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## Egypt

### Grain and Feed

### Rice Voluntary Report

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**Report Highlights:**

Egyptian rice exports to traditional markets increased substantially in 2003 due in part , to the continuing devaluation of the Egyptian pound, and increased production. Both production and exports are projected to increase in CY 2004.

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## PSD Tabs

## PSD Table

Country:

Egypt

Commodity:

Rice,  
Milled

Market Year Begin	2002		2003		2004	
	Old	New	Old	New	Old	New
	01/2001		01/2002		01/2003	
Area Harvested	672	588	615	630	0	635
Beginning Stocks	360	360	610	342	0	400
Milled Production	3900	3705	3900	3972	0	4000
Rough Production	600	5700	6000	6110	0	6150
Milling Rate(.9999)	6500	6500	6500	6500	0	65
TOTAL Imports	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jan-Dec Imports	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jan-Dec Import U.S.	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL SUPPLY</b>	4260	<b>4065</b>	4510	<b>4314</b>	0	<b>4400</b>
TOTAL Exports	400	473	550	579	0	600
Jan-Dec Exports	400	473	550	579	0	600
TOTAL Dom. Consumption	3250	3250	3300	3335	0	3350
Ending Stocks	610	342	660	400	0	450
<b>TOTAL DISTRIBUTION</b>	4260	<b>4065</b>	4510	<b>4314</b>	0	<b>4400</b>

## Production &amp; Trade

PS&D estimates for 2003 have been revised to reflect new information about actual export data for the last two months of 2003 which was released recently by the Central Agency for Public Mobilization & Statistics (CAPMAS). We revised total exports upward from 550,000 MT to 579,000 MT. This is an increase of 106,000 MT over the same period in 2002. We also revised ending stocks downward from 660,000 MT to 400,000 MT. In 2004, both area and production are projected to increase slightly from the 2003 level.

This substantial increase in rice exports can be attributed to the following factors:

- 1) Continues devaluation of the Egyptian pound.
- 2) Egypt and Syria negotiated a barter trade agreement in December, 2002, which called for exportation of 200,000 MT of Syrian wheat to Egypt in exchange for unspecified amounts of Egyptian rice and nonagricultural products. It appears that Egyptian rice exports to Syria this year benefited from this agreement.

On March 23, 2004, the government reduced import tariffs on milled rice from 20 percent to one percent in an attempt to keep rough rice prices down which reached LE 1,300 per MT (\$213) in recent weeks. This action may prevent local rice prices from increasing. However,

this not expected to result in rice imports due to the prevailing high international prices for rice. The current export price for Egyptian medium grain rice is \$355 C&F to Syria.

### Export Trade Matrix

## Export Trade Matrix

<b>Country:</b>	<b>Egypt</b>	Units:	000MT
<b>Commodity:</b>	<b>Rice, Milled</b>		
<b>Time period:</b>			
<b>Exports for</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2003</b>	
U.S.		U.S.	
Others		Others	
Syria	84,282	Turkey	130,915
Turkey	77,313	Syria	124,157
Romania	72,540	Libya	73,791
Jordan	51,059	Romania	34,201
Sudan	33,179	Jordan	33,738
Libya	33,000	Sudan	30,352
Ukraine	16,000	Lebanon	15,853
Saudi Arabia	12,108	Taiwan	7,049
U.K	10,418	U.K	5,021
Lebanon	10,418	Bulgaria	4,724
<b>Total for Others</b>	400317		459801
<b>Others not listed</b>	72,683		118,841
<b>Grand Total</b>	473000		578642

**Country of Destination for the last two months of 2003**

<b>November 2003</b>	
Turkey	11,732
Syria	11,167
Jordan	4,968
Taiwan	4,427
Romania	2,250
Lebanon	2,166
Total	36710
Others	6450
G.Total	43,160
<b>December 2003</b>	
Turkey	22,317
Syria	16,768
Lebanon	2,796
Taiwan	2,622
Total	44503
Others	26001
G.Total	70,504