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Lollobrigida. National round-table convened: Italy is Europe's leading rice producer (Source: MASAF press release)

"A major, collaborative and synergistic effort to protect our production, to develop it, and to launch campaigns that can encourage domestic consumption of our extraordinary products, such as those from rice cultivation.

We are Europe's leading producers. We are world leaders in the quality of this exceptional product, which obviously also needs to be supported by suitable infrastructure to guarantee its water supply, for example – one of the strategic elements in rice production – and to reduce the energy costs of fertilisers."

This was stated by the Minister for Agriculture, Food Sovereignty and Forestry, Francesco Lollobrigida, as he opened the National Rice Roundtable at the MASAF. The meeting, chaired by the Minister and the Under-Secretary Patrizio La Pietra, was attended by all the associations in the rice sector and the President of the Ente Nazionale Risi, Natalia Bobba.

The discussion centred on the Government's commitment at European level, support for innovation, the strengthening of water infrastructure and the intensification of checks along the supply chain by the ICQRF.

The full press release is available at the following link: [Press release](#)

The area under 'Classico' rice has increased by 9%

(Source: Ente Nazionale Risi)

Overall, the area under 'classic' rice stood at almost 3,700 hectares, marking an increase of 9% (+314 hectares) compared with 2025, thanks to a rise of 714 hectares in Carnaroli rice, which more than offset the decline of 432 hectares in Vialone Nano rice.

The full table is available at the following link: [Classic Rice Cultivation Areas 2026](#)

Ente Nazionale Risi has published the register of rice growers who have joined the classic rice scheme, which is available at the following link: [Register](#)

Food Safety

Rapid Alert System

- A border rejection notification was sent by Italy concerning Aflatoxin B1 (4.3 ± 2.2 $\mu\text{g/kg}$ – ppb) in Basmati broken rice from India.
- A border rejection notification was sent by Italy concerning Clothianidin (0.15 ± 0.08 mg/kg - ppm) in rice from Pakistan.
- A border rejection notification was sent by Finland concerning Clothianidin (0.024 mg/kg - ppm) in rice from Pakistan.
- A border rejection notification was sent by Italy concerning Clothianidin (0.10 ± 0.05 mg/kg - ppm) and Flutriafol (0.051 ± 0.025 mg/kg - ppm) in rice from Pakistan.
- A border rejection notification was sent by Italy concerning Clothianidin (0.056 ± 0.028 mg/kg - ppm) and Flutriafol (0.10 ± 0.005 mg/kg - ppm) in rice from Pakistan.
- An alert notification was sent by Italy concerning Chlorpyrifos (0.037 mg/kg - ppm) in Roma rice variety.
- An alert notification was sent by Austria concerning Aflatoxin contamination (5.2 ± 2.7 $\mu\text{g/kg}$ – ppb) in salted rice cake from Belgium.



Italian market

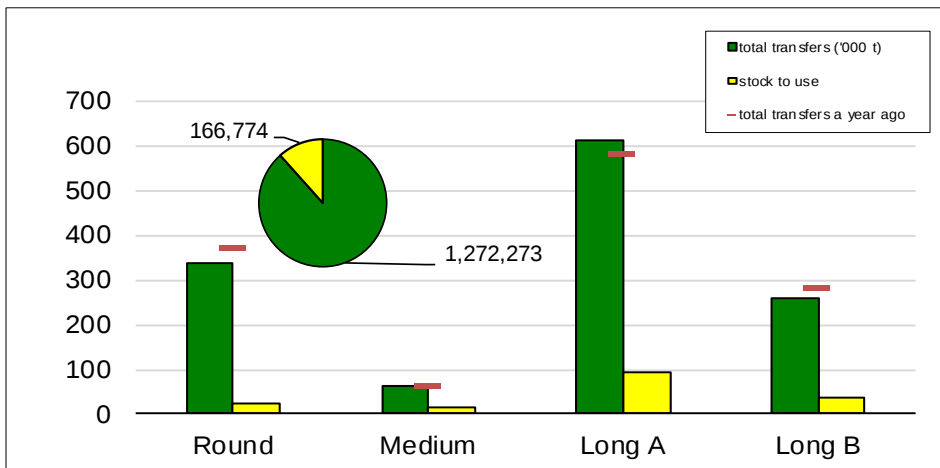
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Paddy rice transfers

(in tonnes)

