



August Rice Stocks Survey Training Materials

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Survey Training

Rice Stocks – August



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August Rice Stocks

- Follow-on from June APS
- Surveying operations with positive or suspected rice stocks and/or rice acreage
- Looking for “On Farm” stocks
- Information is combined with the Off-Farm Grain Stocks survey to produce one report.



General Survey Information

- Project Code: **129** – Rice Stocks Survey
- Questionnaires:
 - Mailed out around July 21
 - Web reporting option available
- Release:
 - *Rice Stocks*
 - Around August 23, 12pm ET



Rice Stored on Operation

- Report for all rice produced the previous year and earlier crop years stored August 1st on the total acres operated.
 - Exclude any new crop (or current year) rice
- Report dry weight in bushels
 - By length: Long, Medium, Short

What is the difference between short-grain rice, medium-grain rice and long-grain rice?



Short-grain



Medium-grain



Long-grain

So, What is the Deal With the 3 Different Lengths?

Long Grain:

- **Shape:** Long and slender, about 3-5 times longer than wide.
- **Texture:** Cooks up light and fluffy, with grains remaining separate and not clumping.
- **Uses:** Pilafs, salads, stir-fries, and other dishes where a separate, fluffy texture is desired.
- **Starch content:** Typically lower in starch, leading to a drier, less sticky texture.

Medium Grain:

- **Shape:** Shorter than long grain, about 2-3 times longer than wide.
- **Texture:** Cooks up moist and tender, with some stickiness.
- **Uses:** Risotto, paella, and dishes where a slightly sticky, moist texture is preferred.
- **Starch content:** Contains more starch than long grain, but less than short grain.

Short Grain:

- **Shape:** Short and plump, with a length-to-width ratio of less than 2:1.
- **Texture:** Cooks up sticky and clumpy, with grains adhering together.
- **Uses:** Sushi, rice balls, rice puddings, and dishes where a sticky, cohesive texture is desired.
- **Starch content:** Highest starch content, leading to a high level of stickiness.

Things to Watch For:

- Out of business operations
 - Leave good notes, being that this is a follow-on to June APS, these should be rare cases
- Stocks reported in units other than bushels
 - If some other unit is reported, please include a note with the name and weight (in pounds) of that unit.
- Be sure respondent is **excluding** any current year rice stocks on hand

Leave notes explaining any unusual situations. If the data seems odd, but is correct, leave a note explaining why.

Conclusion

- Please leave plenty of comments to explain any unusual or note worthy situations.
 - Office Statisticians value the “extra” information as they review the data, work on the estimates and communicate with Headquarters
- Reach out with any questions
- Thank you and have a great survey!!



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August Rice Stocks Survey – Extra Information

Overview

- Project code: **129** – Rice Stocks Survey
- Questionnaires:
 - Mails around July 21 each year
 - Web reporting available
- Sample:
 - Follow-On from June APS, subset of farms with suspected rice stocks and/or positive rice acres
- Release:
 - *Rice Stocks*
 - Around August 13 each year, 12pm ET



General Survey Info:

“On Farm” stocks = contacting farmers rather than businesses, such as Riceland. Information is combined with the Off-Farm Grain Stocks survey to produce one report.

Survey: This is a short survey just looking to collect information on On-Farm rice stocks. There is just one questions to the survey:

1. How much rice is on hand from the previous crop year and earlier crop years, as of August 1, 20XX?
 - a. Long
 - b. Medium
 - c. Short

If the respondent has any comments, leave them in a note on the record.

Watch for:

Out of business operations. Being that this is a follow-on from June there shouldn't be many of these cases. Leave good notes about current status.

Do not want current crop year rice reported. We only want previous year and earlier crop years.

Off Farm rice stocks reported. Make sure rice stocks are "on the acres operated"

Unusual units. Be sure to record the unit and weight of the unit if it's something other than lbs, tons, or CWT.

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