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## Rice Outlook

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The U.S. 2017/18 U.S. rice crop forecast was lowered 4.8 million cwt to 186.5 million cwt this month. The reduction is based on the first survey-based yield forecast of 2017/18 crop year by NASS. Production in 2017/18 is projected to be smaller than a year earlier in every reported State, with the Delta accounting for most of the decline. Beginning stocks were lowered fractionally. These revisions lowered the total U.S. supply forecast 5.0 million cwt to 256.6 million cwt. Total domestic and residual use was lowered 2.5 million cwt to 117.5 million cwt. U.S. exports are unchanged at 109.0 million cwt. These supply and use revisions resulted in a 2.5-million cwt reduction in the ending stocks forecast to 30.1 million cwt, a 34.5-percent decline from 2016/17. U.S. season-average farm prices for 2017/18 were raised for both classes of rice and for both producing regions.

In the global market, 2017/18 production forecasts were reduced for Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, and the United States. The 2017/18 global consumption forecast was lowered 0.6 million tons based on smaller expected total use in Bangladesh, the United States, and Vietnam. With global production exceeding consumption in 2017/18, global ending stocks are projected to increase 3 percent year-to-year to 122.9 million tons, up 0.4 million tons from the previous forecast and the highest since 2001/02. Thailand's price quotes continue to decline while U.S. long-grain price quotes increased further.

## Domestic Outlook

### *Reduced Yield Lowers U.S. 2017/18 Rice Crop Forecast to 186.5 Million Cwt*

The 2017/18 U.S. rice crop is forecast at 186.5 million cwt, down 4.8 million cwt from the previous forecast and 17 percent below a year earlier. U.S. rice production in 2017/18 is projected to be the smallest since 2011/12. This month's downward revision in production is solely due to a lower yield forecast. At 7,513 pounds per acre, the 2017/18 all-rice yield is 194 pounds below the previous forecast, but up 4 percent from a year earlier. This is the first survey-based yield forecast for the 2017/18 U.S. rice crop. The previous yield forecast was based on long-term trends by class. Harvested area projections remains at 2.48 million acres, down 20 percent from a year earlier, with harvested area lower this year in every rice producing reporting State.

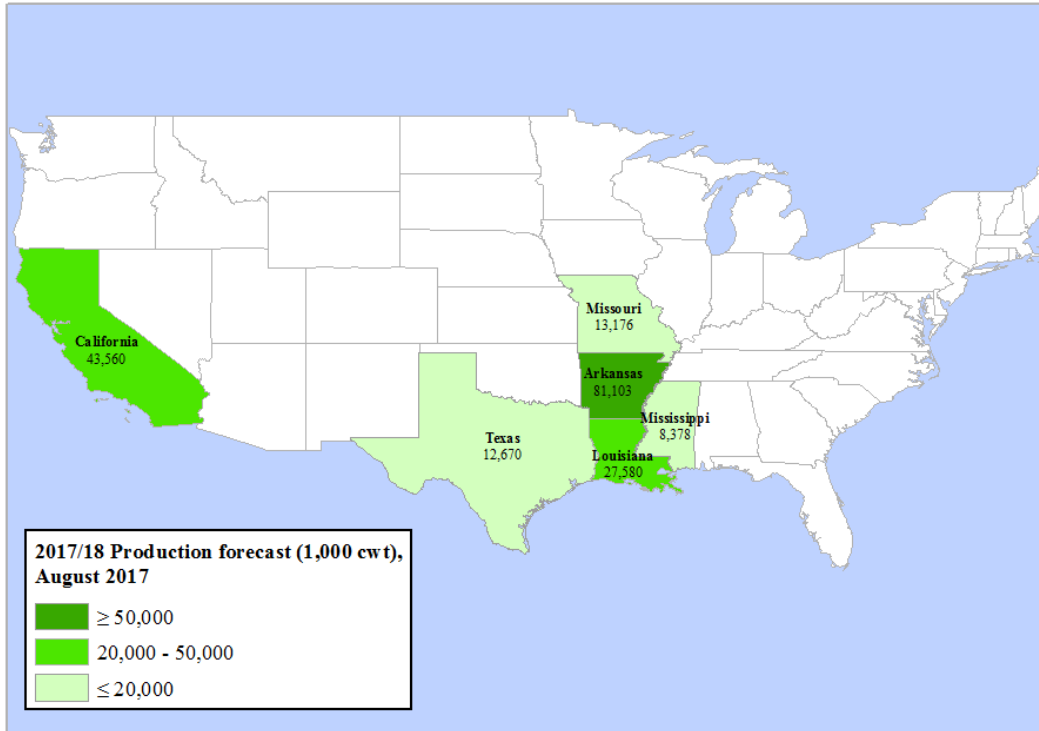
By class, the U.S. 2017/18 long-grain production forecast was reduced 3 percent to 132.4 million cwt, a drop of 20 percent from a year earlier. The 2017/18 combined medium- and short-grain production forecast was lowered 2 percent to 54.9 million cwt, down 6 percent from 2016/17.

Yields in 2017/18 are forecast higher than a year earlier in Arkansas, Louisiana, and Missouri, but lower than last year in California, Mississippi, and Texas. Missouri's 2017/18 rice yield is projected at 7,200 pounds per acre, up 550 pounds from a year earlier and the highest on record. Nearby Arkansas' 2017/18 yield is projected at 7,300 pounds per acre, an increase of 380 pounds from 2016/17. In 2016/17, both Delta States experienced adverse weather—primarily heavy flooding in August—that hindered yields. Louisiana's 2017/18 rice yield of 7,000 pounds per acre is up 370 pounds from the previous year weather-reduced yield. The 2016/17 Louisiana crop was impacted by near-record flooding last August.

In contrast, Texas' yield of 7,000 pounds per acre is 360 pounds below a year earlier. Mississippi's 2017/18 yield is forecast at 7,100 pounds per acre, down 80 pounds from a year earlier. At 8,800 pounds per acre, California's 2017/18 yield is just 40 pounds below a year earlier.

Production in 2017/18 is expected to be smaller than a year earlier in every reported State, with the Delta accounting for 85 percent of the total projected decline of 37.7 million cwt. Arkansas reports the largest reduction, a result of a 27-percent drop in harvested area, partly due to historic flooding in May during peak planting. At 81.1 million cwt, the Arkansas rice crop is 23 percent smaller than a year earlier and the smallest since 2013/14. Mississippi's 2017/18 crop forecast of 8.4 million cwt is 40 percent below a year earlier and the smallest since 1984/85. The reduction is primarily due to a 39-percent contraction in harvested area. At 118,000 acres, Mississippi's 2017/18 harvested area is the lowest in 40 years. In both Delta States, rice prices were declining just prior to and at planting, a major factor behind the area declines. Soybean acreage increased in both States this year. Soybeans are the primary rotation crop and alternative crop for rice growers in the Delta. Missouri's forecasted 2017/18 production of 13.2 million cwt is 14 percent below a year earlier, a result of a 21-percent decline in harvested area. Similar to Arkansas, the State experienced severe flooding in May. Soybean plantings were higher in Missouri this year than in 2016/17 as well.

