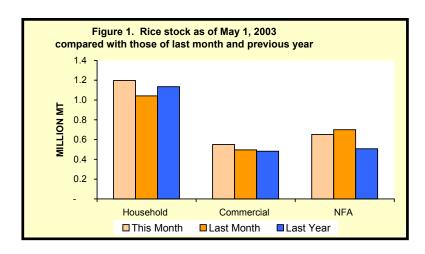
MAY 1, 2003 RICE AND CORN STOCK

RICE STOCK

('000 MT) PERCENTAGE CHANGE MAY. 1, 2003 APR. 1, 2003 **ITEM** MAY. 1, 2002 May. 2003/ May. 2003/ Apr. 2003 P/ P/ May. 2002 **TOTAL STOCK** 12.8 2,397.5 2,238.0 7.1 2,124.8 Household 1,196.7 1,041.8 1,135.2 14.9 5.4 14.0 Commercial * 550.0 495.7 482.3 11.0 NFA* 650.8 700.5 507.3 (7.1)28.3

P/ Preliminary.



Total rice stock as of May 1, 2003 was estimated at 2.40 million metric tons, around 273 thousand m.t. (12.8%) higher than last year's stock volume for the same period. It was also 7.1 percent higher than the preceding month's level of 2.24 million metric tons.

- Compared to last year, all sectors posted higher stock levels. The NFA holdings registered a 28.3 percent increment with inflows from domestic procurement and imports. Imported rice accounted for 64.5 percent of NFA stocks.
- The current supply in households and commercial holdings went up by 14.9 and 11.0 percent, respectively compared to the preceding month. That of NFA's went down by around 7.1 percent.
- As of the reporting period NFA rice stocks was good for 25 days, while those of the households and commercial warehouses were good for 45 and 21 days, respectively.

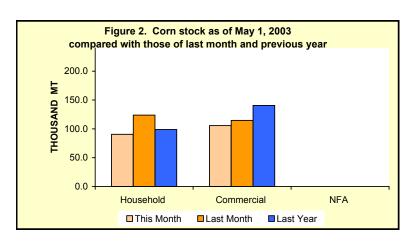
CORN STOCK

('000 MT)

				PERCENTAGE CHANGE	
ITEM	MAY 1, 2003	APR 1, 2003	MAY. 1, 2002	May. 2003/	May. 2003/
	P/	P/		Apr. 2003	May. 2002
TOTAL STOCK 1/	196.1	238.4	239.4	(17.7)	(18.1)
Household	90.5	123.8	98.8	(26.9)	(8.4)
Commercial *	105.6	114.6	140.6	(7.9)	(24.9)
NFA *	-	-	-		

^{*} NFA data P/ Preliminary.

Excludes corn stock held by commercial livestock and poultry producers and corn mixed in feed stock.



- The current total corn stock amounted to 196 thousand metric tons, lower than the preceding month and that of last year's level by 17.7 and 18.1 percent, respectively.
- Compared to last year and month ago levels, major stock drawdown was observed in the commercial sector (25%) and household sector (27%), respectively.
- Around 46 percent of the current corn stocks are with the households and 54 percent are with the commercial warehouses.
- NFA still has no corn stock reported in both periods.

^{*} NFA data