

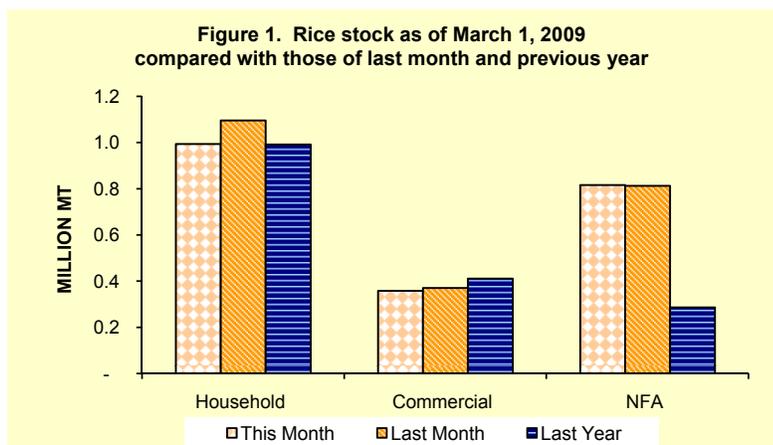
MARCH 1, 2009 RICE AND CORN STOCK INVENTORY

RICE STOCK

ITEM	('000 MT)			PERCENTAGE CHANGE	
	MAR 1, 2009	FEB 1, 2009	MAR 1, 2008	Mar 2009/ Feb 2009	Mar 2009/ Mar 2008
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TOTAL STOCK	2,167.7	2,279.0	1,688.7	(4.9)	28.4
Household	994.1	1,096.0	992.2	(9.3)	0.2
Commercial *	357.5	370.2 r/	410.8	(3.4)	(13.0)
NFA *	816.1	812.8	285.7	0.4	185.7

* NFA data

P/ Preliminary.



- The total rice stock inventory as of March 1, 2009 was estimated at **2.17** million metric tons. It is lower than previous month's level by **4.9** percent but **28.4** percent higher compared to last year's record. The current stock would be enough to last for **62** days.
- This month's estimates showed stock draw downs in the households by **9.3** percent and commercial warehouses by **3.4** percent from last month's levels. On the other hand, NFA stocks of which **50** percent are imported rice, was higher by **0.4** percent from its month ago level.
- Compared to last year's record, stock holdings of NFA went up by **185.7** percent and those of households by **0.2** percent. In contrast, stock in commercial warehouses dropped by **13.0** percent.
- Of the current stock level, about **46** percent were with the households while, **16** and **38** percent were with the commercial and NFA depositories, respectively.

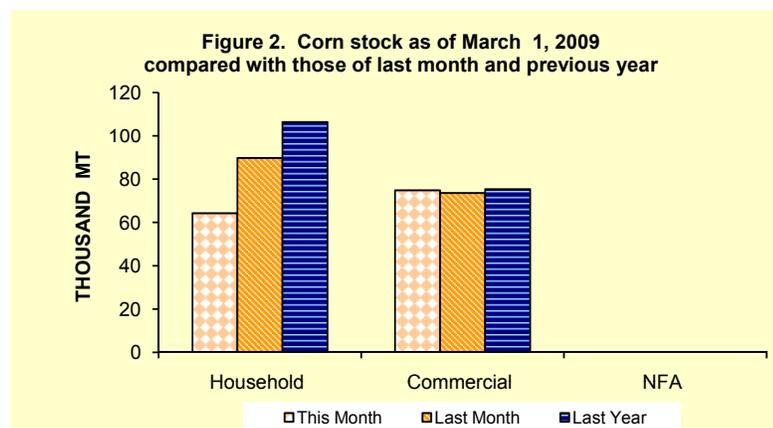
CORN STOCK

ITEM	('000 MT)			PERCENTAGE CHANGE	
	MAR 1, 2009	FEB 1, 2009	MAR 1, 2008	Mar 2009/ Feb 2009	Mar 2009/ Mar 2008
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TOTAL STOCK ^{1/}	139.2	163.4	181.8	(14.8)	(23.4)
Household	64.3	89.8	106.4	(28.4)	(39.6)
Commercial *	74.9	73.6 r/	75.4	1.8	(0.7)
NFA *	-	-	-	-	-

* NFA data

^{1/} Excludes corn stock held by commercial livestock and poultry producers and corn mixed in feed stock.

P/ Preliminary.



- The March 1, 2009 total corn stock inventory of **139** thousand metric tons was lower by **14.8** percent than last month's level and by **23.4** percent compared to same period in 2008.
- Compared to last month, household stock inventory was lower by **28.4** percent. However, stocks in commercial warehouses went up by **1.8** percent over same period last month.
- Household and commercial stocks went down by **39.6** and **0.7** percent, respectively, compared to last year's records.
- NFA did not have any corn stock during the inventory period.