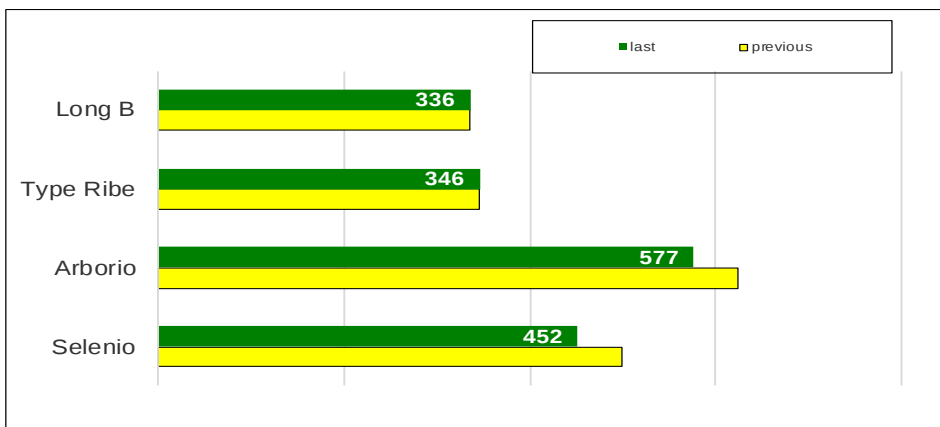


This week's paddy rice transfers comprised 13,776 tonnes of "long A", 5,856 tonnes of "round", 5,625 tonnes of "long B" and 852 tonnes of "medium", totalling 26,109 tonnes. Since the start of the marketing year, 1,272,273 tonnes of paddy rice have been transferred, marking a decrease of 36,383 tonnes (-3%) compared with last year.

88% of the available stock has been sold, compared with 92% a year ago.

166,774 tonnes remain to be sold.

Paddy prices Vercelli (€/t)



At the Vercelli Commodities Exchange, prices have decreased by €/t 48 for the Arborio and Selenio varieties.

Selenio variety in "Nominal".

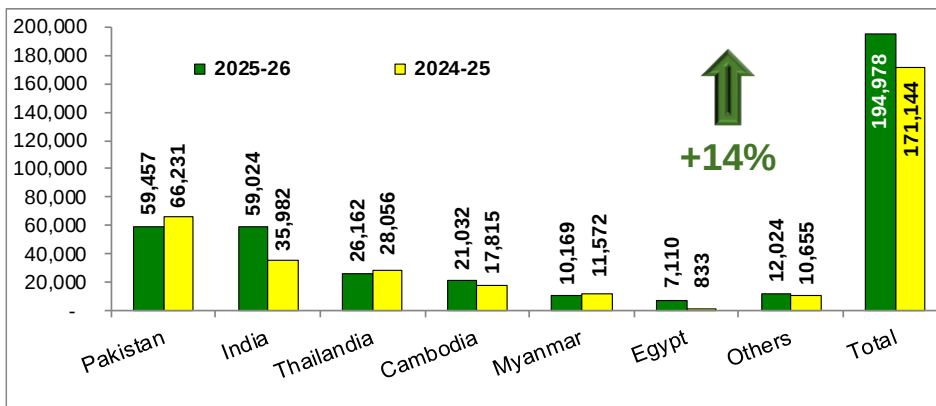
(*) weighted average of the maximum quotations for the varieties Kinder PV, Ely PV and Ronaldo



Import: husked + milled

tonnes in milled rice equivalent

(Source: MAECI Agrim Licences)



Between 20 and 24 July, import licences were issued for a volume of 6,301 tonnes, in milled equivalent, of which 51% was Basmati rice of Indian and Pakistani origin.

Overall, the Agrim titles issued amounted to 194,978 tonnes, compared with 171,144 tonnes a year ago, marking an increase of 23,834 tonnes (+14%).

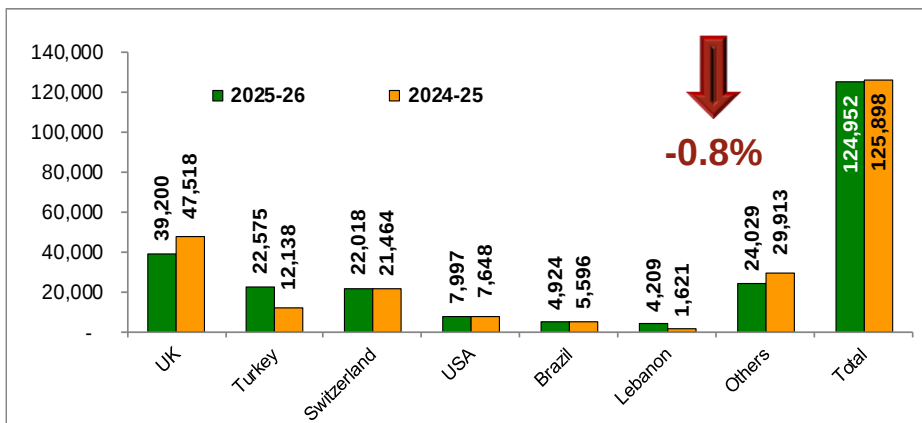
60% of total imports were exempt from duty.

