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Rice Outlook

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Global Ending Rice Stocks in 2017/18 Projected Highest Since 2000/01

Rice production forecasts for 2017/18 for Nigeria and Egypt were raised this month, while production forecasts for Brazil, Bangladesh, and the United States were lowered. The 2017/18 global consumption forecast was raised slightly, mostly due to a larger forecast for Nigeria. Revisions in China's stocks and use estimates from 2010/ to 2017/18 resulted in a 15-percent increase in the 2017/18 global ending stocks forecast to 141.5 million tons, the largest since 2000/01, with China accounting for 65 percent of the total. Burma's 2018 export forecast was raised while Brazil's was lowered. Import forecasts for 2018 for Bangladesh and Nigeria were raised this month. Thailand's and Vietnam's trading prices declined slightly over the past month while U.S. export prices continued to rise.

There were only minor revisions to the U.S. 2017/18 rice supply-and-use balance sheet this month. The only supply-side revision was a 1.1-million hundredweight (cwt) decrease in the U.S. production forecast to 178.6 million cwt, 20 percent below a year earlier. Both exports and domestic use remain forecast well below a year earlier. The U.S. ending stocks forecast for 2017/18 was lowered 4 percent to 27.8 million tons, nearly 40 percent below a year earlier. Season-average farm prices are expected to be above a year earlier for both classes of rice and in both regions, mostly due to an expected 15-percent drop in total supplies in 2017/18.

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Domestic Outlook

U.S. 2017/18 Rice Crop Forecast Lowered 1.1 Million Cwt to 178.6 Million Cwt

There were only minor revisions to the 2017/18 U.S. rice balance sheet this month, a result of a slight reduction in the crop forecast. The 2017/18 crop forecast was lowered 1.1 million cwt to 178.6 million cwt based on fractionally smaller harvested area and yield estimates reported by USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS). The 2017/18 rice crop is 20 percent smaller than a year earlier and is the smallest since 1996/97.

At 2.39 million acres, U.S. harvested area in 2017/18 is just 4,000 acres below the previous forecast and 23 percent smaller than a year earlier. Harvested rice area in 2017/18 is the smallest since 1987/88. The average yield of 7,469 pounds per acre is 35 pounds below the previous forecast but 3 percent above a year earlier. By class, long-grain production in 2017/18 is projected at 126.3 million cwt, 0.8 million cwt below the previous forecast and 24 percent smaller than the 2016/17 crop. The 2017/18 U.S. medium- and short-grain crop is forecast at 52.3 million cwt, 0.3 million cwt below the previous forecast and 9 percent smaller than a year earlier.

The only area revision this month was a 4,000-acre reduction in the Texas estimate to 167,000 acres. Yield forecasts were lowered this month for California, Missouri, and Texas but raised slightly for Arkansas. These revisions resulted in crop forecast reductions of 5 percent for Texas, 2 percent for California, 1 percent for Missouri, and 1 percent for Arkansas.

In 2017/18, U.S. rice harvested area declined 706,000 acres from 2016/17, with area smaller in all six reported States. Weak long-grain price outlook at planting and adverse weather in much of the Delta at peak planting accounted for much of the area decline. Arkansas accounted for 61 percent of the 2017/18 U.S. rice harvested area decline. Yields in 2017/18 are forecast higher than a year earlier in Arkansas, Louisiana, and Missouri; lower than last year in Texas and California; and virtually unchanged in Mississippi. At 7,350 pounds per acre, the Arkansas yield is 6 percent higher than a year earlier. Missouri's 2017/18 yield of 7,100 pounds per acre is 7 percent above a year earlier and the highest on record. Louisiana's 2017/18 yield of 7,000 pounds per acre is almost 6 percent above a year earlier. In contrast, the 2017/18 Texas yield is projected to decline almost 8 percent to 6,800 pounds per acre. The Texas rice-growing area received extremely heavy rainfall and severe flooding from Hurricane Harvey in late August, with the bulk of the first crop already harvested. California's 2017/18 yield of 8,600 pounds per acre is 240 pounds below a year earlier. Although crop conditions have been quite favorable in California since planting began, progress remains well behind normal in the State. At 7,200 pounds per acre, Mississippi's 2017/18 yield is just 20 pounds below a year earlier.

Production in 2017/18 is projected to be smaller than a year earlier in every reported State, with Arkansas accounting for 55 percent of the U.S. crop reduction. At 80.3 million cwt, the Arkansas 2017/18 rice crop is 24 percent smaller than a year earlier and the smallest since 2011/12. Mississippi's 2017/18 forecasted production of 8.5 million cwt is 39 percent below a year earlier and the smallest since 1984/85. Missouri's production forecast of 11.4 million cwt is 26 percent below a year earlier. On the Gulf Coast, Louisiana's 2017/18 rice crop forecast of 27.65 million tons is 3 percent smaller than a year earlier. Like the Delta, Louisiana experienced heavy rains and flooding at the end of April through early- and mid-May. The Texas rice crop is forecast at 11.4 million cwt, 18 percent smaller than a year earlier. Finally, California's 2017/18 rice production is projected to decline 17 percent to 39.4 million cwt.

For the week ending October, 85 percent of the U.S. rice crop was reported harvested, 3 percentage points behind last year's pace but ahead of the U.S. 5-year average of 80 percent. Harvesting was complete on the Gulf Coast. In the Delta, 94 percent of Arkansas' 2017/18 rice crop was reported harvested by October 9, nearly unchanged from a year earlier but ahead of the State's average of 86 percent. The Missouri rice crop was reported 79 percent harvested by October 9, well behind both last year's record pace of 90 percent but slightly ahead of the State's average of 76 percent. Mississippi's 2017/18 rice crop was reported 93 percent harvested by October 9, ahead of 89 percent last year and the State's 5-year average of 85 percent. In California, 40 percent of the 2017/18 crop was reported harvested by October 9, well behind 52 percent a year earlier and behind the State's 5-year average of 45 percent.

U.S. Rice Supplies in 2017/18 Projected To Be the Smallest Since 2003/04

Total U.S. rice supplies in 2017/18 are projected at 248.8 million cwt, down 1.1 million cwt from the previous forecast and 15 percent below a year earlier. These are the smallest U.S. supplies since 2003/04. The substantial decline in U.S. rice supplies in 2017/18 is primarily due to a smaller crop; beginning stocks are 1 percent lower and imports are projected 3 percent higher. By class, U.S. long-grain supplies are projected at 178.3 million cwt, 0.8 million cwt below last month's forecast and 15 percent smaller than a year earlier. Combined medium- and short-grain total supplies are projected at 67.0 million cwt, 0.3 million cwt below the September forecast and more than 17 percent below a year earlier and the smallest since 2008/09. The decline in medium- and short-grain supplies is due to a much smaller carryin and the smaller forecast crop.

At 46.0 million cwt, the 2017/18 U.S. all-rice beginning stocks estimate is 1 percent below a year earlier. Long-grain beginning stocks remain estimated at 31.0 million cwt, 37 percent above a year earlier and the highest since 2011/12. Combined medium- and short-grain beginning stocks remain estimated at 11.5 million cwt, 45 percent below a year earlier. U.S. imports in 2017/18 remain forecast at 24.2 million cwt, 3 percent larger than a year earlier. Long-grain imports remain projected at 21.0 million cwt, up almost 4 percent from a year earlier. Medium- and short-grain imports remain projected at 3.2 million cwt, nearly unchanged from a year earlier.

Both U.S. Exports and Domestic and Residual Use Are Projected Smaller in 2017/18

Total use of U.S. rice in 2017/18 remains projected at 221.0 million cwt, 11 percent below a year earlier. At 115.0 million cwt, the total domestic and residual use forecast for 2017/18 is 12.5 percent smaller than a year earlier. The year-to-year decline in domestic and residual use is also largely driven by projections for a smaller crop and by higher prices. Long-grain domestic and residual use remains projected at 88.0 million cwt, 12 percent below 2016/17. Medium- and short-grain domestic use remains projected at 27.0 million cwt, 15 percent below a year earlier and the lowest since 1988/89.

Total U.S. rice exports in 2017/18 remain projected at 106.0 million cwt, 9 percent below a year earlier. Rough-rice exports remain projected at 40.0 million cwt, 6 percent below a year earlier. Mexico, northern South America, Central America, and the eastern and southern Mediterranean are the major markets for U.S. rough-rice, with the Western Hemisphere markets taking almost exclusively long-grain. U.S. milled-rice exports (combined milled- and brown-rice exports on a rough basis) remain projected at 66.0 million cwt, 11 percent smaller than a year earlier. The expected decline in 2017/18 U.S. milled rice exports is based on smaller U.S. supplies, higher U.S. prices, and more global competition in several markets, particularly Sub-Saharan Africa and the Middle East. Northeast Asia, Haiti, the Middle East, and Canada are the major commercial markets for U.S. milled rice.