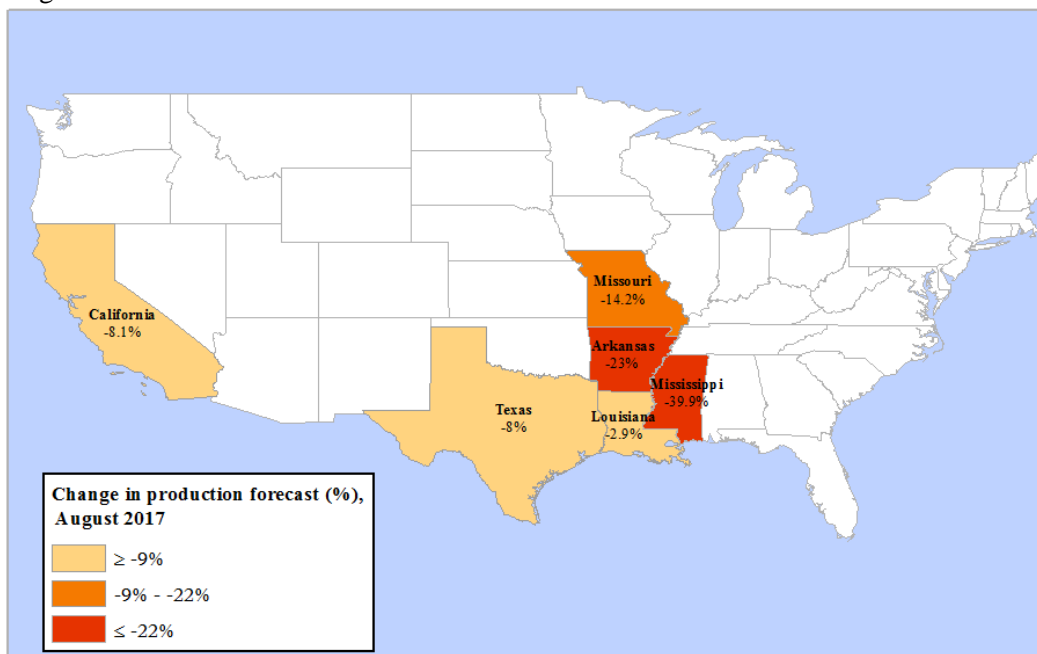
Map A. 2017/18 U.S. Production Forecast, August 2017



Note: Data from USDA-NASS

On the Gulf Coast, Louisiana's 2017/18 rice crop is projected to drop 3 percent from a year earlier to 27.6 million cwt, a result of an 8-percent area decline. Like the Delta, Louisiana experienced heavy rains and flooding at the end of April and in early- to mid-May. At 12.7 million cwt, the Texas rice crop is 8 percent smaller than a year earlier, a result of both smaller plantings and a lower forecast yield. Declining prices at planting were likely behind the Texas area contraction. Finally, California's 2017/18 rice production is projected to decline 9 percent to 43.6 million cwt, mostly due to an 8-percent decline in area. There was substantial flooding in late winter and early spring in the State, caused by historically heavy winter rains and subsequent large snowmelt that hindered and delayed rice plantings this year. See Map A for current 2017/18 rice production forecasts by state and Map B for the year-to-year forecasted change in production.

Map B. Changes in U.S. States' forecast production from MY 2016/17 to MY 2017/18, August 2017



Note: Data sourced from USDA-NASS.

### ***Despite Early-Season Flooding, Crop Progress Is Ahead of Normal in All States***

Although severe flooding in both the South and California delayed plantings and slowed operations, the progress of the 2017/18 U.S. rice crop is now ahead of normal in both regions. For the United States, 84 percent of the 2017/18 crop was reported headed by August 6, unchanged from a year earlier but well ahead of the U.S. average of 72 percent. In the Delta, 85 percent of Arkansas' 2017/18 rice crop was headed by August 6, behind 90 percent last year, but well ahead of the State's 5-year average of 72 percent. Mississippi's 2017/18 rice crop was reported 91 percent headed by August 6, up from 83 percent a year earlier and ahead of the State's 5-year average of 78 percent. Weather in Mississippi has generally been favorable for rice growing this season. In Missouri, 82 percent of the 2017/18 rice crop was reported headed by August 6, ahead of 75 percent a year earlier and well ahead of the State's average of 61 percent.

Heading was nearly complete on the Gulf Coast, typical for early August. For the week ending August 6, 97 percent of Louisiana's 2017/18 rice crop was reported headed, up 3 percentage points from both a year earlier and the State's 5-year average. The Texas 2017/18 rice crop was reported 99-percent headed by August 6, slightly ahead of both last year and the State's 5-year average. Despite a slow start to planting in California this year, 61 percent of the crop was reported headed by August 6, ahead of both last year's 55 percent and the State's average of 50 percent.

Harvest began on the Gulf Coast last month and will start in the southern Delta later this month. For the week ending August 6, 43 percent of Louisiana's 2017/18 rice crop was reported harvested, up from both 36 percent last year and the State's 5-year average of 27 percent. The Texas rice crop was reported 38 percent harvested by August 6, nearly unchanged from a year earlier but well ahead of the State's 5-year average of 16 percent.

## ***U.S. 2017/18 Total Rice Supplies Projected to Drop 13 Percent To 256.6 Million Cwt***

Total U.S. rice supplies in 2017/18 are projected at 256.6 million cwt, down 5.0 million cwt from the previous forecast and 37.3 million cwt below a year earlier. These are the smallest U.S. supplies since 2013/14. The substantial decline in U.S. rice supplies in 2017/18 is primarily due to a smaller crop; beginning stocks are fractionally lower and imports are projected slightly higher. By class, U.S. long-grain supplies are projected at 184.7 million cwt, almost 4.2 million cwt below last month's forecast and 12 percent smaller than a year earlier. Combined medium- and short-grain total supplies are projected at 69.0 million cwt, nearly 0.9 million cwt below the July forecast and almost 16 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 a smaller forecast crop.

At 45.9 million cwt, the 2017/18 U.S. all-rice beginning stocks forecast is fractionally below the previous forecast and just 1 percent below a year earlier. Long-grain beginning stocks are forecast at 31.3 million cwt, down 0.2 million cwt from the previous forecast but 38 percent above a year earlier and the highest since 2011/12. Combined medium- and short-grain beginning stocks remain forecast at 11.8 million cwt, down 44 percent from a year earlier and the smallest since 2011/12.

U.S. imports in 2017/18 remain forecast at 24.2 million cwt, 4 percent larger than the year-earlier revised level. Long-grain imports remain projected at 21.0 million cwt, up about 4.5 percent from a year earlier. Medium- and short-grain imports remain projected at 3.2 million cwt, unchanged from a year earlier. Specialty rice from Thailand accounts for the bulk of U.S. medium- and short-grain rice imports. The U.S. also regularly buys Arborio rice from Italy.

## ***U.S. 2017/18 Domestic and Residual Use Forecast Lowered to 117.5 Million Cwt***

Total use of U.S. rice in 2017/18 is projected at 226.5 million cwt, down 2.5 million cwt from the previous forecast and 9 percent below a year earlier. Domestic use (including a residual component) accounts for all of this month's reduction in total use. At 117.5 million cwt, the total domestic and residual use forecast for 2017/18 is 2.5 million cwt below the previous forecast and 11 percent smaller from a year earlier. This month's downward revision in domestic and residual use is largely driven by the reduced crop projection. The year-to-year expected decline in domestic and residual use is also largely driven by projections for a smaller crop and higher prices. Long-grain domestic and residual use is projected at 90.0 million cwt, 2.0 million cwt below the previous forecast and 10 percent below 2016/17. Medium- and short-grain domestic use is projected at 27.5 million cwt, down 0.5 million cwt from the previous forecast and 14.1 percent below the year-earlier revised forecast and the lowest since 1983/84.

Total U.S. rice exports in 2017/18 remain projected at 109.0 million cwt, 6 percent below a year earlier. Rough-rice exports remain projected at 41.0 million cwt, 1.0 million cwt below the year earlier revised forecast. Mexico, northern South America, Central America, and the Mediterranean are the major markets for U.S. rough-rice, with the Western Hemisphere taking almost exclusively long-grain. U.S. milled-rice exports (combined milled and brown rice exports on a rough basis) remain projected at 68.0 million cwt, down 8 percent from a year earlier. The expected decline in 2017/18 is based on smaller U.S. supplies, higher U.S. prices, and more global competition in

certain 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 77.0 million cwt, 1.0 million cwt below a year earlier. The Western Hemisphere is the largest market for U.S. long-grain exports. The U.S. faces its strongest competition from Asian exporters in the Middle East and Sub-Saharan Africa, with South American exporters also shipping to these regions. U.S. medium- and short-grain exports are projected at 32.0 million cwt, 16 percent below the year-earlier near-record of 38 million. 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. These purchases are nearly all made as part of 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.

