347.6	375.5	355.3	388.9
South Korea	32.0	0.0	123.5	72.1	145.1	148.6	100.6	79.4
Taiwan	4.3	2.9	32.6	32.1	62.5	65.6	17.1	101.9
OTHER ASIA, OCEANIA, & THE MIDDLE EAST	164.4	94.3	468.7	605.8	463.6	499.9	641.8	751.5
Australia	1.0	0.8	6.5	10.4	9.1	10.0	15.8	26.2
Iran	60.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	125.7	4.9	0.0	0.0
Iraq	60.0	0.0	123.5	132.5	0.0	0.0	114.0	135.1
Israel	2.4	1.5	9.3	19.2	16.9	22.4	33.3	45.7
Jordan	13.9	14.7	71.9	88.7	71.2	93.2	83.0	66.4
Micronesia	0.1	0.0	2.0	2.0	5.5	6.2	6.0	5.2
New Zealand	0.0	0.0	2.1	3.8	3.0	3.0	6.5	8.3
Papua New Guinea	0.0	0.0	12.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	9.4	37.9
Saudi Arabia	7.7	12.7	111.7	90.9	122.8	107.1	118.0	108.5
Singapore	0.1	0.2	3.8	7.5	6.6	5.8	5.3	3.0
Syria	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	21.9	13.6	15.9
Turkey	16.5	63.5	106.9	219.5	75.4	189.8	200.3	267.0
Rest of Asia, Oceania, and Middle East	2.7	0.9	18.6	30.3	27.4	35.6	36.6	32.3
AFRICA	20.0	0.4	128.0	110.8	249.1	179.6	432.4	117.4
Algeria	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.9	6.9
Ghana	0.0	0.0	29.8	41.7	112.1	94.0	100.2	43.7
Guinea--Conakry	0.0	0.0	4.1	3.6	4.4	11.0	5.0	4.8
Liberia	0.0	0.0	0.5	6.3	15.5	26.7	38.5	8.4
Libya	20.0	0.4	93.2	47.8	89.5	24.8	152.9	1.1
Nigeria	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	18.4	6.1	52.1	36.6
Senegal	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	49.8	0.0
South Africa	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.8	0.9	0.5	1.1	0.5
Togo	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	23.9	0.0
Other Africa	0.0	0.0	0.4	10.6	8.3	16.5	7.0	15.4
WESTERN HEMISPHERE	374.2	399.2	2,176.0	1,811.2	2,110.9	1,785.0	2,058.3	2,142.9
Bahamas	0.4	0.5	6.1	6.0	6.3	6.3	6.3	6.1
Brazil	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	20.0	15.4
Canada	22.1	20.0	139.3	138.6	145.8	147.7	148.6	166.8
Colombia	13.1	2.4	285.3	138.9	150.1	0.1	0.2	0.2
Costa Rica	13.2	1.7	91.3	63.1	75.3	58.1	69.7	124.8
Dominican Republic	0.0	0.1	6.5	7.9	1.7	8.9	7.0	25.2
El Salvador	14.1	6.9	76.4	70.1	83.8	76.5	77.0	76.5
Guatemala	14.4	6.7	75.3	81.5	77.6	81.4	69.4	72.6
Haiti	30.6	45.5	362.1	323.9	342.0	233.4	248.9	226.5
Honduras	8.4	10.6	132.0	142.4	122.4	140.0	136.8	119.3
Jamaica	0.0	0.1	1.2	1.2	1.2	11.6	25.5	20.2
Leeward & Windward Islands	0.0	0.0	0.5	1.6	2.9	10.2	9.4	8.3
Mexico	147.3	241.5	716.7	690.7	749.5	803.7	848.5	775.1
Netherlands Antilles	0.1	0.1	4.3	4.6	4.7	4.7	4.8	5.2
Nicaragua	0.0	0.0	2.0	10.3	39.9	40.6	142.2	147.0
Panama	50.4	0.0	45.8	24.1	39.3	59.7	88.2	104.0
Venezuela	60.0	62.7	223.9	98.9	262.5	94.1	149.6	241.8
Other Western Hemisphere	0.1	0.4	7.2	7.3	5.8	7.9	6.2	5.9
UNKNOWN	64.3	10.0	21.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
TOTAL	761.3	507.8	3,267.0	3,040.7	3,426.7	3,118.0	3,707.7	3,681.4

