

DECEMBER 1, 2005 RICE AND CORN STOCKS

RICE STOCK

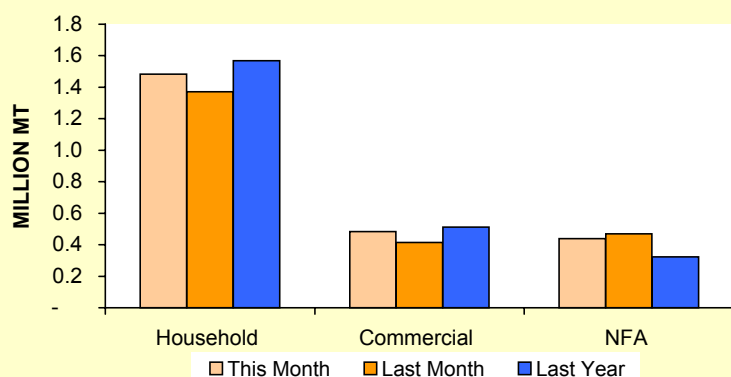
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ITEM	DEC 1, 2005 P/	NOV 1, 2005 P/	DEC 1, 2004	PERCENTAGE CHANGE	
				Dec. 2005/ Nov. 2005	Dec. 2005/ Dec. 2004
TOTAL STOCK	2,406.2	2,255.3	2,404.5	6.7	0.1
Household	1,484.5	1,371.4	1,567.9	8.3	(5.3)
Commercial *	482.7	413.6	512.2	16.7	(5.8)
NFA *	439.0	470.3	324.4	(6.7)	35.3

* NFA data

P/ Preliminary.

Figure 1. Rice stock as of December 1, 2005 compared with those of last month and previous year



- The country's December 1, 2005 total rice stock was estimated at **2.41** million metric tons, up **6.7** and **0.1** percent over its month and year ago levels, respectively. The stock would last for **83** days.

- Household stock was assessed at **1.48** million metric tons, and commercial stock at **0.48** million metric tons, higher over their month ago levels by **8.3** and **16.7** percent, respectively. In contrast, NFA holdings dropped to **0.44** million metric tons or **6.7** percent below previous month's level, but **35.3** percent above year ago level.

- Of the December 1 rice stock, **62.0** percent were with households, **18.0** and **20.0** percent were held in NFA depositories and commercial warehouses, respectively.

CORN STOCK

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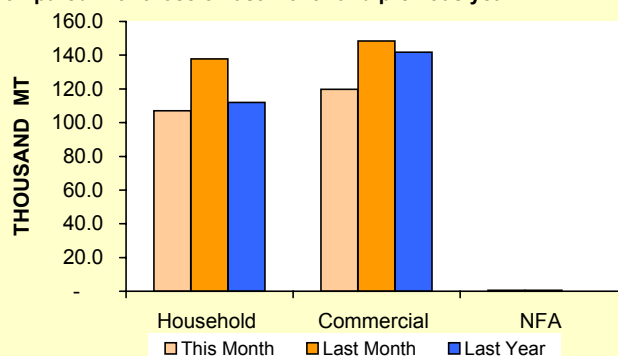
ITEM	DEC 1, 2005 P/	NOV 1, 2005 P/	DEC 1, 2004	PERCENTAGE CHANGE	
				Dec. 2005/ Nov. 2005	Dec. 2005/ Dec. 2004
TOTAL STOCK ^{1/}	227.4	286.7	253.7	(20.7)	(10.4)
Household	107.1	137.8	111.9	(22.3)	(4.3)
Commercial *	119.8	148.4	141.8	(19.3)	(15.5)
NFA *	0.48	0.49	-	(2.0)	

* NFA data

^{1/} Excludes corn stock held by commercial livestock and poultry producers and corn mixed in feed stock.

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Figure 2. Corn stock as of December 1, 2005 compared with those of last month and previous year



- The total corn stock as of December 1, 2005 was estimated at **227.4** thousand metric tons, lower by **20.7** and **10.4** percent from its month and year ago levels, respectively.

- Of the total corn stock, **53** percent were with commercial warehouses while the remaining **47** percent were with households.

- Stock inventories from both household and commercial sectors dropped from their month ago records by **22.3** and **19.3** percent, respectively. Likewise, compared to last year, household and commercial sector stocks went down by **4.3** and **15.5** percent, respectively.

- NFA reported **484** metric tons stock of corngrain by December 1, slightly lower than previous month's level.