By class, long-grain exports remain projected at 75.0 million cwt, down 5 percent from a year earlier. The Western Hemisphere is the largest market for U.S. long-grain exports. The United States faces its strongest competition from Asian exporters in the Middle East and Sub-Saharan Africa, with South American exporters also now shipping to these regions. U.S. medium- and short-grain exports remain projected at 31.0 million cwt, 18 percent below the year-earlier near-record of 37.9 million cwt. The expected decline is based on smaller U.S. supplies, higher prices, and larger exports from Australia and China. Northeast Asia, primarily Japan, South Korea, and Taiwan, is again expected to be the largest market for U.S. medium- and short-grain rice, accounting for the bulk of U.S. exports in 2017/18. These purchases are all made as part of World Trade Organization (WTO) agreements. North Africa and the Middle East account for most of the remaining U.S. medium- and short-grain exports. Canada and Oceania purchase much smaller amounts. China, Egypt, and Australia are the major U.S. competitors in the global medium- and short-grain market. However, Egypt's rice exports continue to be constrained by its government export restrictions.

U.S. all-rice 2017/18 ending stocks are projected at 27.8 million cwt, down 1.1 million cwt from the previous forecast and almost 40 percent below a year earlier and the smallest since 2003/04. The ending stocks-to-use ratio is projected at 12.6 percent, down from 18.6 percent a year earlier and the lowest since 2003/04. Long-grain ending stocks are forecast at 15.3 million cwt, down 0.8 million cwt from the previous forecast and 51 percent below a year earlier. The long-grain stocks-to-use ratio is forecast at 9.4 percent, down from 17.4 percent a year earlier and the lowest since 2003/04. Medium- and short-grain ending stocks are forecast at 9.0 million cwt, down 0.3 million cwt from the previous forecast and 22 percent below a year earlier. These are the smallest medium- and short-grain stocks since 2008/09. The medium- and short-grain stocks-to-use ratio is forecast at 15.5 percent, down from 16.5 percent in 2016/17.

U.S. Season-Average Farm Prices Expected To Be Higher for Both Rice Classes in 2017/18

The forecasts for the U.S. season-average farm prices (SAFP) for 2017/18 for both classes and in both regions are unchanged this month. The 2017/18 U.S. long-grain season-average farm price remains projected at \$12.00-\$13.00 per cwt, well above \$9.62 in 2016/17. The California medium- and short-grain 2017/18 SAFP remains forecast at \$15.50-\$16.50, up from \$13.60 in 2016/17. The Southern medium- and short-grain 2017/18 SAFP remains forecast at \$12.20-\$13.20 per cwt, up from \$10.20 in 2016/17. The 2017/18 U.S. medium- and short-grain SAFP remains forecast at \$14.70-\$15.70 per cwt, well above \$12.80 in 2016/17. The 2017/18 all-rice SAFP is projected at \$12.70-\$13.70 per cwt, up 50 cents on both the high and low ends of the range from the previous forecast and higher than \$10.30 a year earlier.

In September, USDA reported a long-grain monthly average cash price for August of \$10.60 per cwt, up 61 cents from July and the highest since September and the third consecutive month of an increase. The California July medium- and short-grain cash price was reported at \$14.00 per cwt, up 10 cents from June and the highest since August 2016. The August southern medium- and short-grain price was reported at \$11.00 per cwt, up 30 cents from July and the highest since February 2016. The July U.S. medium- and short-grain price was reported at \$13.80 per cwt, up 50 cents from July. The all-rice July price was reported at \$11.10 per cwt, up 40 cents from July and the highest since August 2016.

International Outlook

Crop Forecasts for 2017/18 Raised for Egypt and Nigeria; Lowered for Bangladesh and Brazil

Global rice production in 2017/18 is forecast at 483.8 million tons (milled basis), up 0.4 million tons from the previous forecast but 3.3 million tons below the 2016/17 record. At a record 161.86 million hectares, global harvested area in 2017/18 is up 1.1 million hectares from a year earlier. The average global yield of 4.46 tons per hectare is down from the year-earlier record of 4.52 tons, mostly due to a 3-percent expansion in area by India, a low-yielding large producer.

This month, USDA raised its 2017/18 crop forecasts for four countries, all in Africa. The largest upward revision was for Nigeria, the largest rice-producing country in Sub-Saharan Africa. Nigeria's 2017/18 crop forecast was raised 0.9 million tons to 3.65 million tons due to a much larger area forecast. The crop size is unchanged from the year earlier record. At 3.2 million hectares, Nigeria's rice area is up 620,000 hectares from the previous forecast and unchanged from the year earlier record. This month, USDA revised Nigeria's area, yield, and productions estimates from 2012/13 to 2017/18 largely based on revised data from the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) indicating substantially larger area and production in each of those years. Since 2011/12, Nigeria's rice area has increased 41 percent, mainly due to government support programs and trade policies aimed at achieving self-sufficiency. In contrast to the substantial area expansion, yields have shown no growth over the past decade. Despite the strong production growth, Nigeria remains one of the world's largest rice importers, with imports accounting for more than 35 percent of domestic use.

Elsewhere in Sub-Saharan Africa, Ghana's 2017/18 rice production forecast was raised 129,000 tons to 519,000 tons due to larger area. Production is unchanged from the year-earlier record. At 285,000 hectares, harvested rice area in Ghana is up 5,000 hectares from a year earlier and up more than 150 percent from a decade earlier. The Government of Ghana is actively supporting expanded rice area with the timely distribution of subsidized inputs. Angola's 2017/18 rice crop forecast was increased 15,000 tons to a record 40,000 tons based on a higher area estimate. Angola's area and yield have increased sharply over the past decade. Finally, in North Africa, Egypt's 2017/18 rice production forecast was increased 0.3 million tons to 4.3 million tons based on a higher area estimate recommended by the U.S. Agricultural Office in Cairo. Despite this month's upward revisions, both area and yield remain below the year-earlier record. Egypt is an exporter of medium- and short-grain rice and the largest rice producer in Africa.

These 2017/18 upward crop revisions were partially offset by seven crop reductions—three in Asia and four in the Western Hemisphere. First, in Asia, Bangladesh's 2017/18 rice production forecast was lowered 0.5 million tons to 33.0 million tons based on a 0.2-million reduction in harvested area to 11.3 million hectares. The substantial area reduction is the result of excessive rainfall this spring and summer that adversely impacted the Aman crop and, to a lesser degree, the earlier harvested Aus crop. The Aman crop is planted in July-August and harvested in November-December and was impacted the most by the excessive rains. The Aman crop accounts for more than half of total rice area in Bangladesh and for almost 40 percent of Bangladesh's rice production. The much smaller Aus crop—planted March-April, harvested June-July—accounts for 5-6 percent of production. The Boro crop, harvested in April-May, accounts for more than half of Bangladesh's annual rice production and was impacted very little by the severe flooding. The Boro crop is fully irrigated and achieves the highest yields.

Second, Afghanistan's 2017/18 production forecast was lowered 78,000 tons to 325,000 tons largely based on data from FAO. Both area and yield forecasts were lowered for Afghanistan. The north and northeast experienced a delay in the onset of seasonal rains and have experienced prolonged dry periods. This is the third consecutive year of a decline in rice area and production in Afghanistan. Third, North Korea's 2017/18 rice crop forecast was lowered 50,000 tons to 1.55 million tons due to an extremely dry spring that stressed the crop and reduced the expected yield. Although area and production have partially recovered from the extremely low drought-reduced level of 2015/16, they both remain below levels achieved 5 years ago and well the record level achieved by North Korea in 1986/87 and the bumper crops of the 1980s.

