

# Yields Expected Higher Except In California, Texas



The 2010/11 U.S. rice crop is projected at a record 245.9 million cwt, down 4.1 million cwt from last month's forecast, but still 12 percent larger than a year earlier.

By class, long-grain 2010/11 production is projected at record 187.2 million cwt, down 2.8 million cwt from last month's forecast, but almost 23 percent larger than a year earlier. Expanded plantings account for most of this year's projected increase in long-grain production.

All reported Southern rice-producing States increased rice plantings in 2010/11, with record plantings estimated for Arkansas and Missouri. Arkansas' plantings of 1.68 million acres are up 13 percent from last year. Rice plantings in Louisiana remain estimated at 560,000 acres, a 19-percent increase from 2009/10 and the highest since 1999/2000. Rice acreage in Mississippi expanded 22 percent in 2010/11 to 300,000 acres, the highest since 1999/2000. At 217,000 acres, rice plantings in Missouri are up more than 7 percent from 2009/10. Texas rice acreage expanded 16 percent to 199,000 acres, the highest since 2005/06.

Yields are projected to be higher this year in all reported States except California and Texas, with record yields projected for Louisiana and Missouri.

All reported States are projected to harvest larger crops in 2010/11 except California, with record crops projected for Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Missouri.

The progress of the 2010/11 U.S. rice crop continues to be ahead of normal. For the week ending August 8, 75 percent of the U.S. crop had headed, 10 percentage points ahead of the U.S. 5-year average and 22 percentage points ahead of last year.

## U.S. 2010/11 Total Rice Supplies Are Estimated at a Record 299.8 Million Cwt

Total U.S. rice supplies in 2010/11 are projected at a record 299.8 million cwt, down 3 percent from last month's forecast, but still up 11 percent from a year earlier. Carryin, production, and imports are all estimated to be larger in 2010/11 than last year. Long-grain accounts for all of the year-to-year increase in total supplies. Long-grain supplies are forecast at a record 226.1 million cwt, down 3 percent from last month's forecast, but 19 percent larger than a year earlier. In contrast, the combined medium/short-grain supply is forecast at 71.3 million cwt, down 5 percent from last month's forecast and 8 percent below a year earlier.

Estimates for all-rice beginning stocks, imports, and production were lowered this month. At 33.9 million cwt, the 2010/11 carryin is down 4.5 million cwt from last month's forecast, but up 11 percent from a year earlier.

Total imports for 2010/11 are forecast at 20.0 million cwt, down 1.0 million cwt from last month's forecast, but still up almost 3 percent from a year earlier.

## U.S. 2010/11 Export Forecast Raised 1.0 Million Cwt to 114.0 Million Cwt

Total use of U.S. rice in 2010/11 is projected at a record 243.0 million cwt, up 1.0 million cwt

from last month's projection and 3 percent above a year earlier.

Total domestic and residual use of all-rice remains projected at 129.0 million cwt for 2010/11, almost 2 percent above a year earlier and the highest on record. By class, long-grain domestic disappearance remains projected at a near-record 99.0 million, 5 percent above a year earlier. Combined medium/short-grain domestic disappearance remains projected at 30.0 million, 9 percent below this year. The projected year-to-year decline in medium/short-grain domestic disappearance is based on expectations of some switching by processors from medium/short-grain rice to lower priced long-grain rice.

Total exports of U.S. rice in 2010/11 are projected at 114.0 million cwt, up 1.0 million cwt from last month's forecast and almost 5 percent above the year earlier revised estimate.

By type, U.S. rough-rice exports are projected at a record 43.0 million cwt, down 4.0 million from last month's forecast, but almost 8 percent above a year earlier revised estimate.

By class, U.S. long-grain exports are projected at 80.0 million cwt, up 1.0 million cwt from last month's forecast and more than 7 percent larger than a year earlier.

## U.S. 2010/11 Ending Stocks Are Projected To Climb to 56.8 Million Cwt

U.S. ending stocks in 2010/11 are projected at 56.8 million cwt, down 10.6 million cwt from last month's forecast, but up 68 percent from a year earlier and the largest ending stocks since 1985/86.

By class, the 2010/11 long-grain carryout was lowered 7.3 million cwt to 47.1 million cwt, 121 percent larger than a year earlier and the highest since 1985/86. The long-grain stocks-to-use ratio is calculated at 26.3 percent, also the highest since 1985/86.

The medium/short-grain carryout was lowered 3.4 million cwt to 7.3 million cwt, 28 percent below a year earlier and the smallest since 1998/99.

There were several revisions this month to the use side of the 2009/10 balance sheet. Total use of U.S. rice in 2009/10 was raised 4.0 million cwt to 236.0 million cwt, a result of an upward revision in exports. The 2009/10 all-rice export forecast was raised 4.0 million cwt to 109.0 million, almost 15 percent above a year earlier.

## With Record Supplies, U.S. Long-grain Prices Are Expected to Fall in 2010/11

The 2010/11 season-average farm price (SAFP) for U.S. long-grain rice remains projected at \$9.00-\$10.00 per cwt, well below a revised \$12.80 in 2009/10. The weaker long-grain price forecast for 2010/11 is primarily based on declining global prices and much larger global and domestic supplies. The 2009/10 U.S. long-grain SAFP was lowered 10 cents from last month primarily based on NASS reported cash prices through June and expectations regarding prices in June.

The combined medium/short-grain 2010/11 U.S. SAFP remains projected at \$17.00- \$18.00 per cwt. The mid-point of the 2010/11 prices is 30 cents below the 2009/10 SAFP of \$17.80.

Last month, NASS reported a mid-July 2010 cash price for long-grain rice of \$12.00 per cwt, 30 cents above the revised June price. The June price was lowered 70 cents from a preliminary estimate to \$11.70, the lowest since January 2008. For medium/short-grain rice, the mid-July NASS price was reported at \$17.20 per cwt, up 60 cents from the revised June price. The June medium/short-grain rough-rice cash price was lowered \$30 per cwt from the mid-month estimate to \$16.60 per cwt, the lowest since July 2008. Δ



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