U.S. all-rice 2017/18 ending stocks are projected at 30.1 million cwt, down 2.5 million cwt from the previous forecast and 34.5 percent below a year earlier. The ending stocks-to-use ratio is projected at 13.3 percent, down from 18.6 percent a year earlier and the lowest since 2007/08. Long-grain ending stocks are forecast at 17.7 million cwt, down 2.2 million cwt from the previous forecast and 43 percent below a year earlier. The long-grain stocks-to-use ratio is forecast at 10.6 percent, down from 17.6 percent a year earlier. Medium- and short-grain ending stocks are forecast at 9.5 million cwt, down 0.4 million cwt from the previous forecast and 19 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 16.0 percent, down slightly from 16.9 percent last year.

The only revision to the 2016/17 U.S. rice balance sheet was a 0.2 million cwt reduction in the long-grain import forecast to 20.1 million cwt, which lowered the long-grain ending stocks forecast to 31.3 million cwt. The downward revision in imports was based on delivery pace through June and expectations regarding imports in July.

### ***U.S. Season-Average Farm Price Forecasts Raised Again for 2017/18***

For the second consecutive month, U.S. season-average price forecasts (SAPF) for 2017/18 for both classes of rice and for both growing regions were increased. This month's upward revisions were largely based on tighter supplies, recent increases in both reported monthly cash prices and weekly spot prices, and expectations regarding prices during the remainder of the 2017/18 market year. Forecasted 2017/18 SAFP are well above 2016/17 SAFP for both classes of rice. The 2016/17 SAFP for long-grain and all-rice were revised slightly lower this month based on August-June NASS-reported cash prices, July weekly spot prices, and reported marketings through June.

The 2017/18 long-grain season-average farm price is projected at \$11.50-\$12.50 per cwt, up 30 cents on both ends from the previous forecast and well above the revised \$9.60 in 2016/17. The 2016/17 long-grain SAFP was lowered 10 cents from July. The California medium- and short-grain 2017/18 SAFP is forecast at \$15.00-\$16.00, up \$1.00 on both ends of the range from the July forecast and up from \$13.50 in 2016/17. The Southern medium- and short-grain 2017/18 SAFP is forecast at \$11.70-\$12.70 per cwt, an increase of 30 cents on both the high and low ends of the range and up from \$10.10 in 2016/17.

The 2017/18 U.S. medium- and short-grain SAFP is forecast at \$14.20-\$15.20 per cwt, up 80 cents on both ends of the range and up from \$12.80 in 2016/17. The 2017/18 all rice SAFP is projected at \$12.20-\$13.20 per cwt, up 40 cents on both the high and low ends of the range from the previous forecast and higher than the revised \$10.30 a year earlier. The 2016/17 all rice SAFP was lowered 20 cents to \$10.30 per cwt from the previous forecast due to a lower long-grain SAFP and marketings through June by class.

In July, USDA reported a long-grain monthly average cash price for June of \$9.52 per cwt, up 17 cents from May and the highest since January and the second consecutive month of an increase. The California June medium- and short-grain cash price was reported at \$13.90 per cwt, up 30 cents from May and the highest since September. The June southern medium- and short-grain price was reported at \$10.40 per cwt, up 20 cents from May and the highest since December. The June U.S. medium- and short-grain price was reported at \$13.10 per cwt, up 10 cents from May. The all-rice June price was reported at \$10.20 per cwt, up 10 cents from May and the highest since January.

## International Outlook

### *Global Crop Forecasts for 2017/18 Lowered for Bangladesh, the United States, and Sri Lanka*

Global rice production in 2017/18 is forecast at 482.6 million tons (milled basis), down 1.1 million tons from the previous forecast and 1.3 million tons below the 2016/17 record. Global harvested area, a record of 161.8 million hectares, is up 1.7 million hectares in 2017/18 from a year earlier. The average global yield of 4.45 tons per hectare is down from the year-earlier record of 4.51 tons, mostly due to expanded area by India, a low-yielding large producer.

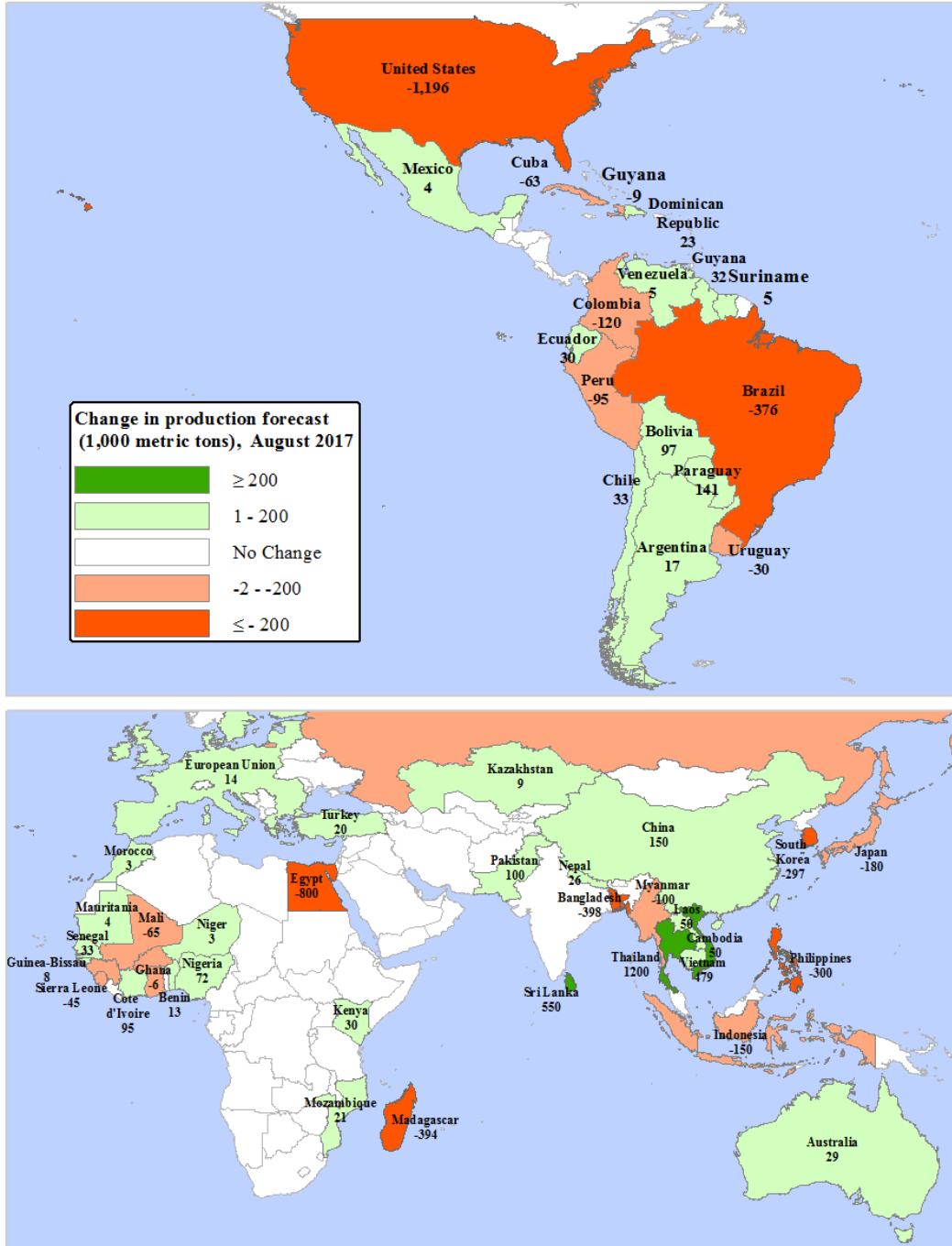
All 2017/18 production revisions are displayed in quantity (Map A) and percent changes (Map B) in the accompanying regional maps. Bangladesh's production forecast was lowered due to lower area and yield forecasts caused by severe flash flooding in April. The damage was primarily to the boro crop that was close to being fully harvested. The spring harvested boro crop is the largest and highest yielding of Bangladesh's three annual rice crops and is fully irrigated. Total rice production in Bangladesh in 2017/18 is projected to be 1 percent below the year earlier record, with the boro crop accounting for all of the expected decline. Bangladesh is the fourth largest rice producing and consuming country in the world, with imports typically accounting for a small share of consumption.