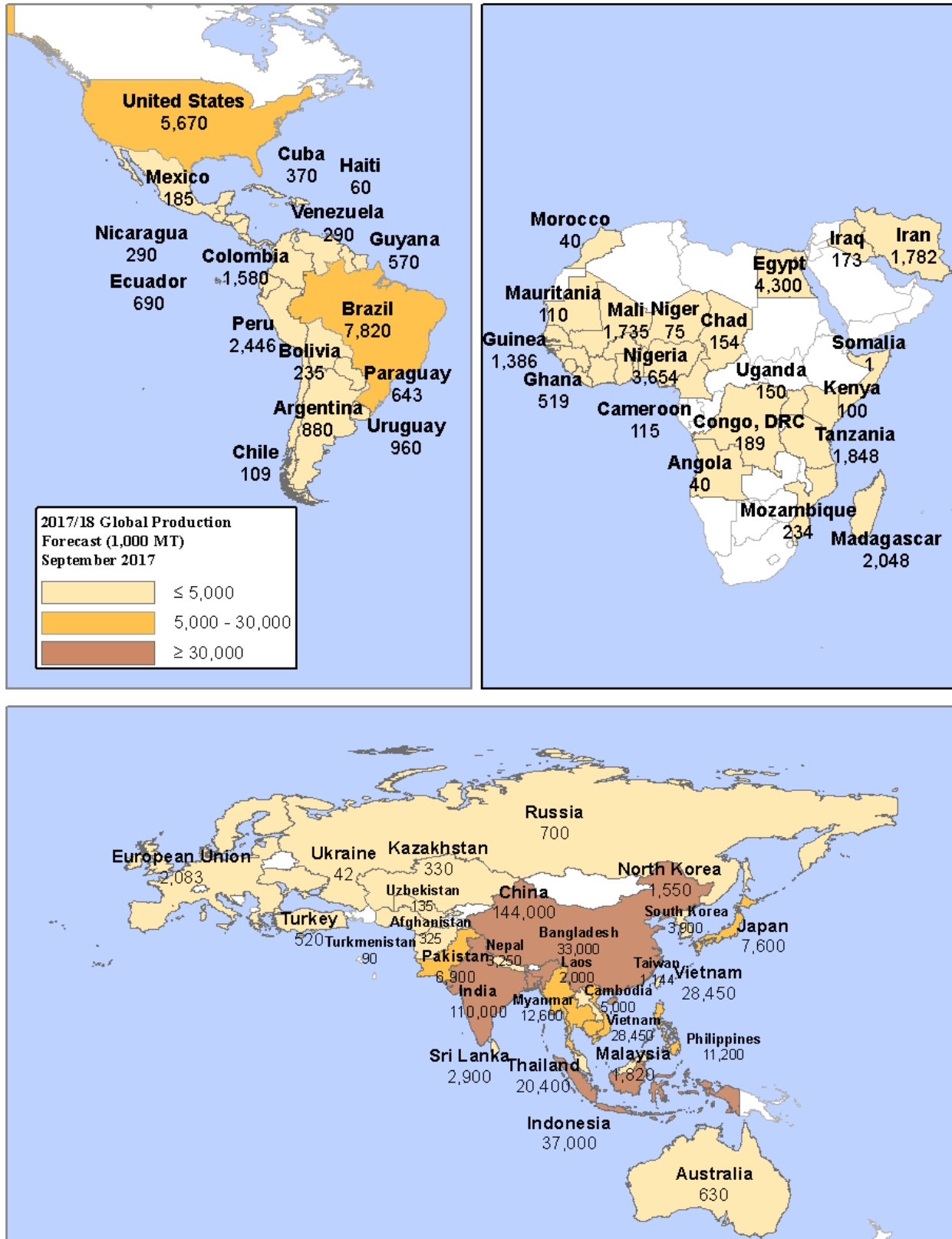
Three 2017/18 crop reductions were in South America. First, Brazil's 2017/18 production forecast was lowered 180,000 tons to 7.8 million tons based on a 0.1-million-hectare reduction in the area estimate to 2.0 million hectares recommended by the U.S. Agricultural Office in Brasilia. Rice harvested area in Brazil is still 1 percent above a year earlier, while the yield is forecast close to trend and well below the 2016/17 record high. Second, Guyana's 2017/18 crop forecast was lowered 22,000 tons to 570,000 tons based on data from the Guyana Rice Association indicating a larger-than-expected first crop but a smaller-than-expected second crop that was adversely impacted by high winds. Guyana's rice production and are expanded from 2009/10-2015/16 but currently remains well below the 2015/16 records.

Third, Venezuela's 2017/18 rice production forecast was lowered 0.2 million tons to 290,000 tons due to smaller area. The U.S. Agricultural Office in Caracas reported that the diesel shortage in early 2017 reduced plantings by limiting the use of tractors and water pumps resulting in hundreds of hectares being left idle or switched to other uses. Productivity was also reduced by shortages of fertilizer and seed, in addition to aging tractors and other equipment in urgent need of upgrades and repairs. In addition, there is minimal market incentive for farmers to increase planted area since farm-gate and retail prices are regulated by the government. Finally, the U.S. 2017/18 rice crop was lowered 37,000 tons to 5.67 million based on slightly smaller area and yield forecasts reported by the government. The U.S. crop is the smallest since 1996/97.

The 2016/17 global rice production estimate was raised 0.7 million tons to 487.1 million tons, up 14.6 million tons from a year earlier and the largest crop on record. There were six upward crop revisions for 2016/17—mostly in Sub-Saharan Africa—and four reductions. First, in Sub-Saharan Africa, Nigeria's 2016/17 production was raised 954,000 tons to a record 3.65 million tons based on a much higher area estimate. Second, Ghana's 2016/17 production was increased 123,000 tons to a record 519,000 tons, also due to larger area. Ghana's rice area and production have expanded sharply since 2009/10. Third, Benin's 2017/18 crop was increased 18,000 tons to a record 156,000 tons due to a higher yield. Both area and production have more than doubled in Benin over the past decade. Fourth, Angola's 2017/18 crop estimate was increased 13,000 tons to 38,000 tons due to expanded plantings. Fifth, Togo's 2016/17 rice crop was increased 8,000 tons to 88,000 tons, also due to expanded area. Despite increasing from 2015/16, rice area and production in Togo remain well below the 2012/13 records. Outside Sub-Saharan Africa, Pakistan's 2016/17 crop forecast was increased 50,000 tons to 6.85 million based on a higher yield.

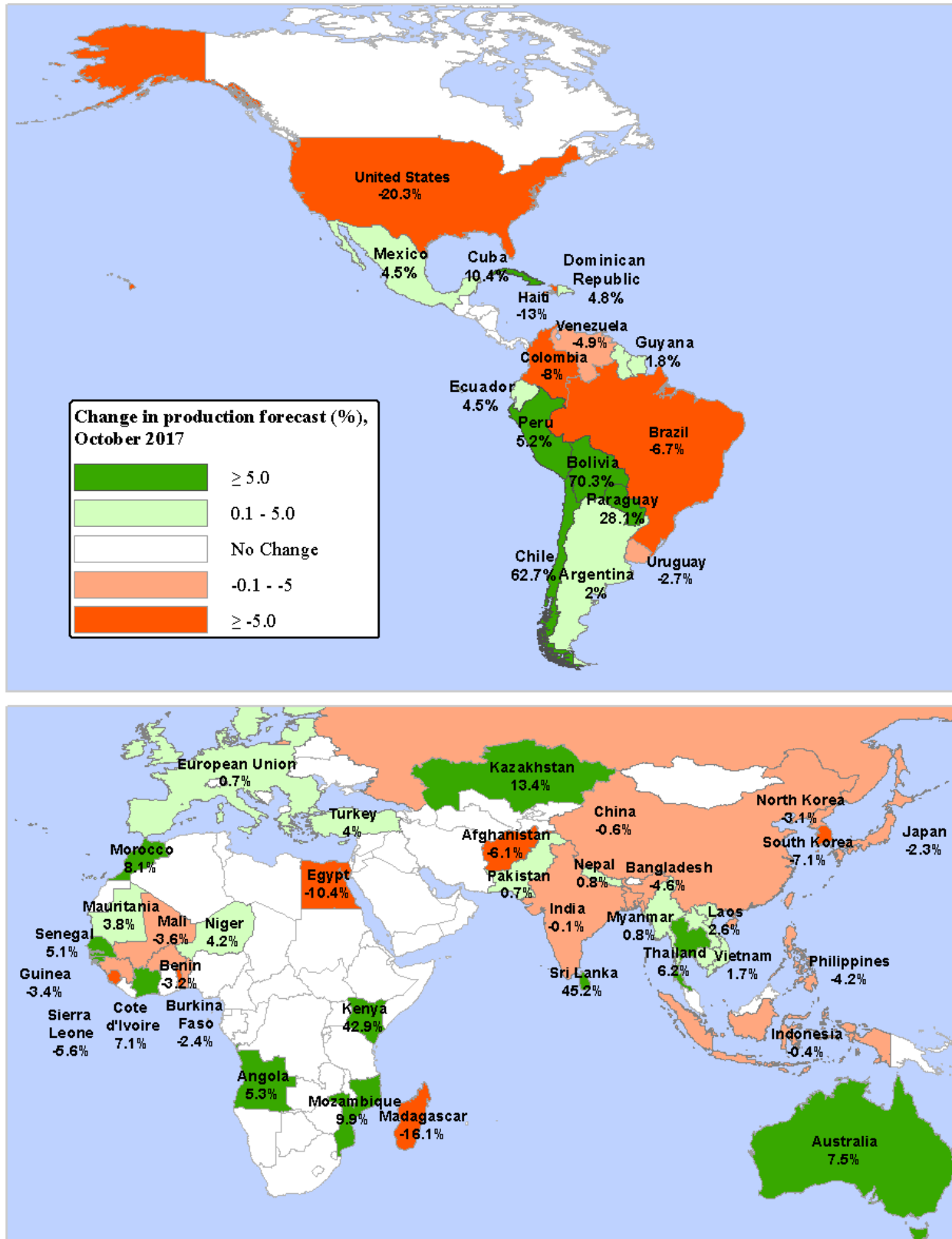
These upward revisions were partially offset by four reductions. First, Sri Lanka's 2016/17 production estimate was lowered 353,000 tons to 2.0 million tons based on a much lower area estimate for the Maha crop harvested in March-April, mostly due to severe drought in late 2016 and early 2017. The smaller Yala crop, harvested last November-December, was adversely impacted by flooding. Total rice production in Sri Lanka in 2016/17 was the smallest since 2003/04, and total area was the smallest since 1996/97. Like Bangladesh, Sri Lanka has been a steady buyer in the global market in an effort to make up for these crop shortfalls with larger imports. Second, also in South Asia, Afghanistan's 2016/17 crop was lowered 57,000 tons to 346,000 tons due to lower area.

