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Short Term

- Iraq purchases 60,000 MTS of Uruguayan white rice in its 16 April global origin tender
- Uganda temporarily reduces brown rice import tariff to zero
- Thai exporters cover 300,000 MTS of white rice sold to China's COFCO via G2G deals in February and March
- Iran re-enters the market, making substantial purchases from Thailand & India
- Flooding damages the main season Boro crop in Bangladesh
- Sri Lankan & Kenyan production forecast to be reduced by drought; U.S. expected to reduce long grain planting
- Mexico announces availability of 150,000 MTS of duty-free TRQ licences for 2017
- OPEC oil production cut expected to provide support to global oil prices
- 50% chance of El Niño developing in H2 2017
- FAO forecasts global rice trade at 43.3 million MTS in 2017, up by 4% year-on-year

- Iraq fails to purchase U.S. rice in private negotiations
- Thai government sells 1.3 million MTS of old crop stocks fit for human consumption in February and holds auction for 3 million MTS of old crop fit for industrial use in March
- Indonesian imports forecast to decline by 1 million MTS in 2017; Philippines delays G2G tender until after local harvest
- Vietnamese Winter/Spring crop production recovers from 2016, although farmers switch to planting glutinous rice over long grain varieties
- Brazilian, Thai & Australian production to recover from last year's drought-reduced outputs
- E.U. reduces the MRL for the pesticide tricyclazole for rice imports, effectively banning it; Cambodia bans imports of tricyclazole in response
- Indian Southwest Monsoon expected to reach 96% of LPA
- FAO forecasts global milled rice production at a record 503.8 million MTS in 2017

Long Term