1/ Total August-July marketing year commercial shipments. 2/ Total commercial shipments and outstanding sales.
Source: U.S. Export Sales, USDA, Foreign Agricultural Service.
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Table 9--U.S., Thailand, and Vietnam price quotes

Month or market year 1/	United States			Thailand 5/				Vietnam 7/
	Southern long-grain milled 2/	Southern long-grain rough 3/	California medium-grain milled 4/	100% Grade B	5% Parboiled	15% Brokens	A.1 6/ Super	5% Brokens
	\$ / metric ton							
2005/06	334	192	440	301	293	283	216	259
2006/07	407	237	494	320	317	302	243	292
2007/08	621	368	650	551	570	334	456	620
2008/09	611	357	1075	609	616	532	342	456
2009/10	506	316	747	533	545	473	352	397
2010/11	525	300	793	518	522	481	415	471
Aug. 2011	604	338	822	576	579	543	463	555
Sep. 2011	648	373	816	614	617	577	487	568
Oct. 2011	617	366	816	615	602	581	488	573
Nov. 2011	586	348	763	629	609	599	550	554
Dec 2011	549	325	720	608	588	577	548	498
Jan. 2012	526	325	772	557	540	539	515	448
Feb 2012	517	323	772	552	548	NQ	517	426
Mar. 2012	507	315	744	563	576	NQ	526	413
Apr. 2012	507	320	728	554	582	NQ	526	437
May 2012	540	344	736	614	616	NQ	562	426
June 2012	554	345	739	612	607	590	548	415
July 2012	564	349	744	587	576	566	520	408
2011/12	560	339	764	592	587	571	521	477
Aug. 2012	576	366	755	579	586	555	509	433
Sep. 2012	590	374	750	579	591	551	512	455
Oct. 2012	593	365	741	571	586	539	519	450
Nov. 2012	595	360	739	573	590	535	523	449
Dec. 2012	595	360	728	569	566	535	521	414
Jan. 2013	607	360	705	575	573	540	530	405
Feb. 2013	621	370	705	575	574	542	534	400
Mar. 2013	632	371	705	573	564	536	533	399
Apr. 2013	644	375	705	571	553	535	530	383
May 2013	661	377	691	558	552	514	511	376
June 2013	639	389	661	536	546	489	492	369
July 2013	625	394	661	519	538	459	462	389
2012/13	615	372	712	565	568	528	515	410
Aug. 2013	609	386	661	493	507	430	428	391
Sep. 2013	608	385	661	461	462	418	416	363
Oct. 2013	601	380	656	445	450	399	391	395
Nov. 2013	591	380	639	433	449	395	385	403
Dec. 2013	595	380	632	428	449	394	370	427
Jan. 2014	590	380	686	418	442	360	310	404
Feb. 2014	579	380	843	423	447	370	313	398
Mar. 2014	584	380	987	416	431	377	314	388
Apr. 2014	584	380	1,058	401	409	373	306	385
May 2014	584	380	1,014	399	403	368	303	403
June 2014	577	380	992	405	416	372	321	406
July 2014	557	365	966	421	429	NQ	333	431
2013/14	588	380	816	428	441	386	349	399
Aug. 2014	553	329	940	447	441	NQ	339	454
Sep. 2014	540	325	935	449	437	NQ	336	450
Oct. 2014	530	320	948	446	432	NQ	330	440
Nov. 2014	530	308	893	434	419	NQ	332	420
Dec. 2014	520	303	893	424	411	403	326	392
Jan. 2015	507	284	865	423	410	403	326	374
Feb. 2015	481	263	843	421	410	400	326	355
Mar. 2015	485	260	831	413	400	387	327	367
Apr. 2015	485	250	827	408	392	377	327	358
May 2015	474	229	849	393	382	371	323	355
June 2015	461	222	849	383	371	372	322	353
July 2015 8/	474	240	849	396	390	376	324	350
2014/15 8/	503	278	877	420	408	385	328	389
Aug. 2015	482	270	849	387	380	363	325	348
2015/16 9/	482	270	849	387	380	363	325	348

NQ = No quotes. 1/ Simple average of weekly quotes.

