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**Report Highlights:**

The 2004/05 rice production forecast is revised down to 25.4 million tons due to potential losses from heavy rains and floods. The wheat production forecast is revised to 1.35 million tons due to a shift in acreage from wheat to other competing crops like potatoes.

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Includes PSD Changes: Yes  
Includes Trade Matrix: No  
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**RICE**

MY 2004/05 rice production forecast is revised down to 25.4 million tons from 11.0 million hectares from Post's earlier forecast of 26.5 million tons – the latter made under normal weather assumptions. The 2003/04 production is revised to 26.2 million tons to reflect the official estimate.

The country experienced heavy rains and floods during end-July to mid-August, and again in mid-September, which hampered timely planting of the rain dependent *Aman* rice crop (harvested in fall and early winter). Farmers tried to offset the crop losses by planting late season low yielding varieties, but with only limited success. Furthermore, the early season *Aus* rice crop also got damaged due to an early monsoon, coinciding with harvesting. The irrigated *Boro* (summer harvested) rice crop is likely to be higher due to increased irrigation availability, partly offsetting the *Aus* and *Aman* losses. Based on official production data, the 2003/04 rice production estimate is revised to 26.2 million tons. Area and production estimates and forecast by season are given below:

Rice Crop	2002/03 (Estimates)		2003/04 (Estimates)		2004/05 (Forecast)	
	Area (tha)	Production (tmt)	Area (tha)	Production (tmt)	Area (tha)	Production (tmt)
Aus	1,245	1,850	1,147	1,832	1,100	1,400
Aman	5,685	11,115	5,710	11,520	5,800	11,000
Boro	3,847	12,222	4,045	12,800	4,100	13,000
<b>Total Rice</b>	<b>10,777</b>	<b>25,187</b>	<b>10,902</b>	<b>26,152</b>	<b>11,000</b>	<b>25,400</b>

MY 2004/05 rice imports are forecast to increase to 1 million tons, reflecting lower production. Data for earlier years reflect official estimates or data compiled by the World Food Program of the United Nations.

**WHEAT**

Wheat production forecast for MY 2004/05 is lowered to 1.35 million metric tons from 560,000 hectares. Factors responsible for the downward revision include competition from vegetable crops, particularly potatoes due to their higher prices vis-à-vis wheat, and planting problems caused by too much water. The 2003/04 wheat production estimate is also revised to 1.33 million metric tons from 567,000 hectares. MY 2004/05 imports are revised upward to 1.8 million tons. Revised trade data for earlier years reflect official estimates or data compiled by the World Food Program of the United Nations.

Table 1: Commodity, Rice Milled, PSD

<b>PSD Table</b>							
<b>Country:</b>	<b>Bangladesh</b>						
<b>Commodity:</b>	<b>Rice, Milled</b>						
		<b>2002</b>		<b>2003</b>		<b>2004</b>	UOM
	Old	New	Old	New	Old	New	
<b>Market Year Begin</b>		<b>Jul-02</b>		<b>Jul-03</b>		<b>Jul-04</b>	(MONTH/YEAR)
Area Harvested	10,777	10,777	10,900	10,902	10,700	11,000	(1000 Hectares)
Beginning Stocks	400	400	442	739	742	792	(1000 MT)
Milled Production	25,187	25,187	26,000	26,152	25,500	25,400	(1000 MT)
Rough Production	37,784	37,784	39,004	39,232	38,254	38,104	(1000 MT)
Milling Rate(.9999)	6,666	6,666	6,666	6,666	6,666	6,666	(1000 MT)
TOTAL Imports	955	1,552	700	801	800	1,000	(1000 MT)
Jan-Dec Imports	1,112	1,639	600	700	600	800	(1000 MT)
Jan-Dec Import U.S.	0	0	0	0	0	0	(1000 MT)
<b>TOTAL SUPPLY</b>	<b>26,542</b>	<b>27,139</b>	<b>27,142</b>	<b>27,692</b>	<b>27,042</b>	<b>27,192</b>	(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	26,100	26,400	26,400	26,900	26,700	26,800	(1000 MT)
Ending Stocks	442	739	742	792	342	392	(1000 MT)
<b>TOTAL DISTRIBUTION</b>	<b>26,542</b>	<b>27,139</b>	<b>27,142</b>	<b>27,692</b>	<b>27,042</b>	<b>27,192</b>	(1000 MT)

Table 2: Commodity, Wheat, PSD

PSD Table							
Country:	Bangladesh						
Commodity:	Wheat						
		2002		2003		2004	UOM
	Old	New	Old	New	Old	New	
Market Year Begin		Jul-02		Jul-03		Jul-04	(MONTH/YEAR)
Area Harvested	707	707	700	567	700	560	(1000 Hectares)
Beginning Stocks	600	600	310	310	310	372	(1000 MT)
Production	1510	1510	1500	1330	1500	1350	(1000 MT)
TOTAL Mkt. Yr. Imports	1335	1664	1500	1998	1600	1800	(1000 MT)
Jul-Jun Imports	1335	1664	1500	1998	1600	1800	(1000 MT)
Jul-Jun Import U.S.	72	55	91	106	0	100	(1000 MT)
<b>TOTAL SUPPLY</b>	3445	3774	3310	3638	3410	3522	(1000 MT)
TOTAL Mkt. Yr. Exports	0	0	0	0	0	0	(1000 MT)
Jul-Jun Exports	0	0	0	0	0	0	(1000 MT)
Feed Dom. Consumption	0	0	0	0	0	0	(1000 MT)
TOTAL Dom. Consumption	3135	3464	3000	3266	3100	3300	(1000 MT)
Ending Stocks	310	310	310	372	310	222	(1000 MT)
<b>TOTAL DISTRIBUTION</b>	3445	3774	3310	3638	3410	3522	(1000 MT)