



USA RICE FEDERATION

Rice To Know Facts

- September is National Rice Month.
- Rice is one of the world's most important foods. It is a primary staple for more than half the world's population.
- Two-thirds of U.S. consumers eat rice once a week and 85 percent have rice at least twice a month.
- Almost 90 percent of the rice consumed in the United States is grown here.
- U.S. rice farmers harvest approximately three million acres annually.
- The United States is one of the largest exporters of rice, supplying about 14 percent of the rice that enters into world trade.
- Rice is one of America's oldest agribusinesses, dating back to 1685.
- Many species of birds, mammals, amphibians and reptiles take advantage of the wetland habitat created by U.S. rice farmers, making rice a unique agricultural crop.



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