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## **Philippines**

### **Grain and Feed**

### **Milled Rice PSD Update**

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#### **Report Highlights:**

**Post projects Philippine rice imports at 850,000 MT in CY2000 and 1 million MT in CY2001.**

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Includes PSD changes: Yes

Includes Trade Matrix: No

Unscheduled Report

Manila [RP1], RP

<b>PSD Table</b>						
Country	Philippines					
Commodity	Rice, Milled				(1000 HA)(1000 MT)	
	Revised	1998	Prelim.	1999	Forecast	2000
	Old	New	Old	New	Old	New
Market Year Begin		07/1998		07/1999		07/2000
Area Harvested	3630	3630	4000	4004	0	3875
Beginning Stocks	1566	1566	2115	2075	0	2050
Milled Production	6674	6674	7750	7795	0	7690
Rough Production	10268	10268	11923	11992	0	11831
MILLING RATE (.9999)	6500	6500	6500	6500	0	6500
TOTAL Imports	1725	1755	600	665	0	1000
Jan-Dec Imports	1000	1038	800	850	0	1000
Jan-Dec Import U.S.	0	0	0	59	0	35
TOTAL SUPPLY	9965	9995	10465	10535	0	10740
TOTAL Exports	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jan-Dec Exports	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL Dom. Consum.	7850	7920	8200	8485	0	8555
Ending Stocks	2115	2075	2265	2050	0	2185
TOTAL DISTRIBUTION	9965	9995	10465	10535	0	10740

Imports in MY98/99 were increased slightly as illegal imports were higher than expected. An estimated 200,000 tons of rice was smuggled into the Philippines in 1999. Domestic consumption in MY99/00 likewise was also raised due to higher supply.

Adequate rainfall and fewer typhoons in MY99/00 will expand area harvested and consequently rice production. Production and area harvested estimates are based on the most recent (April 2000) official GOP projections. Despite record production during the year, imports will still be required to satisfy food security requirements of the rapidly growing population. This will be in addition to an estimated 300,000 tons of rice illegally imported in MY99/00. The consumption level during the period was also raised to account for significant handling and storage losses as a result of what many consider to be over-importation in the face of record-level production in calendar year 1999. The U.S. import figure in the Jan.- Dec. row represents the volume contracted under the FY99 P.L. 480 Title I Agreement that has arrived early this year.

Production in MY00/01 will likely decline as the weather "normalizes" but is still expected to exceed MY98/99 levels. Imports are projected to reach a million tons in both MY00/01 and calendar year 2001. Imports from the U.S. will mainly be from the \$10 million FY00 P.L. 480 Title I rice component scheduled for signing in July.