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The duty on husked rice has been increase to €42.5/t

(Source: Ente Nazionale Risi Note)

From September 1st, 2025 to August 31, 2026 imports of husked rice, excluding Basmati rice, totalled 431,174 tonnes; consequently, with effect from 7 September 2026, the duty on husked rice was increased from €30/t to €42.5/t.

[Link to the regulation](#)

The Commission approves an Italian state aid scheme worth Euro 285 million to support businesses in the agriculture, fisheries and aquaculture sectors

(Source: European Commission Representation in Italy)

The European Commission has approved an Italian state aid scheme worth Euro 285 million to support agricultural, fisheries and aquaculture businesses affected by rising fuel and fertiliser prices due to the crisis in the Middle East.

The scheme was approved under the Temporary Framework for State Aid in response to the Middle East Crisis (METSAF), adopted by the Commission on April 29, 2026. The scheme, which will remain in force until December 31, 2026, aims to mitigate the impact of rising fuel and fertiliser prices on the agricultural sector, as well as rising fuel prices on the fisheries and aquaculture sectors. The aid will be granted in the form of direct grants and tax relief.

For the agricultural sector, the amount will be determined on the basis of estimates of fuel and fertiliser consumption. For the fisheries and aquaculture sectors, it will be determined on the basis of estimates of fuel consumption.

The Commission has assessed the scheme in the light of EU state aid rules, in particular Article 107(3)(c) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, which allows Member States to support the development of certain economic activities under certain conditions, as well as Sections 1 and 2.1 of the METSAF.

The Commission has found that the scheme complies with the conditions set out in the METSAF. In particular, the aid will be granted under a scheme with a clearly defined estimated budget and will be intended to provide temporary support for the development of undertakings active in the primary production of agricultural products. The Commission has concluded that the scheme is necessary, appropriate and proportionate to facilitate the development of an economic activity and does not adversely affect trading conditions to an extent contrary to the common interest. On this basis, the Commission has approved the Italian scheme in accordance with EU state aid rules.

Food Safety

Rapid Alert System

- An information notification was sent by Italy concerning unauthorized GMOs in rice crackers from China.
- An information notification was sent by Switzerland concerning mineral oil MOAH-MOSH in rice from Pakistan.
- A border rejection notification was sent by Italy concerning Aflatoxin B1 (5.4 ± 1.6 µg/kg - ppb) and total Aflatoxin (B1, B2, G1, G2 – 6.1 ± 1.8 µg/kg) in rice from India.



Italian market

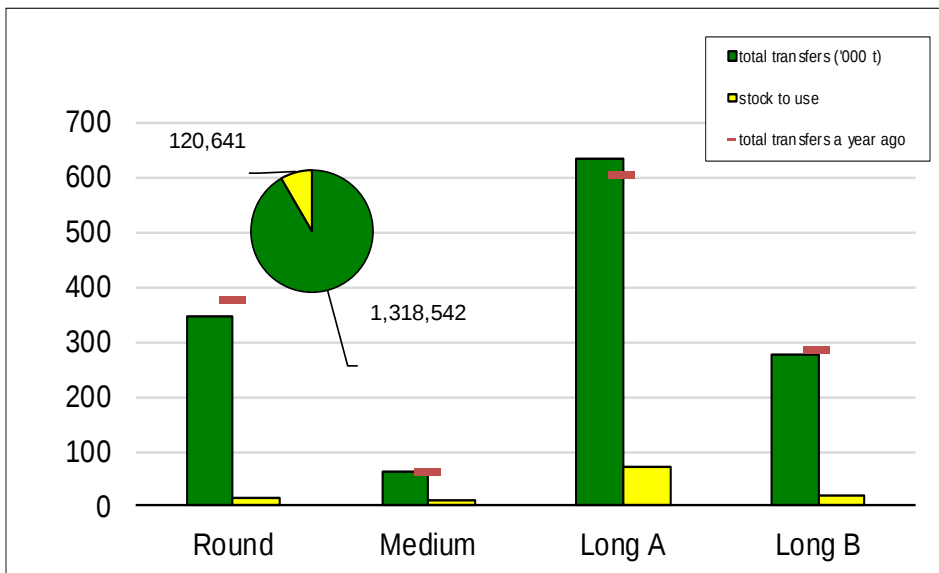
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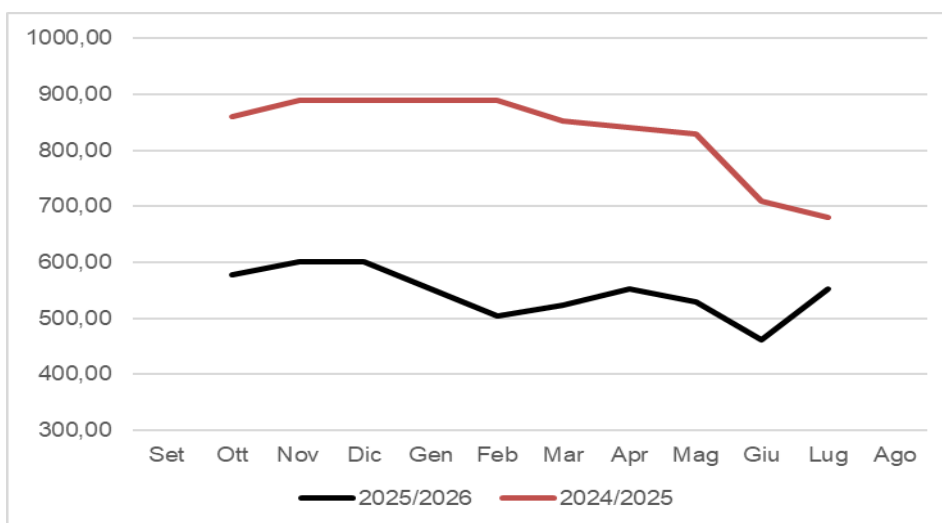
Paddy rice transfers