Second, Sri Lanka's 2017/18 rice production forecast was lowered 0.4 million tons to 2.9 million tons due to a 125,000-hectare reduction in the area harvested forecast to 1.1 million hectares. The substantial area and crop reductions are largely due to a smaller forecast for the yala crop that will be harvested in late 2017. The reduced yala crop is caused by lingering effects of the 2016/17 drought—with reservoirs just 33 percent full—and heavy rains that reduced plantings of the yala crop this spring. An average 2017/18 maha crop is expected, with harvest scheduled for March-April 2018. The maha is the larger of Sri Lanka's two crops. Although Sri Lanka's total production in 2017/18 is projected to be up 23 percent from the year-earlier's flood and drought reduced crop, the 2017/18 crop is still 12 percent below the 2015/16 record. The 2016/17 crop was Sri Lanka's smallest crop since 2007/08. Like Bangladesh, weather problems have boosted recent imports. In years with a normal production level, Sri Lanka imports only small amounts of rice.

The U.S. 2017/18 crop forecast was lowered 153,000 tons to 5.92 million tons based on a smaller yield estimate reported by the Government. This was the first survey-based yield forecast for the 2017/18 U.S. crop. At 8.4 tons per hectare, the U.S. average yield is 2.5 percent below the previous forecast but 4 percent above a year earlier. This year, much of the U.S. Delta experienced historic flooding in late-April and much of May during peak planting, causing some area loss and necessitating some replanting and likely impacting yields. Then, in July, day and nighttime temperatures in the Delta were both extremely hot, with day and night temperature differences insufficient to promote maximum yields.

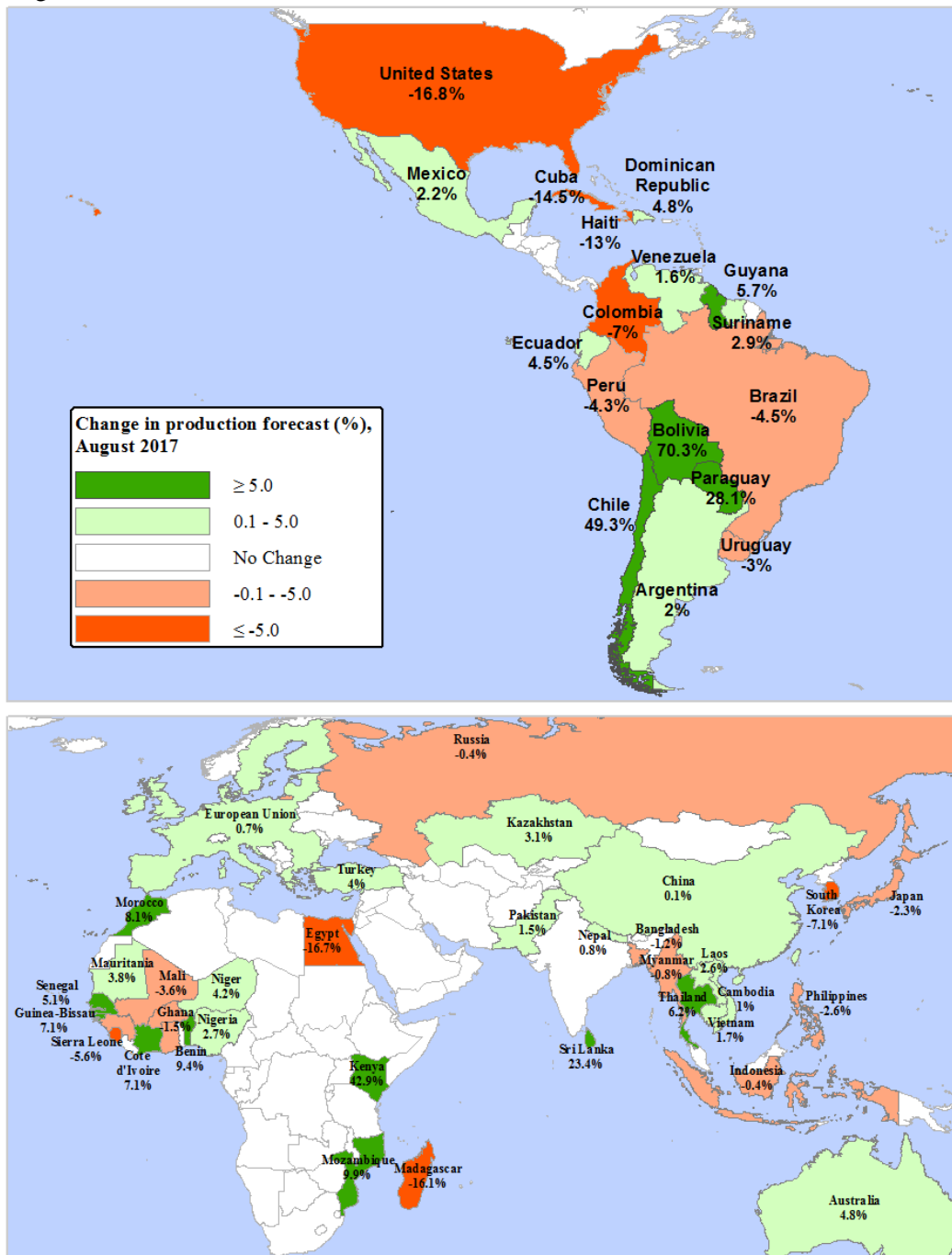


Map C. Changes in forecast production from MY 2016/17 to MY 2017/18, August 2017



Note: Data sourced from USDA-NASS.

Map D. Percentage changes in forecast production from MY 2016/17 to MY 2017/18, August 2017



Note: Data sourced from USDA-NASS.

Not shown in the maps, the 2016/17 global rice production estimate was raised 0.8 million tons to a record 483.9 million tons, up 12.1 million tons from the year-earlier El Nino impacted crop. There were two upward production revisions for 2016/17 and one crop reduction this month. The largest production increase was for Brazil. Brazil's 2016/17 production estimate was raised 128,000 tons to 8.4 million tons, primarily due to a higher yield. At a record 6.23 tons per hectare, Brazil's average yield in 2016/17 was up 18 percent from a year earlier, the result of a larger share of production coming from the high yielding irrigated States of Rio Grande do Sul and Santa Catarina in the

south and favorable weather in much of the country that promoted high yields for non-irrigated rice production. Brazil's 2016/17 rice production increased 16 percent from the 2015/16 crop that was hampered by El Niño-related heavy flooding in the south, lack of rain in certain other areas, low prices, and high input costs. Brazil is the largest non-Asian rice producing and consuming country and is both a mid-level importer and exporter.

Second, Senegal's 2016/17 production estimate was increased 5,000 tons to 647,000 tons based on a revised area, yield, and production series reported by the Ministry of Agriculture. Senegal's production has sharply expanded since 2014/15, a result of expanded area. Senegal's production revisions begin in 1990/91. In contrast, Chile's 2016/17 production estimate was lowered 17,000 tons to 67,000 tons based on a lower area estimate reported by the Government. Both Chile's area—estimated at 17,000 hectares—and production are the lowest since 1998/99.

Global consumption in 2017/18 is projected at 479.1 million tons, down 0.6 million tons from the previous forecast and 1.3 million tons below the year-earlier record. This month, consumption forecasts were lowered for Bangladesh, the United States, and Vietnam. The 2016/17 global consumption forecast was lowered 0.8 million tons to 480.3 million tons, primarily due to a 1.0-million ton reduction in Thailand's consumption to 11.0 million tons. The downward revision in Thailand's consumption was based on lower feed and industrial use of rice released from Government stocks. On a year-to-year basis, consumption in 2017/18 is projected to drop in China, Nigeria, South Korea, Japan, and the United States, but increase in India, Burma, and Cambodia.

With production exceeding consumption in 2017/18, ending stocks are projected to increase 3 percent to 122.9 million tons, up 0.4 million tons from the previous forecast and the highest since 2001/02. Thailand accounts for most of the upward revision in 2017/18 global ending stocks. In contrast, 2017/18 ending stocks forecasts were lowered this month for China, India, and the United States. On a year-to-year basis, China accounts for nearly all of the increase in global ending stocks. At 75.5 million tons, China's 2017/18 ending stocks are up 9 percent from a year earlier and the highest since 2001/02. In 2017/18, China is projected to account for 61 percent of global ending stocks. The global stocks-to-use ratio is projected at 25.7 percent, up from 24.9 percent a year earlier.

