



Special Executive Report

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SUBJECT: Milling Yield Premium and Discount Schedule Effective September 1, 2026 in Rough Rice Futures

Effective September 1, 2026, The Board of Trade of the City of Chicago, Inc. (“CBOT” or “Exchange”) will amend the milling yield premium and discount fee schedule for the Rough Rice Futures contract (Rulebook Chapter [17](#); CME Globex Code: ZR; CME ClearPort Code: 14). The United States Department of Agriculture (“USDA”) has announced the 2026 rice loan rates by class.¹ For the 2026 crop stored in commercial warehouses, the whole kernel (head rice) loan rate for long grain rice is \$13.21 per hundredweight (cwt.) and the broken kernel (broken rice) loan rate for long grain rice is \$6.25 per cwt. The Rough Rice futures contract milling yield premium and discount schedule that takes effect on the first delivery day of the September 2026 contract (September 1, 2026) is based on the 20 percent trimmed mean of the 2022 through 2026 USDA loan rates for long grain rice as described below.

USDA Loan Rates – Long Grain Rice (\$ per cwt.)

Year	Head Rice	Broken Rice
2022	\$11.13	\$6.47
2023	\$11.15	\$6.74
2024	\$11.06	\$7.31
2025	\$11.03	\$7.81
2026	\$13.21	\$6.25
Trimmed Mean Avg.	\$11.11	\$6.84

The Rough Rice Futures contract specifies that head rice over or below 55 percent receives a premium or discount, respectively, and broken rice over or below 15 percent receives a premium or discount, respectively. Current milling yield premium and discount rates are \$11.08 per cwt. for head rice and \$6.94 per cwt. for broken rice. Beginning September 1, 2026, milling yield premium and discount rates will increase to \$11.11 per cwt. for head rice and decrease to \$6.84 per cwt. for broken rice. For example, an outstanding shipping certificate specifying 58 percent head rice and 12 percent broken rice and with an underlying futures price of \$12.00 would be

¹ [Loan Value for 2026 Crop Whole Kernels and Broken Rice](#)

delivered at \$12.1282 per cwt. $(12.00 + (.58 - .55)*11.11 - (.15 - .12)*6.84)$. For assistance in calculating the prices on any outstanding certificates, please see [this calculator](#).

To help the market efficiently price the July – September spread, there were 1,891 outstanding CBOT Rough Rice shipping certificates as of April 16, 2026. The weighted average milling yield for those outstanding certificates was 69.332 percent with 48.368 percent head rice.

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