Market year average prices are simple average of monthly prices.

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, bulk, free on board truck, California mill, mid-point of reported price range. Note: This price series was previously reported as sacked or bagged.

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. Please note back-year revisions in bold. 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.tas.usda.gov).

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Table 10--Global rice producers: annual production, monthly revisions, and annual changes 1/

Country	2014/15					2015/16 2/			
	2013/14	July 2015	August 2015	Monthly revisions	Annual changes	July 2015	August 2015	Monthly revisions	Annual changes
	1,000 metric tons								
Afghanistan	455	501	501	0	46	462	462	0	-39
Argentina	1,027	1008	1014	6	-13	1,050	890	-160	-124
Australia	590	521	521	0	-69	425	425	0	-96
Bangladesh	34,390	34,500	34,500	0	110	35,000	35,000	0	500
Brazil	8,300	8,500	8,500	0	200	8,000	8,000	0	-500
Burma	11,957	12,600	12,600	0	643	12,800	12,800	0	200
Cambodia	4,725	4,700	4,700	0	-25	4,900	4,700	-200	0
China	142,530	144,500	144,500	0	1,970	146,000	146,000	0	1,500
Colombia	1,310	1,220	1,220	0	-90	1,326	1,326	0	106
Cote d'Ivoire	1,200	1,340	1,340	0	140	1,400	1,400	0	60
Cuba	423	455	455	0	32	455	395	-60	-60
Dominican Republic	536	538	538	0	2	520	520	0	-18
Ecuador	790	772	740	-32	-50	794	794	0	54
Egypt	4,750	4,530	4,530	0	-220	4,600	4,600	0	70
European Union	1,937	1,881	1,878	-3	-59	1,895	1,920	25	42
Ghana	289	300	300	0	11	300	300	0	0
Guinea	1,355	1,301	1,301	0	-54	1,320	1,320	0	19
Guyana	536	633	633	0	97	650	650	0	17
India	106,540	102,500	102,500	0	-4,040	104,000	104,000	0	1,500
Indonesia	36,300	36,300	36,300	0	0	36,650	36,650	0	350
Iran	1,650	1,716	1,716	0	66	1,749	1,749	0	33
Japan	7,937	7,842	7,842	0	-95	7,900	7,900	0	58
Korea, North	1,880	1,700	1,700	0	-180	1,600	1,600	0	-100
Korea, South	4,230	4,241	4,241	0	11	4,100	4,000	-100	-241
Laos	1,650	1,875	1,875	0	225	1,750	1,750	0	-125
Liberia	150	149	149	0	-1	158	158	0	9
Madagascar	2,311	2,546	2,546	0	235	2,560	2,560	0	14
Malaysia	1,755	1,800	1,800	0	45	1,810	1,810	0	10
Mali	1,438	1,400	1,400	0	-38	1,450	1,450	0	50
Mexico	131	158	158	0	27	165	165	0	7
Mozambique	228	223	223	0	-5	228	228	0	5
Nepal	3,361	3,100	3,100	0	-261	3,100	3,100	0	0
Nigeria	2,772	2,835	2,835	0	63	2,709	2,709	0	-126
Pakistan	6,700	6,900	6,900	0	200	6,900	6,900	0	0
Peru	2,156	2,150	2,150	0	-6	2,153	2,153	0	3
Philippines	11,858	11,880	11,880	0	22	12,400	12,400	0	520
Russia	608	682	682	0	74	700	700	0	18
Sierra Leone	791	728	728	0	-63	693	693	0	-35
Sri Lanka	2,840	2,850	2,850	0	10	2,850	3,000	150	150
Taiwan	1,217	1,100	1,100	0	-117	1,170	1,170	0	70
Tanzania	1,450	1,700	1,700	0	250	1,386	1,386	0	-314
Thailand	20,460	18,750	18,750	0	-1,710	19,000	18,000	-1,000	-750
Turkey	500	460	460	0	-40	500	500	0	40
Uganda	139	143	143	0	4	150	150	0	7
United States	6,117	7,068	7,068	0	951	6,573	6,510	-63	-558
Uruguay	944	1,022	1,035	13	91	1,036	990	-46	-45
Venezuela	385	380	360	-20	-25	380	340	-40	-20
Vietnam	28,161	28,050	28,050	0	-111	28,200	28,200	0	150
Subtotal	473,759	472,048	472,012	-36	-1,747	475,917	474,423	-1,494	2,411
Others	4,431	4,229	4,211	-18	-220	4,421	4,231	-190	20
World total	478,190	476,277	476,223	-54	-1,967	480,338	478,654	-1,684	2,431

