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Report Highlights:

Current year rice production is forecast at 22,965 tons, nearly six percent below 2000/01 results due to early season drought.

Includes PSD changes: Yes
Includes Trade Matrix: Yes
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Aman Rice Production Dips On Early-Season Drought:

Early-season drought has reduced prospects for this year's Aman rice crop by an estimated 5 percent. The Aman provides about 45 percent of Bangladesh's annual rice production. Output is likely to be about 2.3 percent below our preliminary estimate (BG1001) as a result of Jun-Aug drought stress in the northern and western districts, which account for roughly 62 percent of the Aman crop.

Rains since mid-August have greatly eased the situation, allowing transplanting to continue into early September, three weeks longer than normal. Seeded area is now put at 5.144 million hectares, nearly 2 percent above the 5.050 million hectare target, but 2 percent below the 2000/01 record. Although abundant October rains have greatly assisted vegetative growth, they were unable to completely offset the slow start suffered by more than 50 percent of the Aman crop due to the early-season drought.

Bangladesh harvested a record 26.2 million tons of foodgrains (24.36 million rice; 1.85 million metric ton wheat) in 2000/01, an increase of 5.2 percent over 1999/00. Following the severe flooding in 1998/99, the climatic factors affecting crop production have been almost entirely favorable until this year. Extra efforts by the government to ensure adequate supplies of inputs contributed to bumper Aman and Boro crops last year. Current year forecasts and production estimates for recent years are as follows:

Table 1: Bangladesh Foodgrain Production, 1999/00 - 2001/02
(000 metric tons)

Crop/year	1999/00	2000/01	2001/02
Aus	1,734	1,915 (1,900)	1,800
Aman	10,305	11,247 (11,100)	10,165 (10,700)
Boro	11,027	11,200 (11,000)	11,000
Total (Rice)	23,066	24,362 (24,000)	22,965 (23,500)
Wheat	1,840	1,850 (1,840)	2,000
Total Foodgrains	24,906	26,212 (25,840)	24,965 (25,500)

Note: Previous estimates are within parenthesis.

Rice Imports:

The Bangladesh government imported no food grains on a commercial basis in 2000/01. Of the total 562,000 tons of rice imports, 529,000 tons were commercial (private importers) and 33,000 tons were concessional. India was the major origin (284,500 tons); others were Thailand, Pakistan, and Vietnam. In spite of consecutive favorable harvests and government measures to discourage rice imports, 2000/01 imports were 23 percent higher than 1999/00.

Rice Stocks:

Rice procurement in 2000/01 was 822,837 tons, compared with 756,4682 in 1999/00. Public distribution of rice by the government increased by about 20 percent to 983,694 tons. Bumper production of Aman and Boro crops resulted in record rice stocks in the hands of farmers and traders. As the government did not import, however, government rice stocks fell from 562,000 tons in 1999/00 to 422,000 tons in 2000/01.

Import Regulations:

There are no quantitative restrictions on the import of rice. The tariff structure is: customs duty 25%, regulatory duty 10% (to discourage imports, effective from August 07, 2001), advance income tax 3% and development surcharge 2.5%. The government prohibits rice imports (from India) at all land ports except Benalope.

Commodity, Rice Milled, PSD

PSD Table							
Country:	Bangladesh						
Commodity:	Rice, Milled						
		1999		2000		2001	UOM
	Old	New	Old	New	Old	New	
Market Year Begin		07/1999		07/2000		07/2001	(MONTH/YEAR)
Area Harvested	10700	10708	10700	10900	10700	10900	(1000 Hectares)
Beginning Stocks	800	695	562	562	900	422	(1000 MT)
Milled Production	21530	23066	24000	24362	23500	22965	(1000 MT)
Rough Production	32298	34602	36004	36547	35254	34450	(1000 MT)
Milling Rate(.9999)	6666	6666	6666	6666	6666	6666	(1000 MT)
TOTAL Imports	200	433	240	562	200	658	(1000 MT)
Jan-Dec Imports	1786	1795	240	502	200	600	(1000 MT)
Jan-Dec Import U.S.	0	0	0	0	0	0	(1000 MT)
TOTAL SUPPLY	22530	24194	24802	25486	24600	24045	(1000 MT)
TOTAL Exports	0	0	0	0	0	0	(1000 MT)
Jan-Dec Exports	0	0	0	0	0	0	(1000 MT)
TOTAL Dom. Consumption	22055	23632	23902	25064	23800	23645	(1000 MT)
Ending Stocks	475	562	900	422	800	400	(1000 MT)
TOTAL DISTRIBUTION	22530	24194	24802	25486	24600	24045	(1000 MT)

Commodity, Rice Milled, Import Trade Matrix

Import Trade Matrix			
Country:		Units:	Metric Tons
Commodity:			
Time period:			
Imports for	1999		2000
U.S.		U.S.	
Others		Others	
India	1691000	India	267000
Thailand	49000	Pakistan	122000
Pakistan	31400	Thailand	48000
Myanmar	20200	Vietnam	37000
Italy	4400	Myanmar	16000
Total for Others	1796000		490000
Others not listed			12000
Grand Total	1796000		502000