Map 1: Rice production forecast for marketing year 2017/18, October 2017



Source: U.S. Dept. of Agriculture, Foreign Agricultural Service, Production, Supply and Distribution data base

Map B: Changes in production forecast from marketing years 2016/17 to 2017/18, October 2017



Source: U.S. Dept. of Agriculture, Foreign Agricultural Service, Production, Supply and Distribution data base

Outside Asia, Australia's 2016/17 rice crop was lowered 15,000 tons to 586,000 tons based on a lower yield reported by the government. The weather has been very dry in New South Wales, similar to the severe drought that reduced Australia's crops in 2002 and 2006. Finally, Mexico's 2016/17 crop estimate was lowered 4,000 tons to 177,000 tons based on a smaller area estimate reported by the government.

China Revisions Boost Global Ending Stocks Forecast 15 Percent to 141.5 Million Tons

Global rice consumption in 2017/18 is projected at 480.5 million tons, up 0.3 million tons from the previous forecast but 0.5 million tons below the year-earlier record. This month, 2017/18 consumption forecasts were raised for Nigeria, Egypt, and Mozambique but lowered for China, Bangladesh, Burma, North Korea, and Sri Lanka. Nigeria's 2017/18 consumption forecast was raised 1.3 million tons to a record 6.2 million tons due to a much larger crop. In contrast, China's 2017/18 consumption forecast was lowered 650,000 tons to 142.35 million tons based on a revision to annual consumption starting in 2010/11 that lowered estimates each year, resulting in a small decline in per capita use over the 7-year period. The smaller consumption estimates were the result of upward revisions in ending stocks from 2010/11-2017/18 that were based on mounting evidence that China was holding more stocks than previously estimated and that per capita rice use, especially food use, was slowly declining with higher incomes and more urbanization. For more information on these revisions, see page 11 of the October *Grain World Markets and Trade Report* on the USDA, Foreign Agricultural Service website.

With rice production exceeding consumption in 2017/18, ending stocks are projected to increase 3 percent to 141.5 million tons, up 18.0 million tons from the previous forecast and the highest since 2000/01. China accounted for the bulk of the upward revision in global ending stocks. China's 2017/18 ending stocks were revised up 17.6 million tons to 92.5 million tons, up 6.0 million from 2016/17 and the highest since 2000/01. Nigeria's 2017/18 ending stocks forecast was raised 0.6 million tons to 1.1 million tons due to a larger crop. In contrast, 2017/18 ending stocks forecasts were lowered this month for Bangladesh, Brazil, the Philippines, and the United States. On a year-to-year basis, China accounts for most of the increase in global ending stocks and accounts for 65 percent of global ending stocks. The global stocks-to-use ratio is projected at 29.4 percent, up from 28.7 percent a year earlier.

Weaker Crop Boosts Bangladesh's 2018 Import Forecast to 1.2 Million Tons

Global rice trade for 2018 is projected at a near-record 44.4 million tons, nearly unchanged from the previous forecast and just 0.14 million tons below the year-earlier record. In 2018, increased shipments from Australia, China, India, and Pakistan are projected to more than offset smaller shipments from Argentina, Burma, Cambodia, Thailand, and the United States. Among importers, larger purchases by Bangladesh, Cote d'Ivoire, Cuba, Ghana, EU, Iraq, Madagascar, the Philippines, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, and the United Arab Emirates are projected to more than offset reduced imports by Egypt, the Dominican Republic, Iran, Laos, Nigeria, and South Africa, and Sri Lanka.

Global rice trade in 2017 is projected at 44.6 million tons, virtually unchanged from a month earlier but 11 percent larger than a year earlier. The substantial year-to-year increase in exports is largely due to increased shipments from Burma, Cambodia, China, India, Thailand, the United States, and Vietnam. In 2017, global imports are being boosted by substantially larger purchases by Bangladesh, China, Iran, Madagascar, Nigeria, the Philippines, Saudi Arabia, and Sri Lanka.

Table A - Rice trade at a glance for 2017 and 2018 (1,000 MT), October 2017				
Country or region	Trade	Month-to-month forecast change	Year-to-year forecast change	Comments on month-to-month forecast changes
Thousand metric tons				
Rice Exports, 2018				
Brazil	650	-50 ↓	0 →	Decreased production.
Burma	2100	100 ↑	-300 ↓	Continued strong sales to China.
Guyana	450	-50 ↓	20 ↑	Decreased production.
Venezuela	30	-10 ↓	-10 ↓	Decreased production and imports.
Rice Exports, 2017				
Guyana	430	-20 ↓	-30 ↓	Decreased production.
Laos	50	-25 ↓	-25 ↓	Reduced regional trade.
Mexico	90	35 ↑	88 ↑	Sale to Venezuela.
South Africa	120	10 ↑	-25 ↓	Increased on pace of trade.
Tanzania	40	10 ↑	10 ↑	Increased production.
Venezuela	40	-10 ↓	-60 ↓	Decreased production and imports.
Rice Imports, 2018				
Bangladesh	1200	200 ↑	100 ↑	
Ghana	550	-125 ↓	50 ↑	Increased production
North Korea	80	30 ↑	-10 ↓	Stronger imports from China.
Mozambique	675	50 ↑	25 ↑	Strong imports to-date and consumption growth.
Nigeria	2300	200 ↑	-100 ↓	Strong import pace.
Philippines	1700	-100 ↓	600 ↑	Import policy changes.
Somalia	440	50 ↑	20 ↑	Strong imports to-date and consumption growth.
Togo	170	20 ↑	20 ↑	Raised on growth trends.
Venezuela	390	-10 ↓	10 ↑	Lack of foreign exchange.
Rice Imports, 2017				
Algeria	130	10 ↑	10 ↑	Increased on final data.
Brazil	640	40 ↑	-131 ↓	
Ghana	500	-150 ↓	-200 ↓	Increased production.
Guinea	725	50 ↑	75 ↑	Increased on pace of trade.
Kenya	550	50 ↑	50 ↑	
North Korea	90	10 ↑	40 ↑	Stronger imports from China.
Laos	150	-50 ↓	-78 ↓	Fewer imports from Thailand.
Liberia	270	20 ↑	70 ↑	
Mexico	820	20 ↑	89 ↑	Increased on pace of trade.
Mozambique	650	50 ↑	25 ↑	Strong imports to-date and consumption growth.
Nigeria	2400	200 ↑	300 ↑	Strong import pace.
Philippines	1100	500 ↑	300 ↑	Import policy changes.
Sierra Leone	300	20 ↑	100 ↑	
Somalia	420	50 ↑	70 ↑	Strong imports to-date and consumption growth.
South Africa	1000	75 ↑	46 ↑	Pace of trade.
Tanzania	220	20 ↑	20 ↑	Steady basmati imports.

