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### Rice production in 2016 forecast to remain close to last year's reduced level

Planting of the 2016 **paddy** crop was completed in June. Assuming normal growing conditions, FAO forecasts the 2016 paddy output at 10.6 million tonnes close to the last year's reduced level.

Harvesting of the 2016 **wheat** crop is completed. Official estimates put the 2016 wheat production close to the last year's record level at 1 million tonnes. The bumper output mainly reflects high yields as a result of favourable weather during the cropping season.

### Cereal imports in 2016/17 marketing year (April/March) forecast close to average levels

Total cereal imports in the 2016/17 marketing year (April/March) are forecast close to average levels of 24 million tonnes, covering approximately 60 percent of total domestic cereal utilization. Of the total, the bulk is accounted for by maize (14.7 million tonnes), which is not produced domestically and wheat (6 million tonnes), while an average amount of rice imports (700 000 tonnes) are also expected.

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Cereal production

	2011-2015	2015	2016	change
	average		forecast	2016/2015
	000 tonnes			percent
Rice (paddy)	10,753	10,509	10,630	1
Wheat	854	1,004	1,000	0
Barley	175	177	175	-1
Others	28	28	28	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>11,810</b>	<b>11,718</b>	<b>11,833</b>	<b>1</b>

Note: percentage change calculated from unrounded data.  
Source: FAO/GIEWS Country Cereal Balance Sheets