1/ Market year production on a milled basis. 2/ Projected.

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

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Table 11--Global rice exporters; calendar year exports, monthly revisions, and annual changes

Country	2015 1/					2016 1/			
	2014	July 2015	August 2015	Monthly revisions	Annual changes	July 2015	August 2015	Monthly revisions	Annual changes
	1,000 metric tons (milled basis)								
Argentina	494	560	400	-160	-94	580	480	-100	80
Australia	404	400	400	0	-4	300	300	0	-100
Brazil	850	800	800	0	-50	800	800	0	0
Burma	1,688	2,000	2,000	0	312	2,200	2,200	0	200
Cambodia	1,000	1,100	1,100	0	100	1,200	1,000	-200	-100
China	393	400	400	0	7	400	400	0	0
Cote d'Ivoire	30	30	30	0	0	50	50	0	20
Ecuador	50	0	0	0	-50	0	0	0	0
Egypt	600	250	250	0	-350	400	400	0	150
European Union	284	250	250	0	-34	220	220	0	-30
Guinea	100	50	50	0	-50	50	50	0	0
Guyana	500	500	500	0	0	520	520	0	20
India	10,907	11,000	11,000	0	93	8,500	9,000	500	-2,000
Japan	63	75	75	0	12	75	75	0	0
Kazakhstan	35	40	40	0	5	40	40	0	0
Pakistan	3,600	4,000	4,000	0	400	4,000	4,000	0	0
Paraguay	380	400	400	0	20	500	500	0	100
Peru	70	70	70	0	0	70	70	0	0
Russia	187	190	190	0	3	160	160	0	-30
Senegal	10	10	10	0	0	10	10	0	0
South Africa	114	100	100	0	-14	100	100	0	0
Surinam	35	35	35	0	0	40	40	0	5
Tanzania	30	30	30	0	0	30	30	0	0
Thailand	10,969	10,000	9,000	-1,000	-1,969	10,200	10,200	0	1,200
Turkey	22	30	30	0	8	30	30	0	0
Uganda	40	40	40	0	0	40	40	0	0
United States	2,998	3,450	3,400	-50	402	3,500	3,450	-50	50
Uruguay	957	950	950	0	-7	1,000	950	-50	0
Venezuela	200	180	180	0	-20	180	140	-40	-40
Vietnam	6,325	6,700	6,700	0	375	6,900	7,000	100	300
Subtotal	43,335	43,640	42,430	-1,210	-905	42,095	42,255	160	-175
Other	40	76	74	(2)	33	46	46	0	(28)
World total	43,375	43,716	42,504	-1,212	-871	42,141	42,301	160	-203
U.S. Share	6.9%	7.9%	8.0%	--	--	8.3%	8.2%	0	--

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

1/ Projected.