### ***India's 2017 and 2018 Export Forecasts Raised 0.5 Million Tons***

Global rice trade for 2018 is projected at 43.9 million tons, up 0.5 million tons from the previous forecast and 0.7 million tons above the year-earlier revised forecast. Global trade in 2018 is projected to be the second highest on record. See Table A for an overview of month-to-month and year-to-year changes in 2017 and 2018 global imports and exports. In 2018, increased shipments from Australia, Brazil, China, India, and Pakistan are projected to more than offset smaller shipments from Argentina, Burma, Uruguay, and the United States. Among importers, larger purchases by Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Guinea, Iraq, Madagascar, the Philippines, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, and the United Arab Emirates are projected to more than offset reduced imports by Bangladesh, China, Egypt, Laos, and Sri Lanka.

There were three export revisions for 2018 this month. First, India's 2018 export forecast was raised 0.5 million tons to a near-record 11.5 million tons, up 0.5 million tons from the year-earlier revised forecast. The upward revision was based on larger

supplies and expectations of continued strong sales. India has been the world's largest rice exporter since 2012. Second, China's 2018 exports were raised 100,000 tons to 1.0 million tons based largely on recent strong exports, mostly to West Africa. These are China's largest rice exports since 2008. August is the second consecutive month of increases in China's and India's 2018 export forecasts. These are the largest rice producing and consuming countries in the world. Third, Egypt's 2018 export forecast was lowered 100,000 tons to 100,000 tons based on its recent announcement to keep the export ban in effect during the upcoming harvest.

There were 3 import revisions for 2018 this month. First, Sri Lanka's 2018 import forecast was raised 350,000 tons to 400,000 tons based on a reduced crop forecast and expectations that the recent strong pace of purchases will continue. Despite the upward revision, Sri Lanka's 2018 imports are forecasted 300,000 tons below the year earlier-revised record of 700,000 tons. In recent months, Sri Lanka has purchased or negotiated to purchase rice from Thailand, Pakistan, Burma, and its traditional supplier India. Second, Angola's 2018 import forecast was increased 75,000 tons to 575,000 tons based on recent strong purchases. Angola's 2018 imports are up 4.5 percent from 2017 and the highest on record. Angola's imports have doubled over the past decade. Third, Chile's 2018 rice imports were raised 5,000 tons to a record 145,000 tons based on a smaller crop.

The 2017 global rice trade forecast was raised 0.7 million tons to 43.2 million tons, 7 percent larger than a year earlier and the third-highest on record. The substantial year-to-year increase in exports is largely due to increased shipments from Burma, China, India, the United States, and Vietnam. In 2017, global imports are being boosted by substantially larger purchases by Bangladesh, China, Ecuador, Madagascar, Nigeria, the Philippines, Saudi Arabia, and Sri Lanka. In contrast, Indonesia's 2017 imports are projected to decline 500,000 tons to 500,000 tons and Colombia's imports to drop 63 percent to 110,000 tons.

There were five export revisions for 2017, four upward revisions and one reduction. First, India's 2017 export forecast was raised 500,000 tons to 11.0 million tons based on a strong pace to date, especially to top regional buyers Bangladesh and Sri Lanka. Iran, Iraq, and Senegal have been strong buyers this year as well. Second, Vietnam's 2017 export forecast was raised 200,000 tons to 6.0 million tons based on a strong shipment pace to date, with sales especially strong to the Philippines and China. Both India and Vietnam are major exporters.

Third, China's 2017 export forecast was raised 100,000 tons to 900,000 tons based on larger than expected sales to West Africa, especially to Cote d'Ivoire and Sierra Leone. China's exports in 2017 are up 145 percent from a year earlier and the highest since 2007. From 2011 to 2016, China's annual exports averaged just 371,000 tons. Prior to 2008, China was a major exporter, typically shipping 1-2 million tons annually, sometimes more. Fourth, Turkey's 2017 export forecast was raised 25,000 tons to 75,000 tons based on shipment pace. Finally, Australia's 2017 export forecast was lowered 20,000 tons to 180,000 tons based on a slow start to sales this year despite adequate supplies.

Table A - Rice trade at a glance (2017 and 2018), August 2017					
Country or region	Trade	Month-to-month forecast change	Year-to-year forecast change	Comments on month-to-month forecast changes	
Rice Exports, 2017					
Million metric tons					
Australia	0.18	-0.02 ↓	0.02 ↑	Despite adequate supplies, slow start to the export year.	
China	0.9	0.10 ↑	0.53 ↑	Strong shipment pace to regional importers.	
India	11	0.50 ↑	0.96 ↑	Strong shipment pace to regional importers, including Sri Lanka and Bangladesh.	
Turkey	0.075	0.03 ↑	0.02 ↑		
Vietnam	6	0.20 ↑	0.91 ↑	Increase in exports to Philippines and China.	
Rice Exports, 2018					
China	1.00	0.10 ↑	0.10 ↑		
Egypt	0.10	-0.10 ↓	0.00 →	Export forecast lowered based on export ban.	
India	11.50	0.50 ↑	0.50 ↑		
Rice Imports, 2017					
Million metric tons					
Angola	0.55	0.08 ↑	0.08 ↑	Strong import pace.	
Bangladesh	0.8	0.10 ↑	0.77 ↑	Reduction in domestic crop estimate and large purchases from Asia.	
Guinea	0.675	0.03 ↑	0.03 ↑	Strong import pace.	
Nigeria	2.2	0.10 ↑	0.10 ↑	Strong import pace for purchases of rice from India.	
Philippines	1.6	0.20 ↑	0.80 ↑	Large tender for 250,000 tons and expectation for future tenders.	
Sri Lanka	0.7	0.30 ↑	0.67 ↑	Strong purchases and expectations for continued buying.	
Rice Imports, 2018					
Angola	0.575	0.08 ↑	0.02 ↑	Forecast increased based on recent purchases.	
Chile	0.145	0.01 ↑	0.00 ↑	Smaller domestic crop.	
Sri Lanka	0.4	0.35 ↑	-0.30 ↓		

Source: USDA-FAS, PS&D

There were six country-specific upward revisions for 2017 import forecasts this month, three in Asia and three in Sub-Saharan Africa. First, Sri Lanka's 2017 import forecast was raised 300,000 tons to a record 700,000 tons based on recent strong buying from regional sources and tight supplies. In years of a normal crop harvest, Sri Lanka typically imports only a small amount of rice, mostly from India. Second, nearby Bangladesh's 2017 imports were increased 100,000 tons to 800,000 tons based on large purchases this spring and summer and a smaller crop. Third, the Philippines 2017 import forecast was raised 200,000 tons to 1.6 million tons based on a recent Government tender for 250,000 tons and expectations of another 800,000 tons purchased by private buyers by year-end.

In Sub-Saharan Africa, Nigeria's 2017 import forecast was raised 100,000 tons to 2.2 million tons based on a stronger than expected pace of purchases from top supplier India. Angola's 2017 import forecast was raised 75,000 tons to 550,000 tons based on a recent stronger pace of purchases. Finally, Guinea's 2017 import forecast was raised 25,000 tons to 675,000 tons based on shipment pace. Guinea's rice imports have more than doubled since 2010.

## ***Thailand's Price Quotes Decline, U.S. Price Quotes Rise***

Prices for most grades of Thailand's regular-milled white rice have declined 3-4 percent over the past 4 weeks, mostly due to fewer new sales and the availability of rice supplies from the final 2016/17 dry-season crop. The impacts of the recent sharp increase in import demand caused by emergency purchases by Sri Lanka and Bangladesh have passed, with Asian exporters adequately supplying these needs.