Source: U.S. Dept. of Agriculture, Foreign Agricultural Service, Production, Supply and Distribution data base

Thailand's Price Quotes Drop Slightly, U.S. Price Quotes Continue to Increase

Prices for most grades of Thailand's regular-milled white rice declined slightly over the past month, as buyers are waiting for the harvest of the main 2017/18 rice crop to start. Prices for Thailand's 100-percent Grade B milled white rice were quoted at \$406 per ton for the week ending October 9, down \$4 from the week ending September 12. Prices for Thailand's parboiled 5-percent broken—a specialty rice—were quoted at \$410 per ton for the week ending October 9, down \$3 from the week ending September 12. Thailand's premium jasmine rice (also a specialty rice) was quoted at \$925 per ton for the week ending October 9, up 11.5 percent from the week ending September 12. 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 for Vietnam's high-quality 5-percent-broken kernels were reported at \$387 per ton for the week ending October 10, down \$8 from the week ending September 13. Lack of new demand and strong competition from other sellers in the region are behind the price drop. Vietnam's prices are currently just \$4-\$5 below prices for similar qualities of Thailand's rice. Vietnam's rice typically sells at prices \$20-\$40 per ton below prices for comparable grades of Thailand's rice.

In contrast, U.S. prices for long-grain milled rice rose over the past month, likely a response to expected tighter U.S. supplies in 2017/18. For the week ending October 10, prices for high-quality U.S. Southern long-grain rice (No. 2, 4-percent broken, bagged, free on board (fob) vessel, U.S. Gulfport) were quoted at \$560 per ton, up \$10 from the week ending September 13 and the highest since November 2015. The U.S. price difference over Thailand's 100-percent Grade B milled rice was \$154 per ton, up from \$140 for the week ending September 13 and the highest since December 2015. Prices for U.S. long-grain rough-rice (bulk, fob vessel, New Orleans) were quoted at \$316 per ton for the week ending October 9, up \$11 from the week ending September 13 and the highest since October 2015.

Price quotes for California medium-grain milled rice (No. 1, 4-percent broken, sacked, free on board, domestic mill) also increased over the past month. For the week ending October 10 prices were quoted at \$795 per ton, up \$45 from the week ending September 13 and the highest since December 2015. Export prices for California medium-grain milled-rice (4-percent broken, sacked, on board vessel in Oakland) were quoted at \$845 per ton for the week ending October 10, up \$25 from the week ending September 13. 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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Tables

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

Item	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18 2/
TOTAL RICE	Million acres						
Area:							
Planted	2.689	2.700	2.490	2.954	2.625	3.150	2.487
Harvested	2.617	2.679	2.469	2.933	2.585	3.097	2.391
	Pounds per harvested acre						
Yield	7,067	7,463	7,694	7,576	7,472	7,237	7,469
	Million cwt						
Beginning stocks	48.5	41.1	36.4	31.8	48.5	46.5	46.0
Production	184.9	199.9	190.0	222.2	193.1	224.1	178.6
Imports	19.4	21.1	23.1	24.6	24.1	23.5	24.2
Total supply	252.8	262.1	249.5	278.7	265.8	294.1	248.8
Food, industrial, & residual 3/	108.4	116.9	122.0	131.8	109.9	129.4	N/A
Seed	2.4	2.2	2.4	2.1	2.5	2.0	N/A
Total domestic use	110.8	119.0	124.4	133.9	112.4	131.4	115.0
Exports	100.9	106.6	93.3	96.3	107.0	116.7	106.0
Rough	33.0	34.1	28.0	32.3	39.3	42.5	40.0
Milled 4/	67.9	72.5	65.3	63.9	67.7	74.2	66.0
Total use	211.7	225.7	217.6	230.2	219.3	248.0	221.0
Ending stocks	41.1	36.4	31.8	48.5	46.5	46.0	27.8
	Percent						
Stocks-to-use ratio	19.4	16.1	14.6	21.1	21.2	18.6	12.6
	\$/cwt						
Average farm price 5/	14.50	15.10	16.30	13.40	12.20	10.30	12.70 to 13.70
	Percent						
Average milling rate	69.93	70.00	71.00	70.50	70.00	70.00	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	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18 2/
LONG GRAIN:						
	Million acres					
Planted	1.994	1.781	2.211	1.879	2.442	--
Harvested	1.979	1.767	2.196	1.848	2.403	--
	Pounds per harvested acre					
Yield	7,291	7,464	7,407	7,219	6,927	--
	Million cwt					
Beginning stocks	24.3	21.9	16.2	26.5	22.7	31.0
Production	144.3	131.9	162.7	133.4	166.5	126.3
Imports	18.7	20.5	21.8	20.9	20.3	21.0
Total supply	187.3	174.2	200.6	180.7	209.4	178.3
Domestic use 3/	89.6	96.1	105.6	82.1	99.7	88.0
Exports	75.8	61.9	68.5	75.9	78.7	75.0
Total use	165.4	158.0	174.2	158.0	178.4	163.0
Ending stocks	21.9	16.2	26.5	22.7	31.0	15.3
	Percent					
Stocks-to-use ratio	13.2	10.3	15.2	14.4	17.4	9.4
	\$/cwt					
Average farm price 4/	14.50	15.40	11.90	11.20	9.62	12.00 to 13.00
MEDIUM/SHORT GRAIN:						
	Million acres					
Planted	0.706	0.709	0.743	0.746	0.708	--
Harvested	0.700	0.702	0.737	0.737	0.694	--
	Pounds per harvested acre					
Yield	7,951	8,270	8,080	8,107	8,311	--
	Million cwt					
Beginning stocks	14.7	12.2	13.3	20.2	20.9	11.5
Production	55.7	58.1	59.6	59.7	57.7	52.3
Imports	2.3	2.6	2.9	3.3	3.2	3.2
Total supply 5/	72.5	72.9	76.1	82.2	81.8	67.0
Domestic use 3/	29.4	28.2	28.3	30.3	31.7	27.0
Exports	30.8	31.4	27.7	31.0	37.9	31.0
Total use	60.3	59.6	56.0	61.3	69.6	58.0
Ending stocks	12.2	13.3	20.2	20.9	11.5	9.0
	Percent					
Stocks-to-use ratio	20.3	22.4	36.0	34.1	16.5	15.5
	\$/cwt					
Average farm price U.S. average 4/ 6/	17.40	19.20	18.30	15.30	12.80	14.70 to 15.70
California 6/ 7/	18.40	20.70	21.60	18.10	13.60	15.50 to 16.50
Other States 4/	14.70	15.70	14.40	11.20	10.20	12.20 to 13.20
Ending stocks difference 1/	2.3	2.3	1.9	2.9	3.5	N/A

-- = 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	2017/18		2016/17		2015/16	
	\$/cwt	1,000 cwt	\$/cwt	1,000 cwt	\$/cwt	1,000 cwt
August	11.10	9,952	11.80	8,220	12.00	11,079
September			10.70	9,848	11.90	12,368
October			10.30	15,103	12.10	16,336
November			10.30	14,752	12.40	13,433
December			10.30	17,177	12.80	14,754
January			10.80	19,163	13.30	17,810
February			9.81	15,119	12.10	14,857
March			9.97	18,723	11.80	13,562
April			9.87	18,127	11.50	13,889
May			10.10	17,041	11.70	13,754
June			10.20	15,052	11.70	12,159
July			10.70	15,259	12.10	13,103
Average price to date	11.10	1/				
Season-average farm price	12.70-13.70		10.30		12.20	
Average marketings		9,952		15,299		13,925
Total volume marketed		9,952		183,584		167,104

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			
	2017/18		2016/17		2017/18		2016/17	
	\$/cwt	1,000 cwt	\$/cwt	1,000 cwt	\$/cwt	1,000 cwt	\$/cwt	1,000 cwt
August	10.60	8,267	10.80	6,133	14.80	2,087	14.80	2,087
September			10.00	7,432			12.70	2,416
October			9.67	11,470			12.30	3,633
November			9.63	11,556			12.70	3,196
December			9.70	13,323			12.30	3,854
January			9.67	12,909			13.10	6,254
February			9.42	12,765			11.90	2,354
March			9.39	14,416			11.90	4,307
April			9.15	14,254			12.60	3,873
May			9.35	13,328			13.00	3,713
June			9.52	12,147			13.10	2,905
July			9.99	11,819			13.30	3,440
Average to date 1/	10.60				14.80			
Season-average farm price	12.00-13.00		9.62		14.70-15.70 2/		12.80	
Average marketings		8,267		11,796		2,087		3,503
Total volume marketed		8,267		141,552		2,087		42,032

Market year August-July. 1/ Weighted average.

2/ 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.

