



USA Rice Daily

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

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Lincoln Announces \$4.5 Billion Nutrition Legislation

WASHINGTON -- Senate Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry Committee Chairman Blanche Lincoln (D-AR) has [announced](#) details of the *Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010*, which would reauthorize federal child-nutrition and school-feeding programs. The bill has not been introduced formally yet, but a committee mark-up of it is planned for March 24.

Lincoln said the [legislation](#) is a "bipartisan, fiscally responsible bill [that makes] the largest investment in federal child nutrition programs to date." She said the bill is "fully paid for."

The roughly \$4.5 billion in new funding for child-nutrition programs over the next 10 years would address childhood obesity and ending childhood hunger.

"This legislation will also mark the first time since the inception of the National School Lunch Program that Congress has dedicated this level of resources," Lincoln said.

Ranking Agriculture Committee Republican Saxby Chambliss (R-GA) [commended](#) Lincoln for her leadership on the comprehensive package, saying he worked closely with her to write the bipartisan text. Chambliss expressed concerns, however, about "some of the offsets used to fund the measure" and said he looks forward to addressing them before next week's mark-up.

Federal child-nutrition programs include the school lunch and breakfast programs and the Women, Infants, and Children program.

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USA Rice Staff Visits Lagos

LAGOS, Nigeria -- The USA Rice Federation's Hartwig Schmidt met last week with U.S. rice importers and Foreign Agriculture Service post representatives here. He also began planning future USA Rice promotional activities.

Schmidt discussed possible promotional efforts with the importers that would seek to increase awareness and stimulate demand for U.S.-grown rice. The bulk of imported rice is sold in traditional open markets and grain kiosks, representing approximately 95 percent of the imported rice retail trade. Schmidt also assessed the rice market, including the availability and positioning of U.S. rice, and established contact with the organizers of the largest rice market in Lagos, the Daleko rice market.

A total of 43,000 metric tons (MT) of U.S. rice entered Nigeria last year due to favorable prices of U.S. parboiled rice and the substantial reduction of import tariffs. Nigeria is currently the largest commercial market for U.S. rice in Africa; Ghana is second with 37,000 MT.

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Hartwig Schmidt with advertising agency representatives in Nigeria.

Upcoming Events

[11th RMA Convention](#)
(June 20-24, 2010)

[July Annual Business Meetings](#)
(July 10-13, 2010)

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USA Rice Millers' Association Welcomes New Associate Member

USA Rice Millers' Association welcomes new associate member Global Commodities Trading Group, Inc. of Roseville, CA. Ramiro Velasquez, rvelasquez@global-commodities.com, is the contact.

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Weekly Exports Increase, Rice Sales Decrease

Net rice sales of 61,200 metric tons (MT) were 54 percent less than the previous week and 29 percent less than the prior four-week average, according to today's U.S. Department of Agriculture [Export Sales Highlights Report](#). Increases were reported for Turkey (25,000 MT), Mexico (8,400 MT), Haiti (5,800 MT), Nicaragua (3,600 MT), Ghana (3,000 MT), and Canada (2,000 MT). Decreases were reported for Honduras (100 MT).

Exports of 82,500 MT were 26 percent more than the previous week, but 14 percent less than the prior four-week average. The primary destinations were Venezuela (29,000 MT), Turkey (13,200 MT), Haiti (9,900 MT), El Salvador (6,500 MT), Mexico (5,800 MT), and Nicaragua (3,100 MT).

This summary is based on reports from exporters for the period March 5-11.

CME Group/CBOT Rice Futures Closing

CME Group (Preliminary): [Closing Rough Rice Futures for March 18](#)

Month	Price	Net Change
May 2010	\$12.62	Unch
July 2010	\$12.925	+ \$0.015
Sept. 2010	\$12.76	- \$0.02
Nov. 2010	\$12.92	- \$0.02
Jan. 2011	\$13.23	- \$0.05
March 2011	\$13.535	Unch
May 2011	\$13.825	Unch

In the News[Senator Proposes \\$4.5 Billion for Child Nutrition](#)

The Washington Post/All We Can Eat blog -- (Rice not mentioned)

[Lincoln Touts Child-Nutrition Bill](#)

Arkansas Democrat-Gazette -- (Subscription required, rice not mentioned)

[Celebrating National Ag Week](#)

The Times-Gazette, Ohio -- (Rice not mentioned)

[As Senate Trio Advances Climate Measure, Energy-Only Bill Remains a Possibility](#)

The New York Times -- (Rice not mentioned)

[Neck Blast of Rice is Back](#)

Delta Farm Press

[Otuke Farmers to Earn Sh500 Million Annually From Rice](#)

AllAfrica.com

[Lawmaker Confident US Food Safety Law Will Pass in 2010](#)

Food Production Daily, France -- (Rice not mentioned)

[Ministry Calls for Urgent Response to Rice Diseases](#)

Viet Nam News

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