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

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Table 12--Global rice importers: calendar year imports, monthly revisions, and annual changes

Country	2015 1/					2016 1/			
	2014	July 2015	August 2015	Monthly revisions	Annual changes	July 2015	August 2015	Monthly revisions	Annual changes
	1,000 tons (milled basis)								
Afghanistan	160	140	140	0	-20	150	150	0	10
Australia	155	150	150	0	-5	150	150	0	0
Bangladesh	1,290	700	750	50	-540	850	850	0	100
Brazil	586	600	500	-100	-86	700	700	0	200
Cameroon	610	525	525	0	-85	530	530	0	5
Canada	358	350	350	0	-8	360	360	0	10
China	4,168	4,500	4,500	0	332	4,700	4,700	0	200
Colombia	325	350	350	0	25	300	300	0	-50
Costa Rica	120	100	100	0	-20	100	100	0	0
Cote d'Ivoire	950	900	950	50	0	950	950	0	0
Cuba	377	450	450	0	73	450	500	50	50
Egypt	25	25	25	0	0	25	25	0	0
European Union	1,556	1,580	1,580	0	24	1,550	1,550	0	-30
Ghana	590	620	620	0	30	650	650	0	30
Guinea	340	300	300	0	-40	350	350	0	50
Haiti	385	420	420	0	35	420	420	0	0
Honduras	131	110	110	0	-21	120	120	0	10
Hong Kong	370	380	380	0	10	420	420	0	40
Indonesia	1,225	1,250	1,250	0	25	1,100	1,100	0	-150
Iran	1,650	1,700	1,700	0	50	1,600	1,600	0	-100
Iraq	1,080	1,250	1,250	0	170	1,300	1,300	0	50
Japan	669	700	700	0	31	700	700	0	0
Jordan	151	200	200	0	49	200	200	0	0
Korea, North	71	60	60	0	-11	60	60	0	0
Korea, South	379	450	450	0	71	410	410	0	-40
Liberia	300	300	300	0	0	300	300	0	0
Libya	300	310	310	0	10	310	310	0	0
Madagascar	500	350	350	0	-150	250	250	0	-100
Malaysia	989	1,000	950	-50	-39	1,000	1,000	0	50
Mexico	658	775	680	-95	22	785	785	0	105
Mozambique	500	480	480	0	-20	500	500	0	20
Nicaragua	70	70	70	0	0	70	70	0	0
Niger	300	300	300	0	0	300	300	0	0
Nigeria	3,200	4,000	4,000	0	800	3,000	3,000	0	-1,000
Philippines	1,800	1,800	1,800	0	0	1,400	1,400	0	-400
Russia	299	250	250	0	-49	250	250	0	0
Saudi Arabia	1,410	1,460	1,460	0	50	1,550	1,550	0	90
Senegal	1,200	1,100	1,100	0	-100	1,100	1,100	0	0
Sierra Leone	290	220	220	0	-70	250	250	0	30
Singapore	325	300	300	0	-25	300	300	0	0
South Africa	910	1,000	1,000	0	90	1,000	1,000	0	0
Sri Lanka	599	250	350	100	-249	200	200	0	-150
Syria	220	200	200	0	-20	200	200	0	0
Taiwan	104	125	125	0	21	125	125	0	0
Thailand	300	300	300	0	0	300	300	0	0
Turkey	401	300	300	0	-101	350	350	0	50
United Arab Emirates	450	460	460	0	10	460	460	0	0
United States	755	780	800	20	45	800	820	20	20
Venezuela	480	500	500	0	20	500	500	0	0
Vietnam	300	400	400	0	100	500	500	0	100
Yemen	413	350	350	0	-63	350	350	0	0
Subtotal	34,794	35,190	35,165	-25	371	34,295	34,365	70	-800
Other countries 2/	8,581	8,526	7,339	-1,187	-1,242	7,846	7,936	90	597
World total	43,375	43,716	42,504	-1,212	-871	42,141	42,301	160	-203

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*, USDA, Foreign Agricultural Service, <http://www.fas.usda.gov/psdonline/psdHome.aspx>.

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