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

Month	California		Month	Other States 2/	
	2016/17	2015/16		2017/18	2016/17
	\$/cwt			\$/cwt	
October	13.50	19.00	August	11.00	10.00
November	13.60	18.60	September		9.56
December	13.30	19.00	October		10.40
January	13.80	18.50	November		9.42
February	13.40	17.50	December		10.50
March	12.50	18.40	January		10.30
April	13.20	18.20	February		9.95
May	13.60	18.10	March		10.30
June	13.90	17.80	April		10.10
July	14.00	17.30	May		10.20
August	14.20	16.80	June		10.40
September		16.30	July		10.70
Simple average to date	13.55			11.00	
Market-year average	13.60	18.10		12.20-13.20 3/	10.20

---- 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/ Season-average 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	2017/18		2016/17		2015/16	
	Long-grain	Medium/ short-grain	Long-grain	Medium/ short-grain	Long-grain	Medium/ short-grain
	\$/cwt					
August	9.61	9.96	9.27	9.48	9.31	9.68
September	9.70	10.05	8.66	8.86	9.21	9.46
October 2/	9.69	10.04	8.43	8.62	9.42	9.68
November			8.39	8.58	9.53	9.79
December			8.46	8.65	9.42	9.68
January			8.55	8.74	9.18	9.43
February			8.59	9.01	9.33	9.40
March			8.60	9.02	9.22	9.30
April			8.65	9.07	9.40	9.48
May			9.08	9.54	9.61	9.70
June			9.98	10.48	9.88	9.97
July			9.99	10.50	10.03	10.13
Market-year average 1/	9.67	10.02	8.89	9.21	9.46	9.64

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/programs-and-services/economic-and-policy-analysis/food-grains-analysis/rice-reports/index>

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Table 7--U.S. rice imports 1/

Country or region	2009/10 market year	2010/11 market year	2011/12 market year	2012/13 market year	2013/14 market year	2014/15 market year	2015/16 market year	2016/17 market year
	1,000 tons							
ASIA	563.9	529.8	541.5	624.8	647.1	703.1	676.8	692.8
China	3.8	3.1	3.6	2.7	3.2	4.8	3.9	4.0
India	94.8	96.5	110.5	129.3	138.8	128.7	166.6	150.0
Pakistan	19.4	17.3	15.2	17.7	26.6	25.2	27.6	21.0
Thailand	401.0	393.5	387.6	393.8	428.6	472.2	437.3	482.3
Vietnam	41.6	15.9	21.7	77.8	45.4	67.5	35.6	29.0
Other	3.4	3.6	2.8	3.6	4.5	4.9	5.7	6.5
EUROPE & FORMER SOVIET UNION	9.4	12.5	14.3	12.0	12.0	14.5	16.3	17.7
Italy	6.2	7.5	5.2	7.5	8.2	9.0	9.5	11.7
Spain	1.6	3.8	4.7	2.3	1.2	1.8	2.1	1.7
Russia	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1
United Kingdom	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.5	2.3	3.2	2.8
Other	1.5	1.2	4.3	2.1	2.0	1.4	1.5	1.4
WESTERN HEMISPHERE	30.4	42.7	64.5	35.9	41.0	47.1	76.6	36.3
Argentina	2.5	2.7	3.4	5.5	4.0	5.4	5.9	4.9
Brazil	3.5	6.3	30.5	5.0	14.4	16.5	51.8	15.2
Canada	15.4	17.1	16.3	12.1	13.8	11.5	10.5	11.8
Mexico	6.1	1.3	1.1	1.0	1.2	1.2	2.0	2.0
Uruguay	2.9	15.4	13.2	12.3	5.3	6.2	3.2	0.9
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	2.3	6.3	3.2	1.5
OTHER	5.5	3.5	1.0	1.9	40.3	24.7	3.0	3.7
Egypt	0.6	0.0	0.0	0.6	0.0	0.1	0.4	0.0
United Arab Emirates	4.4	3.0	0.5	0.4	1.0	0.9	0.6	2.5
Australia	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	37.4	23.1	1.0	0.6
Other	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.4	1.9	0.6	0.0	0.6
TOTAL	609.2	588.6	621.2	674.6	740.4	789.4	772.7	750.5

1/ Total August-July imports reported by the U.S. Census Bureau. 2/ Through August only.
 All data are reported on a product-weight basis. Categories may not sum to total due to rounding.
 Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Department of Commerce.
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Table 8--U.S. commercial rice exports

Country or region	2009/10 market year 1/	2010/11 market year 1/	2011/12 market year 1/	2012/13 market year 1/	2013/14 market year 1/	2014/15 market year 1/	2015/16 market year 1/	2016/17 market year 1/	2016/17 through Oct. 6 2016 2/	2017/18 through Oct. 5 2017 2/
	1,000 tons									
EUROPE & FSU	98.3	101.7	61.3	41.7	38.1	30.2	22.2	22.2	5.0	6.7
European Union	88.6	90.3	52.2	37.7	30.6	26.8	18.6	11.0	3.4	6.0
Other Europe	2.6	5.3	5.5	1.1	2.9	2.3	2.5	2.0	1.4	0.4
Former Soviet Union (FSU)	7.1	6.1	3.6	2.9	4.6	1.1	1.1	1.0	0.2	0.3
NORTHEAST ASIA	571.3	473.6	592.3	561.4	474.6	464.1	608.3	690.3	303.1	67.3
Hong Kong	1.1	0.6	2.6	6.2	6.2	0.3	1.1	13.2	1.8	4.1
Japan	398.9	355.3	375.5	347.6	364.2	307.7	429.6	428.8	146.5	50.7
South Korea	79.4	100.6	148.6	145.1	72.1	123.5	132.6	220.8	145.4	0.2
Taiwan	101.9	17.1	65.6	62.5	32.1	32.6	45.0	27.5	9.4	12.3
OTHER ASIA, OCEANIA, & THE MIDDLE EAST	751.5	641.8	499.9	463.6	605.8	468.7	467.2	468.4	180.0	84.2
Australia	26.2	15.8	10.0	9.1	10.4	6.5	5.5	5.4	0.8	0.7
Iran	0.0	0.0	4.9	125.7	0.0	0.0	61.4	0.0	0.0	0.0
Iraq	135.1	114.0	0.0	0.0	132.5	123.5	155.4	31.6	0.0	2.2
Israel	45.7	33.3	22.4	16.9	19.2	9.3	13.7	15.2	7.6	2.4
Jordan	66.4	83.0	93.2	71.2	88.7	71.9	82.2	98.5	41.4	36.6
Micronesia	5.2	6.0	6.2	5.5	2.0	2.0	1.1	1.7	0.3	0.1
New Zealand	8.3	6.5	3.0	3.0	3.8	2.1	2.4	3.1	1.0	1.0
Papua New Guinea	37.9	9.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	12.4	20.9	2.0	2.0	0.0
Saudi Arabia	108.5	118.0	107.1	122.8	90.9	111.7	97.0	141.0	44.1	36.9
Singapore	3.0	5.3	6.9	6.6	7.5	3.8	3.3	4.5	0.9	0.4
Syria	15.9	13.6	21.9	0.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Turkey	267.0	200.3	189.8	75.4	219.5	106.9	22.4	130.0	74.1	0.1
Rest of Asia, Oceania, and Middle East	32.3	36.6	35.6	27.4	30.3	18.6	21.9	35.4	7.8	3.8
AFRICA	117.4	432.4	179.6	249.1	110.8	128.0	91.4	147.9	17.3	11.8
Algeria	6.9	1.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.0	0.0	0.0
Ghana	43.7	100.2	94.0	112.1	41.7	29.8	0.0	4.2	3.1	6.3
Guinea-Conakry	4.8	5.0	11.0	4.4	3.6	4.1	3.1	3.4	0.1	1.0
Liberia	8.4	38.5	26.7	15.5	6.3	0.5	1.8	4.4	0.0	4.5
Libya	1.1	152.9	24.8	89.5	47.8	93.2	86.2	85.1	12.8	0.0
Nigeria	36.6	52.1	6.1	18.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Senegal	0.0	49.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
South Africa	0.5	1.1	0.5	0.9	0.8	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.1
Togo	0.0	23.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other Africa	15.4	7.0	16.5	8.3	10.6	0.4	0.1	47.6	1.3	0.0
WESTERN HEMISPHERE	2,142.9	2,058.3	1,785.0	2,110.9	1,811.2	2,176.0	2,150.6	2,198.1	549.0	618.0
Bahamas	6.1	6.3	6.3	6.3	6.0	6.1	4.9	4.0	0.7	0.6
Brazil	15.4	20.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Canada	166.8	148.6	147.7	145.8	138.6	139.3	151.1	125.1	38.6	34.9
Colombia	0.2	0.2	0.1	150.1	138.9	285.3	159.2	104.5	19.3	30.8
Costa Rica	124.8	69.7	58.1	75.3	63.1	91.3	79.4	58.8	16.6	8.3
Dominican Republic	25.2	7.0	8.9	1.7	7.9	6.5	15.0	36.6	0.6	0.1
El Salvador	78.5	77.0	76.5	83.8	70.1	76.4	89.6	67.4	19.1	22.6
Guatemala	72.6	69.4	81.4	77.6	81.5	75.3	113.1	118.6	17.5	33.9
Haiti	226.5	248.9	233.4	342.0	323.9	362.1	403.0	423.7	110.8	146.2
Honduras	119.3	136.8	140.0	122.4	142.4	132.0	151.8	152.2	61.5	54.0
Jamaica	20.2	25.5	11.6	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	0.0	0.1	0.1
Leeward & Windward Islands	8.3	9.4	10.2	2.9	1.6	0.5	0.7	0.7	0.1	0.3
Mexico	775.1	848.5	803.7	749.5	690.7	716.7	618.7	709.3	127.9	206.7
Netherlands Antilles	5.2	4.8	4.7	4.7	4.6	4.3	4.1	2.9	0.8	0.2
Nicaragua	147.0	142.2	40.6	39.9	10.3	2.0	0.0	6.1	2.3	0.0
Panama	104.0	88.2	59.7	39.3	24.1	45.8	67.8	65.5	42.9	9.7
Venezuela	241.8	149.6	94.1	262.5	98.9	223.9	287.7	318.9	90.0	69.8
Other Western Hemisphere	5.9	6.2	7.9	5.8	7.3	7.2	3.3	3.8	0.2	(0.2)
UNKNOWN	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	21.9	0.0	0.0	50.2	0.0
TOTAL	3,681.4	3,707.7	3,118.0	3,426.7	3,040.7	3,267.0	3,359.6	3,519.6	1,104.7	787.9

