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Report Highlights:

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General Information:

Export Estimate Increased

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Massive Floods Hit Pakistan

Pakistan is bracing through the worst floods in recent history. Khyber Pakhtonkhwa has been badly affected; losses in Punjab also reported to be large, with Sindh likely to suffer losses in the next few days.

Though the core Basmati belt in central Punjab has not been significantly affected by the floods, initial estimates indicate 10,000 acres of rice have been affected in southern Punjab. Flood waters have just begun to reach Sindh, thus it is too early to estimate crop losses in the province. Coarse varieties are grown mostly in Sindh so the production losses will be more pronounced for these varieties.

At present all efforts are focused on emergency relief, actual damage assessments to the MY2010/11 rice crop will require further time.

Table 1: Rice Production, Supply and Demand

	ice, istan	2008/2009			2009/2010			2010/2011		
		Market Year Begin: Nov 2008			Market Year Begin: Nov 2009			Market Year Begin: Nov 2010		
		USDA Official	Old Post	New Post	USD A Offici al	Old Post	New Post	USD A Offici al	Old Post	New Post
Area Harvested		2,912	2,91 2	2,912	2,80 0	2,80 0	2,80 0	2,80 0	2,80 0	2,80 0
Beginning Stocks		700	200	200	1,00 0	1,00 0	1,000	1,20 0	1,20 0	850
Milled Production		6,700	6,30 0	6,700	6,50 0	6,50 0	6,50 0	6,50 0	6,50 0	6,50 0
Rough Production		10,05 1	9,45 0	10,05 1	9,75 1	9,75 0	9,75 0	9,75 1	9,75 0	9,75 0
Milling Rate (.9999)		6,666	6,66 6	6.666	6,66 6	6,66 6	6.66 6	6,66 6	6,66 6	6,66 6
MY Imports		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

TY Imports	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TY Imp. from U.S.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Supply	7,400	6,50	6,900	7,50	7,50	7,50	7,70	7,70	7,35
		0		0	0	0	0	0	0
MY Exports	3,000	4,00	3,000	3,30	3,30	3,75	3,60	3,60	3,60
		0		0	0	0	0	0	0
TY Exports	3,000	4,00	3,000	3,30	3,30	3,75	3,60	3,60	3,60
		0		0	0	0	0	0	0
Consumption and Residual	3,400	2,20	2,900	3,00	3,00	2900	3,00	3,00	3,00
		0		0	0		0	0	0
Ending Stocks	1,000	300	1,000	1,20	1,20	850	1,10	1,10	750
				0	0		0	0	
Total Distribution	7,400	6,50	6,900	7,50	7,50	7,50	7,70	7,70	7,35
		0		0	0	0	0	0	0
Yield (Rough)	3.4	3.2	3.4	3.	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.4
TS=TD			0			0			0