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## Bangladesh

### Grain and Feed Update

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**Report Highlights:**

Rice production estimate for Bangladesh MY 2009/10 (July-June) is revised down to 30.5 million tons, with imports falling to 150,000 tons. The wheat import estimate for MY 2009/10 remains unchanged at 3 million tons.

**Post:** Dhaka  
**Commodities:** Rice, Milled

**Author Defined:**

**MY 2009/10 rice production down**

Rice production estimate for Bangladesh MY 2009/10 (July-June) is revised down to 30.5 million tons. The first rice crop Aus harvested in July was 1.7 million tons. The second rice crop Aman was impacted by drought at the planting stage, but benefited from late season rains. The crop is currently estimated at 11.8 million tons. The third rice crop Boro is currently being harvested. While the Boro crop is mostly irrigated, it suffered from inadequate water availability due to a severe shortage of electricity to operate water pumps. The revised Boro crop estimate is 17 millions tons.

**Price situation improving**

Current rice and wheat prices on average are 22 percent and 6 percent respectively higher than the prices a year ago. However with the market arrival of the newly harvested Boro rice crop, prices are showing a downward trend. Consecutive good rice harvests and increased availability of imported wheat has helped to stabilize the foodgrain supply situation in Bangladesh.

The current retail price of coarse rice is 28 Taka (40 cents) per kg, while wheat flour is 22 Taka (32 cents) per kg. The Government of Bangladesh has set a procurement target of 1.1 million tons of rice offering 25 Taka per kg as the support price, and 150,000 tons of paddy (unhasked rice) at a support price of 17 Taka per kg during the Boro season.

**Lower Imports**

According to official sources, rice imports for Bangladesh MY 2009/10 (july-June) through mid-April were only 29,200 tons. Considering the low domestic price of rice and the prospect of a normal Boro rice harvest, MY 2009/10 rice imports are expected to reach 150,000 tons, including 50,000 tons of government commercial imports. The wheat import estimate for MY 2009/10 remains unchanged at 3 million tons.

**Table 1: Commodity, Rice, Milled, PSD**

Rice, Milled Bangladesh	2008/2009			2009/2010			2010/2011		
	Market Year Begin: Jul 2008			Market Year Begin: Jul 2009			Market Year Begin: Jul 2010		
	USDA Official	Old Post	New Post	USDA Official	Old Post	New Post	USDA Official	Old Post	New Post
Area Harvested	11,600	11,600	11,100	11,600	11,600	11,600		11,700	11,700
Beginning Stocks	546	546	546	1,148	1,148	1,148		1,148	398
Milled Production	31,000	31,000	31,000	31,600	31,600	30,500		32,300	32,300
Rough Production	46,505	46,505	46,505	47,405	47,405	45,755		48,455	48,455
Milling Rate (.9999)	6,666	6,666	6,666	6,666	6,666	6,666		6,666	6,666

MY Imports	602	602	602	400	400	150		400	400
TY Imports	150	146	146	500	500	250		400	400
TY Imp. from U.S.	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0
Total Supply	32,148	32,148	32,148	33,148	33,148	31,798		33,848	33,098
MY Exports	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0
TY Exports	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0
Consumption and Residual	31,000	31,000	31,000	32,000	32,000	31,400		33,000	32,500
Ending Stocks	1,148	1,148	1,148	1,148	1,148	398		848	598
Total Distribution	32,148	32,148	32,148	33,148	33,148	31,798		33,848	33,098
Yield (Rough)	4.	4.	4.1896	4.	4.	3.9444		4.	4.1415
TS=TD			0			0			0