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% Broken	A.1 6/ Super	5% Broken
	\$ / metric ton							
2010/11	525	300	813	518	522	481	415	471
2011/12	560	339	703	592	587	571	521	477
2012/13	615	372	703	565	568	528	515	410
Aug. 2013	609	386	690	493	507	430	428	391
Sep. 2013	608	385	660	461	462	418	416	363
Oct. 2013	601	380	631	445	450	399	391	395
Nov. 2013	591	380	625	433	449	395	385	403
Dec. 2013	595	380	625	428	449	394	370	427
Jan. 2014	590	380	625	418	442	360	310	404
Feb. 2014	579	380	NQ	423	447	370	313	398
Mar. 2014	584	380	1,100	416	431	377	314	388
Apr. 2014	584	380	1,075	401	409	373	306	385
May 2014	584	380	1,075	399	403	368	303	403
June 2014	577	380	1,075	405	416	372	321	406
July 2014	557	365	1,039	421	429	NQ	333	431
2013/14	588	380	838	428	441	386	349	399
Aug. 2014	553	329	1030	447	441	NQ	339	454
Sep. 2014	540	325	1010	449	437	NQ	336	450
Oct. 2014	530	320	940	446	432	NQ	330	440
Nov. 2014	530	308	940	434	419	NQ	332	420
Dec. 2014	520	303	932	424	411	403	326	392
Jan. 2015	507	284	913	423	410	403	326	374
Feb. 2015	481	263	888	421	410	400	326	355
Mar. 2015	485	260	870	413	400	387	327	367
Apr. 2015	485	250	863	408	392	377	327	358
May 2015	474	229	850	393	382	371	323	355
June 2015	461	222	850	383	371	372	322	353
July 2015	474	240	850	396	390	376	324	350
2014/15	503	278	911	420	408	385	328	389
Aug. 2015	511	278	839	382	374	358	324	340
Sep. 2015	565	311	835	366	356	341	318	329
Oct. 2015	576	313	835	373	362	355	NQ	364
Nov. 2015	549	295	825	371	358	350	NQ	376
Dec. 2015	517	280	802	365	354	342	NQ	377
Jan. 2016	498	283	790	371	360	350	NQ	359
Feb. 2016	509	275	790	381	372	362	NQ	354
Mar. 2016	508	263	790	379	371	362	NQ	381
Apr. 2016	509	263	719	385	376	371	NQ	374
May 2016	510	281	685	410	410	388	NQ	376
June 2016	510	290	650	418	422	406	NQ	374
July 2016	498	279	650	431	455	410	NQ	366
2015/16	522	284	768	386	381	366	321	364
Aug. 2016	479	266	622	409	412	387	NQ	350
Sept. 2016	474	250	618	388	384	366	NQ	334
Oct. 2016	470	256	621	373	367	351	NQ	345
Nov. 2016	463	249	618	367	359	342	NQ	346
Dec. 2016	455	245	597	380	368	355	NQ	337
Jan. 2017	453	244	575	382	373	355	NQ	340
Feb. 2017	460	245	575	376	369	349	NQ	353
Mar. 2017	460	244	575	377	367	348	NQ	357
Apr. 2017	465	241	591	384	375	356	NQ	350
May 2017	485	244	603	414	405	384	NQ	360
June 2017	500	275	613	455	447	428	NQ	405
July 2017	514	284	725	424	418	394	NQ	409
2016/17 9/	473	254	611	394	387	368	NQ	357
August 2017	543	300	725	406	405	373	NQ	400
September 2017 8/	548	305	748	413	414	380	NQ	389
October 2017 9/	560	316	795	407	410	372	NQ	387
2017/18 9/	550	307	756	409	410	375	NQ	392

Bold denotes a revision. NQ = No quotes. NA = Not available. 1/ Simple average of weekly quotes.

Market year average prices are simple average of monthly prices.

2/ Number 2, 4-percent broken, sacked, free on board vessel.. Prior to August 2015, free alongside vessel, U.S. Gulf Port.

Since August 2015, free on board vessel, U.S. Gulf port.

To convert to a free on board vessel price add \$25 per ton. 3/ Bulk, free on board vessel, New Orleans, LA.

4/ New price series. Number 1, maximum 4-percent broken, sacked, 25 kilogram, containerized, free on board, California mill.

5/ Nominal price quotes, long-grain, sacked, free on board vessel, Bangkok, Thailand.

6/ 100-percent broken, new price series. 7/ Long-grain, double-water-polished, bagged,

free on board vessel, Ho Chi Minh City. 8/ Revised. Please note previous months' 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.fas.usda.gov).