Prices for Thailand's 100-percent Grade B milled white rice were quoted at \$410 per ton for the week ending August 7, down \$17 from the week ending July 10 and the lowest since mid-May. Prices for Thailand's parboiled 5-percent broken—a specialty rice—were quoted at \$409 per ton for the week ending August 7, down \$11 from the week ending July 10. Thailand's premium jasmine rice (also a specialty rice) was quoted at \$826 per ton for the week ending August 7, up \$43 from the week ending July 10 and the highest since October 2015. 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 \$400 per ton for the week ending August 8, down \$10 from the week ending July 11. Vietnam's prices have declined, mostly due to slower demand from core Asian buyers and supplies from the summer-autumn crop. Vietnam's and Thailand's prices are currently about the same, an uncommon relationship. 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 August 8, 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 \$545 per ton, up \$35 from the week ending July 11 and the highest since November 2015. The U.S. price difference over Thailand's 100-percent Grade B milled rice was \$135 per ton, up from \$83 for the week ending July 11 and the highest since April 2016. Prices for U.S. long-grain rough-rice (bulk, fob vessel, New Orleans) were quoted at \$295 per ton for the week ending August 8, up \$15 from the week ending July 11 and the highest since November 2015.

Price quotes for California medium-grain milled rice (No. 1, 4-percent broken, sacked, free on board, domestic mill) were unchanged over the past month. For the week ending August 8, prices were quoted at \$725 per ton, unchanged from early July. Export prices for California medium-grain milled-rice (4-percent broken, sacked, on board vessel in Oakland) are quoted at \$790 per ton for the week ending August 8, also unchanged from early July. Almost all WTO purchases for 2016/17 by Japan, South Korea, and Taiwan have been made. 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 <sup>1/</sup>

Item	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17 <sup>2/</sup>	2017/18 <sup>2/</sup>
<b>TOTAL RICE</b>	Million acres						
Area:							
Planted	2.689	2.700	2.490	2.954	2.625	3.150	2.562
Harvested	2.617	2.679	2.469	2.933	2.585	3.097	2.482
	Pounds per harvested acre						
Yield	7,067	7,463	7,694	7,576	7,472	7,237	7,513
	Million cwt						
Beginning stocks	48.5	41.1	36.4	31.8	48.5	46.5	45.9
Production	184.9	199.9	190.0	222.2	193.1	224.1	186.5
Imports	19.4	21.1	23.1	24.6	24.1	23.3	24.2
Total supply	252.8	262.1	249.5	278.7	265.8	293.9	256.6
Food, industrial, & residual <sup>3/</sup>	108.4	116.9	122.0	131.8	109.9	130.0	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	132.0	117.5
Exports	100.9	106.6	93.3	96.3	107.0	116.0	109.0
Rough	33.0	34.1	28.0	32.3	39.3	42.0	41.0
Milled <sup>4/</sup>	67.9	72.5	65.3	63.9	67.7	74.0	68.0
Total use	211.7	225.7	217.6	230.2	219.3	248.0	226.5
Ending stocks	41.1	36.4	31.8	48.5	46.5	45.9	30.1
	Percent						
Stocks-to-use ratio	19.4	16.1	14.6	21.1	21.2	18.5	13.3
	\$/cwt						
Average farm price <sup>5/</sup>	14.50	15.10	16.30	13.40	12.20	10.30	12.20 to 13.20
	Percent						
Average milling rate	69.93	70.00	71.00	70.50	70.00	70.00	70.00

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

Source: *World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates*, 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 2/	2017/18 2/
<b>LONG GRAIN:</b>						
	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	31.3
Production	144.3	131.9	162.7	133.4	166.5	132.4
Imports	18.7	20.5	21.8	20.9	20.1	21.0
Total supply	187.3	174.2	200.6	180.7	209.3	184.7
Domestic use 3/	89.6	96.1	105.6	82.1	100.0	90.0
Exports	75.8	61.9	68.5	75.9	78.0	77.0
Total use	165.4	158.0	174.2	158.0	178.0	167.0
Ending stocks	21.9	16.2	26.5	22.7	31.3	17.7
	Percent					
Stocks-to-use ratio	13.2	10.3	15.2	14.4	17.6	10.6
	\$/cwt					
Average farm price 4/	14.50	15.40	11.90	11.20	9.60	11.50 to 12.50
<b>MEDIUM/SHORT GRAIN:</b>						
	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	11.8
Production	55.7	58.1	59.6	59.7	57.7	54.0
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	69.0
Domestic use 3/	29.4	28.2	28.3	30.3	32.0	27.5
Exports	30.8	31.4	27.7	31.0	38.0	32.0
Total use	60.3	59.6	56.0	61.3	70.0	59.5
Ending stocks	12.2	13.3	20.2	20.9	11.8	9.5
	Percent					
Stocks-to-use ratio	20.3	22.4	36.0	34.1	16.8	16.0
	\$/cwt					
Average farm price						
U.S. average 4/ 6/	17.40	19.20	18.30	15.30	12.80	14.20 to 15.20
California 6/ 7/	18.40	20.70	21.60	18.10	13.50	15.00 to 16.00
Other States 4/	14.70	15.70	14.40	11.20	10.10	11.70 to 12.70
Ending stocks difference 1/	2.3	2.3	1.9	2.9	2.9	2.9

-- = 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	2016/17		2015/16		2014/15	
	\$/cwt	1,000 cwt	\$/cwt	1,000 cwt	\$/cwt	1,000 cwt
August	11.80	8,220	12.00	11,079	15.50	9,798
September	10.70	9,848	11.90	12,368	14.40	10,055
October	10.30	15,103	12.10	16,336	13.90	17,576
November	10.30	14,752	12.40	13,433	14.50	13,906
December	10.30	17,177	12.80	14,754	13.60	17,627
January	10.80	19,163	13.30	17,810	15.10	17,091
February	9.81	15,119	12.10	14,857	12.80	12,456
March	9.97	18,723	11.80	13,562	12.60	14,560
April	9.87	18,127	11.50	13,889	12.60	15,918
May	10.10	17,041	11.70	13,754	12.50	13,145
June	10.20	15,052	11.70	12,159	12.00	14,657
July			12.10	13,103	11.60	16,542
Average price to date	10.30	1/				
Season-average farm price	10.30		12.20		13.40	
Average marketings		15,302		13,925		14,444
Total volume marketed		168,325		167,104		173,331

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			
	2016/17		2015/16		2016/17		2015/16	
	\$/cwt	1,000 cwt	\$/cwt	1,000 cwt	\$/cwt	1,000 cwt	\$/cwt	1,000 cwt
August	10.80	6,133	10.40	8,752	14.80	2,087	18.20	2,327
September	10.00	7,432	10.90	10,217	12.70	2,416	16.50	2,151
October	9.67	11,470	11.50	12,797	12.30	3,633	14.40	3,539
November	9.63	11,556	11.50	10,334	12.70	3,196	15.60	3,099
December	9.70	13,323	11.40	10,457	12.30	3,854	16.10	4,297
January	9.67	12,909	11.60	11,694	13.10	6,254	16.60	6,116
February	9.42	12,765	11.60	11,980	11.90	2,354	13.90	2,877
March	9.39	14,416	11.20	10,811	11.90	4,307	14.30	2,751
April	9.15	14,254	10.90	11,059	12.60	3,873	14.00	2,830
May	9.35	13,328	10.90	10,750	13.00	3,713	14.50	3,004
June	9.52	12,147	10.80	9,057	13.10	2,905	14.10	3,102
July			10.80	8,896			14.70	4,207
Average to date 1/	9.58				12.71			
Season-average farm price	9.60		11.20		12.80 2/		15.30	
Average marketings		11,794		10,567		3,508		3,358
Total volume marketed		129,733		126,804		38,592		40,300

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		2016/17	2015/16
	\$/cwt			\$/cwt	
October	13.50	19.00	August	10.00	12.90
November	13.60	18.60	September	9.56	12.10
December	13.30	19.00	October	10.40	12.00
January	13.80	18.50	November	9.42	11.70
February	13.40	17.50	December	10.50	11.70
March	12.50	18.40	January	10.30	11.40
April	13.20	18.20	February	9.95	11.20
May	13.60	18.10	March	10.30	10.60
June	13.90	17.80	April	10.10	10.30
July		17.30	May	10.20	10.20
August		16.80	June	10.40	10.40
September		16.30	July		9.93
Simple average to date	13.42			10.10	
Market-year average	13.50	18.10		10.10	11.20

---- 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.

