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Rice Update

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Report Highlights:

Despite 200,000 MT less production than previously expected and 400,000MT of food aid to N. Korea, MY2002 ending stocks are still expected to be higher than MY 2001

Includes PSD changes: Yes
Includes Trade Matrix: No
Unscheduled Report
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Post has revised the production of MY2002 down to 5 million metric ton (MMT) from the previous 5.2 MMT.

Based on an across-the-nation survey of 4,655 rice producers on September 15, the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry (MAF) decreased its 2002 rice crop estimate to a range of 4.95 MMT through 5.04MMT, 8.6 percent to 10.2 percent smaller than the 2001 crop. The MAF attributes the rice reduction to a combination of the decrease of rice acreage and flood damage caused by heavy rains and typhoon Rusa.

The average yield is estimated from 4.70- 4.79 MT per hectare (HA), 7.3 - 8.9 percent lower than the year earlier amount again, the result of typhoons and natural disasters in the eastern and southern part of Korean peninsula during the critical season of grain maturing.

With consumer demand flat despite Korean government's efforts to promote rice consumption and food aid expected to amount to 400,000 MT to North Korea will cause ending-stocks in MY2001 to fall to 1.7 MMT, down 19 percent from the previous estimate. If weather permits, South Korea plans to ship all 400,000 MT of the food aid by the end of CY2002.

Accordingly, the ending-stock of MY 2002 is reduced to 1.9 MMT, down 24 percent from the previous estimate.

PSD Table						
Country	Korea, Republic of					
Commodity	Rice, Milled				(1000 HA)(1000 MT)	
	Revised	2000	Preliminary	2001	Forecast	2002
	Old	New	Old	New	Old	New
Market Year Begin		11/2000		11/2001		11/2002
Area Harvested	1072	1072	1083	1083	1040	1053
Beginning Stocks	1355	1057	1739	1432	2299	1745
Milled Production	5291	5291	5515	5515	5200	5000
Rough Production	7197	7197	7453	7453	7027	6757
MILLING RATE (.9999)	7352	7352	7400	7400	7400	7400
TOTAL Imports	93	84	145	198	145	180
Jan-Dec Imports	99	84	150	198	150	180
Jan-Dec Import U.S.	13	3	0	60	0	50
TOTAL SUPPLY	6739	6432	7399	7145	7644	6925
TOTAL Exports	0	0	0	400	0	0
Jan-Dec Exports	0	0	0	400	0	0
TOTAL Dom. Consumption	5000	5000	5100	5000	5100	5000
Ending Stocks	1739	1432	2299	1745	2544	1925
TOTAL DISTRIBUTION	6739	6432	7399	7145	7644	6925

Rice Acreage, Yield, And Production

KOREA: Rice Acreage, Yield, And Production (Milled Basis)			
Crop Year	Acreage (1,000 HA)	Yield (Kg/HA)	Production (1,000 MT)
1997	1,052	5,180	5,449
1998	1,059	4,814	5,097
1999	1,066	4,937	5,263
2000	1,072	4,936	5,291
2001	1,083	5,160	5,515
2002	1,053	4,703 - 4,785	4,952 - 5,040

a/ Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry estimate.

Source: Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry (MAF)