Imports of Long B rice, totalling 180,272 tonnes, account for 92% of the total volume.

Export: husked + milled

tonnes in milled rice equivalent

(Source: ENTE RISI Declaration)



Exports are at a slightly lower level than a year ago.

The volume exported amounts to 124,952 tonnes, in milled equivalent, down by 946 tonnes (-0.8%).

The United Kingdom, Turkey and Switzerland remain the main trading partners, with 39,200 tonnes, 22,575 tonnes and 22,018 tonnes respectively. Exports to the United Kingdom have seen most significant decline (-8,318 tonnes, -18%).



European Union market

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Import EU – Export UE

('000 tonnes milled rice equivalent)

Category	Tipologia	Marketin year 2025/2026 1/9/2025 - 28/7/2026		Marketin year 2025/2026 1/9/2025 - 23/7/2026		Diff. (milled eq.)	%
		Quantity	Milled equivalent	Quantity	Milled equivalent		
Husked	Indica	597,782	412,469	625,793	431,797	-19,328	-4%
Husked	Japonica	76,094	55,569	49,407	35,114	20,455	58%
TOTALE		673,876	468,038	675,200	466,911	1,127	0.2%
Semi-milled	Indica	19,109	17,826	18,562	17,315	511	3%
Semi-Milled	Japonica	15,938	14,889	17,136	16,008	-1,119	-7%
TOTALE		35,047	32,715	35,698	33,323	-608	-2%
Milled	Indica	818,252	818,252	812,899	812,899	5,353	1%
Milled	Japonica	133,289	133,289	119,202	119,202	14,087	12%
TOTALE		951,541	951,541	932,101	932,101	19,440	2%
TOTALE		1,452,294		1,432,335		19,959	1%
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According to Agrim licence applications, imports stand at 1,452,294 tonnes, in milled equivalent, representing an increase of 19,959 tonnes (+1%) compared with a year ago. Imports of husked rice and milled rice have risen by 0.2% and 2% respectively, whilst imports of semi-milled rice have fallen by 2%.

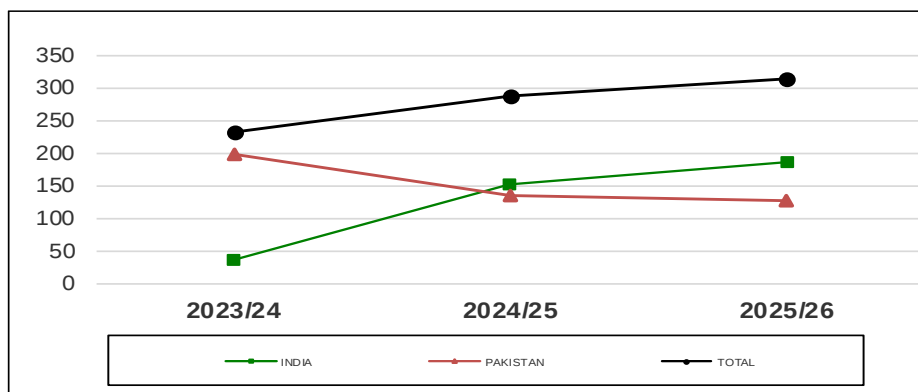
Exports - almost 250,000 tonnes, in milled equivalent - show a fall of around 8,500 tonnes (-3%) compared with a year ago.

Exports of paddy rice and semi-milled/milled rice, totalling over 8,700 tonnes and approximately 217,400 tonnes respectively, fell by 41% and 2%, respectively, whilst exports of husked rice, totalling just over 23,800 tonnes, have risen by 7%.