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

Country	2016/17 2/					2017/18 2/			
	2016/16	September 2017	October 2017	Monthly revisions	Annual changes	September 2017	October 2017	Monthly revisions	Annual changes
	1,000 metric tons								
Afghanistan	398	403	346	-57	-52	403	325	-78	-21
Argentina	910	863	863	0	-47	880	880	0	17
Australia	197	601	586	-15	389	630	630	0	44
Bangladesh	34,500	34,578	34,578	0	78	33,500	33,000	-500	-1,578
Brazil	7,210	8,382	8,382	0	1,172	8,000	7,820	-180	-562
Burma	12,160	12,500	12,500	0	340	12,600	12,600	0	100
Cambodia	4,847	4,950	4,950	0	103	5,000	5,000	0	50
China	145,770	144,850	144,850	0	-920	144,000	144,000	0	-850
Colombia	1,400	1,718	1,718	0	318	1,580	1,580	0	-138
Cote d'Ivoire	1,399	1,335	1,335	0	-64	1,430	1,430	0	95
Cuba	272	335	335	0	63	370	370	0	35
Dominican Republic	536	477	477	0	-59	500	500	0	23
Ecuador	750	660	660	0	-90	690	690	0	30
Egypt	4,000	4,800	4,800	0	800	4,000	4,300	300	-500
European Union	2,048	2,069	2,069	0	21	2,083	2,083	0	14
Ghana	443	396	519	123	76	390	519	129	0
Guinea	1,351	1,435	1,435	0	84	1,386	1,386	0	-49
Guyana	688	560	560	0	-128	592	570	-22	10
India	104,408	110,150	110,150	0	5,742	110,000	110,000	0	-150
Indonesia	36,200	37,150	37,150	0	950	37,000	37,000	0	-150
Iran	1,782	1,782	1,782	0	0	1,782	1,782	0	0
Iraq	110	173	173	0	63	173	173	0	0
Japan	7,670	7,780	7,780	0	110	7,600	7,600	0	-180
Korea, North	1,300	1,600	1,600	0	300	1,600	1,550	-50	-50
Korea, South	4,327	4,197	4,197	0	-130	3,900	3,900	0	-297
Laos	1,925	1,950	1,950	0	25	2,000	2,000	0	50
Liberia	186	170	170	0	-16	170	170	0	0
Madagascar	2,382	2,442	2,442	0	60	2,048	2,048	0	-394
Malaysia	1,800	1,820	1,820	0	20	1,820	1,820	0	0
Mali	1,515	1,800	1,800	0	285	1,735	1,735	0	-65
Mexico	156	181	177	-4	21	185	185	0	8
Mozambique	232	213	213	0	-19	234	234	0	21
Nepal	2,863	3,224	3,224	0	361	3,250	3,250	0	26
Nigeria	3,528	2,700	3,654	954	126	2,772	3,654	882	0
Pakistan	6,800	6,800	6,850	50	50	6,900	6,900	0	50
Paraguay	450	502	502	0	52	643	643	0	141
Peru	2,174	2,325	2,325	0	151	2,446	2,446	0	121
Philippines	11,000	11,686	11,686	0	686	11,200	11,200	0	-486
Russia	722	703	703	0	-19	700	700	0	-3
Sierra Leone	801	801	801	0	0	756	756	0	-45
Sri Lanka	3,294	2,350	1,997	-353	-1,297	2,900	2,900	0	903
Taiwan	1,112	1,144	1,144	0	32	1,144	1,144	0	0
Tanzania	1,782	1,848	1,848	0	66	1,848	1,848	0	0
Thailand	15,800	19,200	19,200	0	3,400	20,400	20,400	0	1,200
Turkey	500	500	500	0	0	520	520	0	20
Uganda	150	150	150	0	0	150	150	0	0
United States	6,133	7,117	7,117	0	984	5,707	5,670	-37	-1,447
Uruguay	913	987	987	0	74	960	960	0	-27
Venezuela	340	305	305	0	-35	310	290	-20	-15
Vietnam	27,584	27,971	27,971	0	387	28,450	28,450	0	479
Subtotal	468,818	482,633	483,331	698	14,513	479,337	479,761	424	(3,570)
Others	3,751	3,755	3,794	39	43	4,021	4,036	15	242
World total	472,569	486,388	487,125	737	14,556	483,358	483,797	439	-3,328

-- Not reported. 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	2017 1/					2018 1/			
	2016	September 2017	October 2017	Monthly revisions	Annual changes	September 2017	October 2017	Monthly revisions	Annual changes
	1,000 metric tons (milled basis)								
Argentina	527	550	550	0	23	450	450	0	-100
Australia	165	180	180	0	15	325	325	0	145
Brazil	641	650	650	0	9	700	650	-50	0
Burma	1,300	2,400	2,400	0	1,100	2,000	2,100	100	-300
Cambodia	1,150	1,350	1,350	0	200	1,250	1,250	0	-100
China	368	900	900	0	532	1,000	1,000	0	100
Cote d'Ivoire	25	30	30	0	5	30	30	0	0
Egypt	200	100	100	0	-100	100	100	0	0
European Union	270	300	300	0	30	280	280	0	-20
Guinea	80	80	80	0	0	80	80	0	0
Guyana	460	450	430	-20	-30	500	450	-50	20
India	10,040	11,200	11,200	0	1,160	11,800	11,800	0	600
Japan	70	75	75	0	5	80	80	0	5
Kazakhstan	41	50	50	0	9	60	60	0	10
Pakistan	4,000	3,900	3,900	0	-100	4,100	4,100	0	200
Paraguay	557	470	470	0	-87	500	500	0	30
Peru	50	60	60	0	10	50	50	0	-10
Russia	198	180	180	0	-18	180	180	0	0
Senegal	10	10	10	0	0	10	10	0	0
South Africa	145	110	120	10	-25	120	120	0	0
Surinam	40	45	45	0	5	45	45	0	0
Tanzania	30	30	40	10	10	30	30	0	-10
Thailand	9,867	10,500	10,500	0	633	10,000	10,000	0	-500
Turkey	55	75	75	0	20	50	50	0	-25
Uganda	40	40	40	0	0	40	40	0	0
United States	3,373	3,550	3,550	0	177	3,450	3,450	0	-100
Uruguay	996	925	925	0	-71	900	900	0	-25
Venezuela	100	40	40	0	-60	40	30	-10	-10
Vietnam	5,088	6,000	6,000	0	912	6,000	6,000	0	0
Subtotal	39,886	44,250	44,250	0	4,364	44,170	44,160	-10	-90
Other	254	297	307	10	53	259	259	0	(48)
World total	40,140	44,547	44,557	10	4,417	44,429	44,419	-10	-138
U.S. Share	8.4%	8.0%	8.0%	--	--	7.8%	7.8%	--	--

-- Not reported. 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	2017 1/					2018 1/			
	2016	September 2017	October 2017	Monthly revisions	Annual changes	September 2017	October 2017	Monthly revisions	Annual changes
	1,000 tons (milled basis)								
Afghanistan	340	375	375	0	35	400	400	0	25
Australia	163	155	155	0	-8	155	155	0	0
Bangladesh	35	1,000	1,100	100	1,065	1,000	1,200	200	100
Brazil	771	600	640	40	-131	600	600	0	-40
Cameroon	500	520	520	0	20	540	540	0	20
Canada	356	365	365	0	9	370	370	0	5
China	4,600	5,250	5,250	0	650	5,250	5,250	0	0
Colombia	300	110	110	0	-190	110	110	0	0
Costa Rica	164	140	140	0	-24	120	120	0	-20
Cote d'Ivoire	1,300	1,350	1,350	0	50	1,500	1,500	0	150
Cuba	544	550	550	0	6	580	580	0	30
Egypt	116	150	150	0	34	50	50	0	-100
European Union	1,816	1,850	1,850	0	34	1,900	1,900	0	50
Ghana	700	650	500	-150	-200	675	550	-125	50
Guinea	650	675	725	50	75	725	725	0	0
Haiti	431	490	490	0	59	500	500	0	10
Honduras	204	145	145	0	-59	150	150	0	5
Hong Kong	330	345	345	0	15	345	345	0	0
Indonesia	1,000	500	500	0	-500	500	500	0	0
Iran	1,100	1,600	1,600	0	500	1,300	1,300	0	-300
Iraq	930	1,000	1,000	0	70	1,050	1,050	0	50
Japan	685	685	685	0	0	685	685	0	0
Jordan	200	210	210	0	10	210	210	0	0
Korea, North	50	80	90	10	40	50	80	30	-10
Korea, South	313	410	410	0	97	410	410	0	0
Liberia	200	250	270	20	70	260	260	0	-10
Libya	200	250	250	0	50	250	250	0	0
Madagascar	220	350	350	0	130	500	500	0	150
Malaysia	823	900	900	0	77	900	900	0	0
Mexico	731	800	820	20	89	800	800	0	-20
Mozambique	625	600	650	50	25	625	675	50	25
Nicaragua	106	75	75	0	-31	75	75	0	0
Niger	300	310	310	0	10	320	320	0	10
Nigeria	2,100	2,200	2,400	200	300	2,100	2,300	200	-100
Philippines	800	1,600	1,100	-500	300	1,800	1,700	-100	600
Russia	211	200	200	0	-11	200	200	0	0
Saudi Arabia	1,300	1,400	1,400	0	100	1,450	1,450	0	50
Senegal	980	1,000	1,000	0	20	1,050	1,050	0	50
Sierra Leone	200	280	300	20	100	350	350	0	50
Singapore	319	300	300	0	-19	325	325	0	25
South Africa	954	925	1,000	75	46	950	950	0	-50
Sri Lanka	30	900	900	0	870	400	400	0	-500
Syria		140		-140	0	130		-130	0
Taiwan	119	126	126	0	7	126	126	0	0
Thailand	300	250	250	0	-50	250	250	0	0
Turkey	275	300	300	0	25	320	320	0	20
United Arab Emirates	670	750	750	0	80	825	825	0	75
United States	768	750	750	0	-18	750	750	0	0
Venezuela	400	380	380	0	-20	400	390	-10	10
Vietnam	300	300	300	0	0	300	300	0	0
Yemen	350	390	390	0	40	410	410	0	20
Subtotal	30,879	34,931	34,726	-205	3,847	35,041	35,156	115	430
Other countries 2/	9,261	9,616	9,831	215	570	9,388	9,263	-125	-568
World total	40,140	44,547	44,557	10	4,417	44,429	44,419	-10	-138

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

-- = Not reported. 1/ Projected. 2/ Includes unaccounted imports (imports not assigned a particular market).

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