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Report Highlights:

On February 3, 2012, the Ministry of Agriculture (MoA) released the '[Second Advance Estimate for the Indian Crop Year 2011-12](#)' (June/May), forecasting record food grain production for a second consecutive year at 250.4 million tons. MOA also raised the 2010/11 final food grain production estimate to a record 244.8 million tons. Consequently, the MY 2011/12 rice and wheat production forecasts are raised to 102 million tons and 86.87 million tons, respectively, and the MY 2010/11 rice production forecast is raised to 95.98 million tons. This rapid update is due to the release of the new official statistics which were not available when the last update (IN2016) was submitted on February 2, 2012.

General Information:

Situation and Outlook

Ministry of Agriculture Forecasts Record Food Grain Production for Second Consecutive Year....

On February 3, 2012, the Ministry of Agriculture (MoA) released the 'Second Advance Estimate for the Indian Crop Year 2011-12' (June/May). The report forecast food grain production at 250.4 million tons, a record for a second consecutive year, and set the 2010/11 estimate at a record 244.8 million tons. The food grain production forecasts include rice, corn, sorghum, millet and pulse crops harvested in Oct/Dec 2011 (MY 2011/12) and to be harvested in March/May 2012 (MY 2011/12), as well as wheat and barley crops to be harvested in March/April 2012 (MY 2012/13). The Ministry also revised its estimate of Indian crop year 2010/11 food grain production to a record 244.8 million tons, about 3.2 million tons higher than the fourth advance estimate, largely due to higher than anticipated yields for most crops. However, the MoA has still not posted details of the latest release on its website.

...Rice and Wheat Production Estimate Raised

Based on the latest government release, the MY 2011/12 rice production estimate has been raised to 102 million tons on higher acreage (45.2 million hectares vs. 45.0 million hectares forecast earlier) and higher yields (2.26 tons/hectare vs. 2.21 tons/hectare forecast earlier). Based on the final official estimate for the Indian crop year 2010/11, MY 2010/11 rice production has been raised to 95.98 million tons and MY 2011/12 wheat production has been raised to 86.87 million tons.

Favorable 2011 monsoon rains coupled with overall weather conditions in India's major rice growing areas supported higher *khariif* rice acreage (3.0 million hectares above last year) and productivity leading to record rice production as reflected by strong market arrivals of *khariif* paddy. However, planting of *rabi* rice (10 percent of total rice) is currently lagging behind last year's level (1.76 million hectares vs. 1.93 million hectares last year) due to relatively depressed market prices for paddy/rice. Consequently, Post expects MY 2011/12 to be lower than the government's second advance estimate of 102.75 million tons on an expected lower *rabi* rice crop.

Rice and wheat consumption (see attached PSD) have been adjusted to reflect the revised production estimates.

STATISTICAL TABLES

Table 1. India: Commodity, Rice, Milled, PSD

(Area in Thousand Hectares, Others in Thousand Metric Tons)

Rice, Milled India	2009/2010		2010/2011		2011/2012	
	Market Year Begin: Oct 2009		Market Year Begin: Oct 2010		Market Year Begin: Oct 2011	
	USDA Official	New Post	USDA Official	New Post	USDA Official	New Post
Area Harvested	41,850	41,850	42,700	42,700	45,000	45,200
Beginning Stocks	19,000	19,000	20,500	20,500	23,000	23,500
Milled Production	89,090	89,090	95,300	95,980	100,000	102,000
Rough Production	133,648	133,648	142,964	143,984	150,015	153,015
Milling Rate (.9999)	6,666	6,666	6,666	6,666	6,666	6,666
MY Imports	0	0	0	0	0	0
TY Imports	0	0	0	0	0	0
TY Imp. from U.S.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Supply	108,090	108,090	115,800	116,480	123,000	125,500
MY Exports	1,900	2,082	2,800	2,800	4,500	7,000
TY Exports	2,052	2,228	3,800	4,200	4,500	7,000
Consumption and Residual	85,690	85,508	90,000	90,180	94,000	94,500
Ending Stocks	20,500	20,500	23,000	23,500	24,500	24,000
Total Distribution	108,090	108,090	115,800	116,480	123,000	125,500
Yield (Rough)	3.	3.1935	3.	3.372	3.	3.3853
TS=TD		0		0		0

Table 2. India: Commodity, Wheat PSD

(Area in Thousand Hectares, Others in Thousand Metric Tons)

Wheat India	2009/2010		2010/2011		2011/2012	
	Market Year Begin: Apr 2009		Market Year Begin: Apr 2010		Market Year Begin: Apr 2011	
	USDA Official	New Post	USDA Official	New Post	USDA Official	New Post
Area Harvested	27,750	27,750	28,360	28,460	29,400	29,400
Beginning Stocks	13,430	13,430	16,120	16,125	15,360	15,360
Production	80,680	80,680	80,800	80,800	85,930	86,870
MY Imports	218	218	272	272	25	25
TY Imports	291	291	199	199	25	25
TY Imp. from U.S.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Supply	94,328	94,328	97,192	97,197	101,315	102,255
MY Exports	58	58	72	72	1,000	700
TY Exports	62	62	60	60	1,000	700
Feed and Residual	100	100	150	150	200	200
FSI Consumption	78,050	78,045	81,610	81,615	84,500	82,855
Total Consumption	78,150	78,145	81,760	81,765	84,700	83,055
Ending Stocks	16,120	16,125	15,360	15,360	15,615	18,500
Total Distribution	94,328	94,328	97,192	97,197	101,315	102,255
Yield	3.	2.9074	3.	2.8391	3.	2.9548
TS=TD		0		0		0