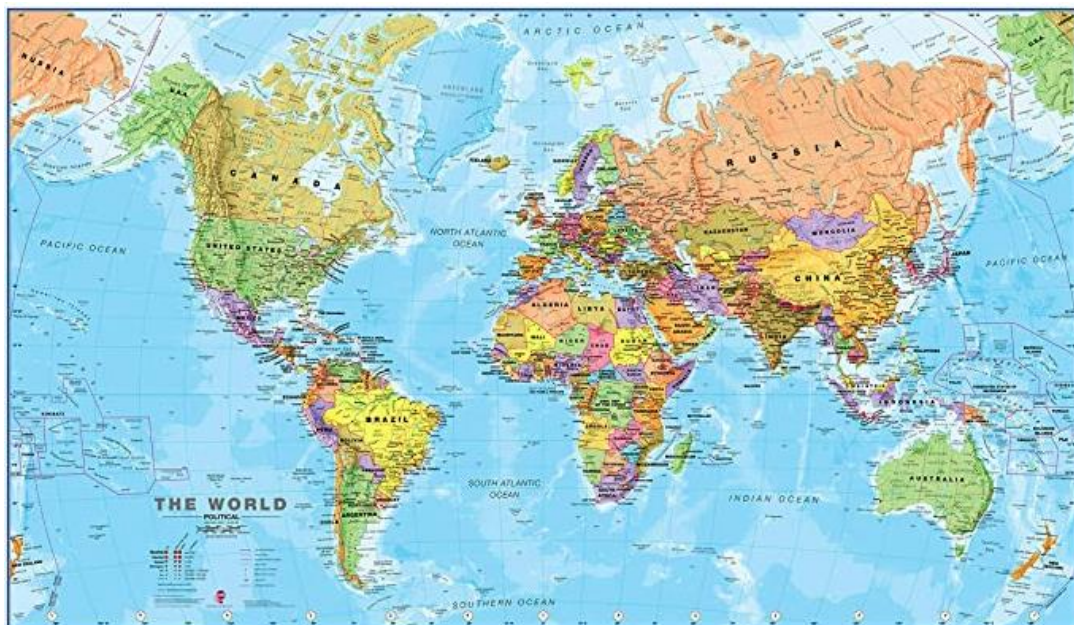
However, the European Commission continues to point out that the published figures are incomplete, as some countries have provided only partial updates.

Basmati husked rice imports

('000 tonnes)



Imports of husked Basmati rice (319,556 tonnes) were up by 18,046 tonnes (+6%) compared with the previous marketing year.



International markets

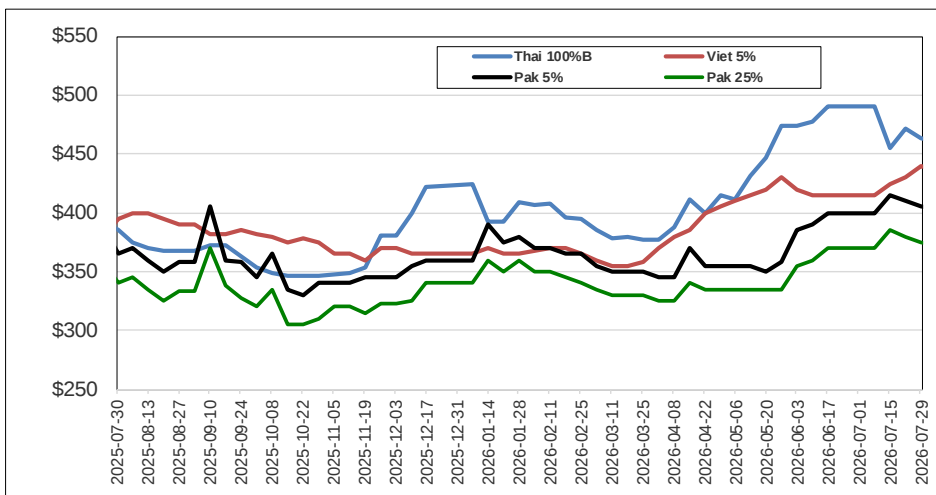
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International prices

(\$/tonnes)



Weekly prices

Milled rice international FOB quotes		
Exchange rate	€1 = \$1.1380	
Asian Markets	\$/t	€/t
Thai 100%B	464	408
Vietnam 5%	440	387
India 5%	365	321
Pakistan 5%	405	356
Pakistan 25%	375	330
Myanmar 5%	460	404
Pakistan Basmati S. Kernel	1,138	1,000
Pusa Basmati India	1,050	923
Other Markets	\$/t	€/t
Uruguay 5%	500	439
Argentina 5%	435	382
Brazil Type 1	495	435
USA LG 2/4% Fob Laredo TX	575	505
California MG 1/4% - Med -	880	773