Source: *Quick Stats, USDA*, National Agricultural Statistics Service, [http://www.nass.usda.gov/Quick\\_Stats/](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 2/	9.65	10.00	9.27	9.48	9.31	9.68
September			8.66	8.86	9.21	9.46
October			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/	9.65	10.00	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	2015/16 Aug-June 2/	2016/17 Aug-June 2/
	1,000 tons								
<b>ASIA</b>	563.9	529.8	541.5	624.8	647.1	703.1	676.8	618.3	630.8
China	3.8	3.1	3.6	2.7	3.2	4.8	3.9	3.6	3.8
India	94.8	96.5	110.5	129.3	138.8	128.7	166.6	153.6	135.0
Pakistan	19.4	17.3	15.2	17.7	26.6	25.2	27.6	25.3	19.2
Thailand	401.0	393.5	387.6	393.8	428.6	472.2	437.3	398.1	439.3
Vietnam	41.6	15.9	21.7	77.8	45.4	67.5	35.6	32.5	27.6
Other	3.4	3.6	2.8	3.6	4.5	4.9	5.7	5.3	5.8
<b>EUROPE &amp; FORMER SOVIET UNION</b>	9.4	12.5	14.3	12.0	12.0	14.5	16.3	15.3	15.9
Italy	6.2	7.5	5.2	7.5	8.2	9.0	9.5	8.9	10.4
Spain	1.6	3.8	4.7	2.3	1.2	1.8	2.1	2.0	1.6
Russia	0.0	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	3.0	2.6
Other	1.5	1.2	4.3	2.1	2.0	1.4	1.5	1.4	1.3
<b>WESTERN HEMISPHERE</b>	30.4	42.7	64.5	35.9	41.0	47.1	76.6	72.9	33.7
Argentina	2.5	2.7	3.4	5.5	4.0	5.4	5.9	5.3	4.7
Brazil	3.5	6.3	30.5	5.0	14.4	16.5	51.8	49.9	14.1
Canada	15.4	17.1	16.3	12.1	13.8	11.5	10.5	9.8	10.7
Mexico	6.1	1.3	1.1	1.0	1.2	1.2	2.0	1.8	1.8
Uruguay	2.9	15.4	13.2	12.3	5.3	6.2	3.2	3.1	0.9
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	2.3	6.3	3.2	3.0	1.4
<b>OTHER</b>	5.5	3.5	1.0	1.9	40.3	24.7	3.0	2.8	3.4
Egypt	0.6	0.0	0.0	0.6	0.0	0.1	0.4	0.4	0.0
United Arab Emirates	4.4	3.0	0.5	0.4	1.0	0.9	0.6	0.5	2.1
Australia	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	37.4	23.1	1.0	0.9	0.6
Other	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.4	1.9	0.6	0.0	1.0	0.6
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>609.2</b>	<b>588.6</b>	<b>621.2</b>	<b>674.6</b>	<b>740.4</b>	<b>789.4</b>	<b>772.7</b>	<b>709.4</b>	<b>683.7</b>

1/ Total August-July imports reported by the U.S. Census Bureau. 2/ Through March 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 Aug. 4, 2016 2/	2017/18 through Aug. 3 2017 2/
1,000 tons										
<b>EUROPE &amp; FSU</b>	98.3	101.7	61.3	41.7	38.1	30.2	22.2	22.2	3.3	4.8
European Union	88.6	90.3	52.2	37.7	30.6	26.8	18.6	11.0	1.9	4.7
Other Europe	2.6	5.3	5.5	1.1	2.9	2.3	2.5	2.0	1.3	0.0
Former Soviet Union (FSU)	7.1	6.1	3.6	2.9	4.6	1.1	1.1	1.0	0.1	0.1
<b>NORTHEAST ASIA</b>	571.3	473.6	592.3	561.4	474.6	464.1	608.3	690.3	115.7	16.4
Hong Kong	1.1	0.6	2.6	6.2	6.2	0.3	1.1	13.2	1.0	1.5
Japan	388.9	355.3	375.5	347.6	364.2	307.7	429.6	428.8	45.7	5.1
South Korea	79.4	100.6	148.6	145.1	72.1	123.5	132.6	220.8	62.7	0.0
Taiwan	101.9	17.1	65.6	62.5	32.1	32.6	45.0	27.5	6.3	9.8
<b>OTHER ASIA, OCEANIA, &amp; THE MIDDLE EAST</b>	751.5	641.8	499.9	463.6	605.8	488.7	487.2	468.4	51.9	55.8
Australia	26.2	15.8	10.0	9.1	10.4	6.5	5.5	5.4	0.0	0.1
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	0.4
Israel	45.7	33.3	22.4	16.9	19.2	9.3	13.7	15.2	4.0	2.2
Jordan	66.4	83.0	93.2	71.2	88.7	71.9	82.2	98.5	29.9	23.5
Micronesia	5.2	6.0	6.2	5.5	2.0	2.0	1.1	1.7	0.0	0.0
New Zealand	8.3	6.5	3.0	3.0	3.8	2.1	2.4	3.1	0.7	0.4
Papua New Guinea	37.9	9.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	12.4	20.9	2.0	0.0	0.0
Saudi Arabia	108.5	118.0	107.1	122.8	90.9	111.7	97.0	141.0	8.8	25.3
Singapore	3.0	5.3	5.8	6.6	7.5	3.8	3.3	4.5	0.3	0.0
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	5.2	0.0
Rest of Asia, Oceania, and Middle East	32.3	36.6	35.6	27.4	30.3	18.6	21.9	35.4	3.0	3.9
<b>AFRICA</b>	117.4	432.4	179.6	249.1	110.8	128.0	91.4	147.9	0.0	7.1
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	0.0	2.0
Guinea-Conakry	4.8	5.0	11.0	4.4	3.6	4.1	3.1	3.4	0.0	1.0
Liberia	8.4	38.5	26.7	15.5	6.3	0.5	1.8	4.4	0.0	4.2
Libya	1.1	152.9	24.8	89.5	47.8	93.2	86.2	85.1	0.0	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	0.0
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	0.0	0.0
<b>WESTERN HEMISPHERE</b>	2,142.9	2,058.3	1,785.0	2,110.9	1,811.2	2,176.0	2,150.6	2,198.1	223.0	346.9
Bahamas	6.1	6.3	6.3	6.3	6.0	6.1	4.9	4.0	0.1	0.1
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	11.3	12.8
Colombia	0.2	0.2	0.1	150.1	138.9	285.3	159.2	104.5	19.3	15.0
Costa Rica	124.8	69.7	58.1	75.3	63.1	91.3	79.4	58.8	12.3	5.7
Dominican Republic	25.2	7.0	8.9	1.7	7.9	6.5	15.0	36.6	0.0	0.0
El Salvador	78.5	77.0	76.5	83.8	70.1	76.4	89.6	67.4	6.5	7.0
Guatemala	72.6	69.4	81.4	77.6	81.5	75.3	113.1	118.6	0.0	6.2
Haiti	226.5	248.9	233.4	342.0	323.9	362.1	403.0	423.7	40.4	73.5
Honduras	119.3	136.8	140.0	122.4	142.4	132.0	151.8	152.2	16.4	27.5
Jamaica	20.2	25.5	11.6	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	0.0	0.0	0.0
Leeward & Windward Islands	8.3	9.4	10.2	2.9	1.6	0.5	0.7	0.7	0.1	0.1
Mexico	775.1	848.5	803.7	749.5	690.7	716.7	618.7	709.3	43.2	118.4
Netherlands Antilles	5.2	4.8	4.7	4.7	4.6	4.3	4.1	2.9	0.1	0.0
Nicaragua	147.0	142.2	40.6	39.9	10.3	2.0	0.0	6.1	0.0	0.0
Panama	104.0	88.2	59.7	39.3	24.1	45.8	67.8	65.5	43.2	9.7
Venezuela	241.8	149.6	94.1	262.5	98.9	223.9	287.7	318.9	30.0	71.0
Other Western Hemisphere	5.9	6.2	7.9	5.8	7.3	7.2	3.3	3.8	0.1	0.0
<b>UNKNOWN</b>	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	21.9	0.0	0.0	62.4	4.0
<b>TOTAL</b>	3,681.4	3,707.7	3,118.0	3,426.7	3,040.7	3,267.0	3,359.6	3,519.6	456.2	435.1

