

Rice Facts



Rice is a symbol of life and fertility, which is why it was a tradition to throw at weddings.



Rice is cultivated in over 100 countries and on every continent except Antarctica.

Cooked rice swells at least three times its original weight.



Wild rice is not true rice but an aquatic grass variety from a different genus.



96% of the world's rice is eaten in the area in which it is grown.

Grains of rice in a salt shaker will help keep salt free flowing due to its moisture absorption qualities.



In Asia, rice is considered sacred. In Japan there are shrines to the god of rice.



There are more than 40,000 varieties of cultivated rice said to exist.



Honda means "main rice field."
Toyota means "bountiful rice field."



The Chinese word for rice is the same as their word for food.

