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Daily

Up-to-the-Minute News on Issues and Activities

USA Rice Federation is the global advocate for all segments of the U.S. rice industry with a mission to promote and protect the interests of producers, millers, merchants and allied businesses.

USA Rice Federation offices will be closed on Monday, Oct. 12 in observance of Columbus Day. USA Rice Daily will resume publication on Tuesday, Oct. 13.

Government Affairs

Vilsack Launches National Institute of Food and Agriculture

WASHINGTON — Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack yesterday [launched](#) the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s (USDA) National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA), focusing his remarks on transforming the role of science and research at USDA.

“...We will be rebuilding our competitive grants program from the ground up to generate real results for the American people,” Vilsack said. “I want USDA science to focus most of its resources on accomplishing a few, bold outcomes... to improve human health and protect our environment.”

“The USA Rice Federation appreciates Secretary Vilsack emphasizing the importance and value of USDA’s agricultural research programs. We also support annual congressional funding for USDA to continue its longstanding research mission to advance basic and applied agricultural research,” USA Rice Vice President for Government Affairs Reece Langley said.

NIFA funds research, education and extension at the state and local level through annual formula grants to land-grant universities and competitive grant funds to researchers in land-grant and other universities. NIFA also partners with non-profit associations, commodity groups, grower associations and private industry groups.

The institute replaced the former Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service, which had been in existence since 1994.

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CBOT Rice Futures Closing

CME Group: [Closing Price of Rough-Rice Futures for Oct. 9](#)

	Nov. 09	Jan. 10	Mar. 10	May 10	July 10	Sept. 10	Nov. 10
Price	\$13.40	\$13.655	\$13.905	\$14.155	\$14.41	\$14.08	\$14.205
Net Change	- \$0.08	- \$0.08	- \$0.075	- \$0.065	- \$0.065	Unch	Unch

Grain Report Features Global Rice Market's Causative Factors

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Foreign Agricultural Service October [report](#), *Grain: World Markets and Trade*, discusses world rice-trade conditions, including the cover-page title, "Policies Contribute to Uncertainty in Global Rice Market." In the opening summary, the report provides an overview of the government purchasing and export policies of Thailand, India, Vietnam and other countries to illustrate activities that have caused market uncertainties.

"Over the past two years, unpredictable government policies have led to uncertainty about prices and the reliability of supply sources in the global rice market," the report says.

The 59-page report also provides selected trade changes from the previous projections:

- Vietnam's exports for 2010 increased 500,000 tons to 5.5 million based on huge exportable supplies resulting from the record 2009 crop.
- Egypt's exports decreased 500,000 tons for 2009 and 2010 (down 50,000 and 100,000 tons, respectively) due to government restrictions.
- Philippines's imports decreased 400,000 tons to 2 million based on purchases to date.
- European Union's imports increased 150,000 tons for both 2009 and 2010 to 1.4 million based on expectations that the current import pace will continue.
- Indonesia's imports decreased 100,000 tons to 250,000 for 2009 based on the current pace of shipments.

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Member Services

Less than One Week Left for National Rice Month Scholarship Entries

Less than one week remains for high school juniors and seniors to enter the National Rice Month (NRM) Scholarship contest. Entry forms are due next Thursday, Oct. 15. Students from the six rice-growing states of Arkansas, California, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri and Texas are eligible.

The NRM scholarships are awarded to students who conduct outstanding rice promotional programs during the month of September. The campaigns are judged on their creativity and impact in promoting U.S.-grown rice and National Rice Month.

Three scholarship prizes totaling \$8,500 will be awarded. The grand prize is a \$4,000 scholarship and a trip for the winner and a chaperone to attend the scholarship presentation on Dec. 10 at the USA Rice Outlook Conference in New Orleans. The second-place winner will receive \$3,000 and the third-place winner will receive \$1,500.

Entries must provide details of the promotion — including, but not limited to, a full description, photos, sample promotional materials, and pre- and post- event publicity. Remember to complete and sign your [entry form](#) before submitting your application. Winners will be notified by Nov. 10. For more details, visit the USA Rice Federation NRM [Scholarship Web page](#).

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In The News

[House Approves Ag Appropriations](#)

Feedstuffs — (Rice not mentioned)

[Stirring up a Fresh Take on Rice](#)

The Times-Picayune, LA

[State Grocery Program for N.J.'s Poor Providing Healthier Food](#)

New Jersey Newsroom — (Brown rice mentioned)

[Rogers Says Rice to Climb as FAO Sees Stockpile Drop](#)

Bloomberg

[Rice and Two Koreas](#)

The Korea Times

[Official TV Spot to Promote Korean Rice Wine in Japan](#)

Chosun Ilbo, Korea

[Gov't under Pressure to Import Rice](#)

Philippine Daily Inquirer

['Ondoy,' 'Pepeng' Hit Areas Producing 56% of RP's Rice](#)

ABS-CBN News, Philippines

[Thailand, Vietnam eye RP rice exports](#)

The Manila Bulletin, Philippines

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