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							Vietnam 7/ 5%
	Southern			Thailand 5/				
	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	
	\$ / metric ton							
2010/11	525	300	813	518	522	481	415	471
2011/12	560	339	703	592	587	571	521	477
Aug. 2012	576	366	749	579	586	555	509	433
Sep. 2012	590	374	750	579	591	551	512	455
Oct. 2012	593	365	756	571	586	539	519	450
Nov. 2012	595	360	750	573	590	535	523	449
Dec. 2012	595	360	737	569	566	535	521	414
Jan. 2013	607	360	698	575	573	540	530	405
Feb. 2013	621	370	650	575	574	542	534	400
Mar. 2013	632	371	650	573	564	536	533	399
Apr. 2013	644	375	650	571	553	535	530	383
May 2013	661	377	663	558	552	514	511	376
June 2013	639	389	690	536	546	489	492	369
July 2013	625	394	690	519	538	459	462	389
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 8/	514	284	725	424	418	394	NQ	409
2016/17 9/	473	254	611	394	387	368	NQ	357
August 2017 9/	538	295	725	414	409	368	NQ	400
2017/18 9/	538	295	725	414	409	368	NQ	400

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](http://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	July 2017	August 2017	Monthly revisions	Annual changes	July 2017	August 2017	Monthly revisions	Annual changes
	1,000 metric tons								
Afghanistan	398	403	403	0	5	403	403	0	0
Argentina	910	863	863	0	-47	880	880	0	17
Australia	180	601	601	0	421	630	630	0	29
Bangladesh	34,500	34,578	34,578	0	78	34,700	34,180	-520	-398
Brazil	7,210	8,248	8,376	128	1,166	8,000	8,000	0	-376
Burma	12,160	12,400	12,400	0	240	12,300	12,300	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	145,000	145,000	0	150
Colombia	1,400	1,718	1,718	0	318	1,598	1,598	0	-120
Cote d'Ivoire	1,399	1,335	1,335	0	-64	1,430	1,430	0	95
Cuba	395	433	433	0	38	370	370	0	-63
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	4,000	0	-800
European Union	2,048	2,070	2,069	-1	21	2,082	2,083	1	14
Ghana	385	396	396	0	11	390	390	0	-6
Guinea	1,351	1,435	1,435	0	84	1,386	1,386	0	-49
Guyana	688	560	560	0	-128	592	592	0	32
India	104,408	108,000	108,000	0	3,592	108,000	108,000	0	0
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	1,600	0	0
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	181	0	25	185	185	0	4
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	2,709	2,700	2,700	0	-9	2,772	2,772	0	72
Pakistan	6,800	6,800	6,800	0	0	6,900	6,900	0	100
Paraguay	450	502	502	0	52	643	643	0	141
Peru	2,174	2,200	2,200	0	26	2,105	2,105	0	-95
Philippines	11,000	11,500	11,500	0	500	11,200	11,200	0	-300
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	2,350	0	-944	3,300	2,900	-400	550
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	6,074	5,921	-153	-1,196
Uruguay	913	990	990	0	77	960	960	0	-30
Venezuela	340	305	305	0	-35	310	310	0	5
Vietnam	27,584	27,971	27,971	0	387	28,450	28,450	0	479
Subtotal	468,047	480,040	480,167	127	12,120	479,680	478,608	-1,072	-1,559
Others	3,821	3,767	3,755	-12	-66	3,982	3,982	0	227
World total	471,868	483,807	483,922	115	12,054	483,662	482,590	-1,072	-1,332

-- 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	July 2017	August 2017	Monthly revisions	Annual changes	July 2017	August 2017	Monthly revisions	Annual changes
	1,000 metric tons (milled basis)								
Argentina	527	550	550	0	23	450	450	0	-100
Australia	165	200	180	-20	15	325	325	0	145
Brazil	641	650	650	0	9	700	700	0	50
Burma	1,300	1,900	1,900	0	600	1,700	1,700	0	-200
Cambodia	1,150	1,200	1,200	0	50	1,250	1,250	0	50
China	368	800	900	100	532	900	1,000	100	100
Cote d'Ivoire	25	30	30	0	5	30	30	0	0
Egypt	200	100	100	0	-100	200	100	-100	0
European Union	270	280	280	0	10	280	280	0	0
Guinea	80	80	80	0	0	80	80	0	0
Guyana	460	450	450	0	-10	500	500	0	50
India	10,040	10,500	11,000	500	960	11,000	11,500	500	500
Japan	70	75	75	0	5	80	80	0	5
Kazakhstan	41	50	50	0	9	50	50	0	0
Pakistan	4,300	4,000	4,000	0	-300	4,100	4,100	0	100
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	110	0	-35	120	120	0	10
Surinam	40	45	45	0	5	45	45	0	0
Tanzania	30	30	30	0	0	30	30	0	0
Thailand	9,867	10,000	10,000	0	133	10,000	10,000	0	0
Turkey	55	50	75	25	20	50	50	0	-25
Uganda	40	40	40	0	0	40	40	0	0
United States	3,373	3,600	3,600	0	227	3,550	3,550	0	-50
Uruguay	996	925	925	0	-71	900	900	0	-25
Venezuela	100	40	40	0	-60	40	40	0	0
Vietnam	5,088	5,800	6,000	200	912	6,000	6,000	0	0
Subtotal	40,186	42,225	43,030	805	2,844	43,160	43,660	500	630
Other	254	292	292	0	38	259	259	0	(33)
World total	40,440	42,517	43,322	805	2,882	43,419	43,919	500	597
U.S. Share	8.3%	8.5%	8.3%	--	--	0	8.1%	0	--

-- 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	July 2017	August 2017	Monthly revisions	Annual changes	July 2017	August 2017	Monthly revisions	Annual changes
	1,000 tons (milled basis)								
Afghanistan	300	300	300	0	0	320	320	0	20
Australia	163	155	155	0	-8	155	155	0	0
Bangladesh	35	700	800	100	765	700	700	0	-100
Brazil	771	600	600	0	-171	600	600	0	0
Cameroon	500	520	520	0	20	540	540	0	20
Canada	356	365	365	0	9	370	370	0	5
China	4,600	5,100	5,100	0	500	5,000	5,000	0	-100
Colombia	300	110	110	0	-190	110	110	0	0
Costa Rica	159	140	140	0	-19	120	120	0	-20
Cote d'Ivoire	1,300	1,350	1,350	0	50	1,500	1,500	0	150
Cuba	544	510	510	0	-34	580	580	0	70
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	650	0	-50	675	675	0	25
Guinea	650	650	675	25	25	725	725	0	50
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	1,100	1,100	0	0	1,100	1,100	0	0
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	80	0	30	50	50	0	-30
Korea, South	313	410	410	0	97	410	410	0	0
Liberia	200	250	250	0	50	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	800	0	69	800	800	0	0
Mozambique	575	600	600	0	25	625	625	0	25
Nicaragua	106	75	75	0	-31	75	75	0	0
Niger	300	310	310	0	10	320	320	0	10
Nigeria	2,100	2,100	2,200	100	100	2,100	2,100	0	-100
Philippines	800	1,400	1,600	200	800	1,800	1,800	0	200
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	280	0	80	350	350	0	70
Singapore	319	300	300	0	-19	325	325	0	25
South Africa	954	925	925	0	-29	950	950	0	25
Sri Lanka	30	400	700	300	670	50	400	350	-300
Syria	150	140	140	0	-10	130	130	0	-10
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	400	0	20
Vietnam	300	300	300	0	0	300	300	0	0
Yemen	350	390	390	0	40	410	410	0	20
Subtotal	30,772	33,041	33,766	725	2,994	33,861	34,211	350	445
Other countries 2/	9,630	9,476	9,556	80	-74	9,558	9,708	150	152
World total	40,440	42,517	43,322	805	2,882	43,419	43,919	500	597

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).

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

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