(in tonnes)



The 2025/2026 marketing year ended with a total volume of paddy rice transferred amounting to 1,318,542 tonnes, representing a decrease of 23,361 tonnes (-1.7%) compared with the previous marketing year.

Paddy prices Vercelli (€/t)



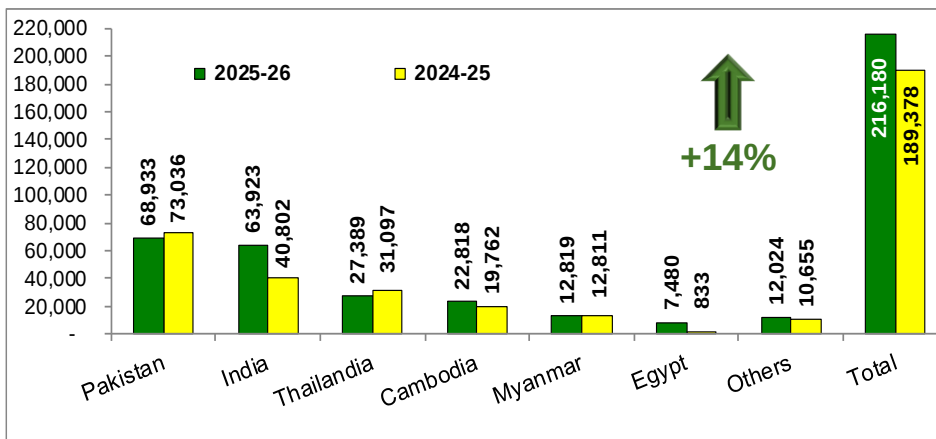
Pending new quotations, below is a graph showing the monthly averages for Arborio rice recorded at the Vercelli Commodity Exchange over the last two campaign.



Import: husked + milled

tonnes in milled rice equivalent

(Source: MAECI Agrim Licences)



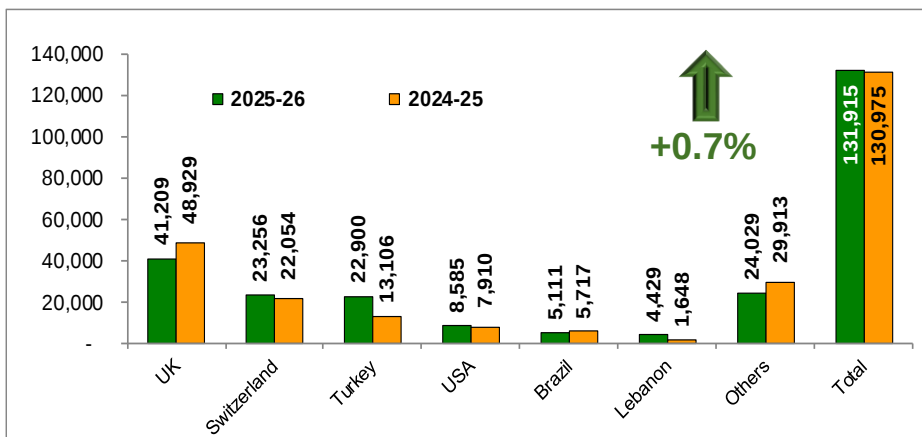
During the 2025/2026 marketing year, import licences were issued for a volume of 216,180 tonnes (provisional figure), on a milled basis, representing an increase of 26,802 tonnes (+14%) compared with the previous marketing year.

The requests of licences for Indica rice, totalling 200,661 tonnes, showed an increase of 17,699 tonnes (+10%) and representing the 93% of the total volume; the requests of licences for Japonica rice totalled 15,519 tonnes, of which 10,061 tonnes were 'round-grain', marking an increase of 9,103 tonnes (+142%).

Export: husked + milled

tonnes in milled rice equivalent

(Source: ENTE RISI Declaration)



During the 2025/2026 marketing year, Italian exports to third countries totalled 131,915 tonnes (provisional figure), in milled equivalent, representing an increase of 940 tonnes (+0.7%) compared with the previous marketing year. The most exported variety was 'long A' (72,585 t), up by 7,880 tonnes (+12%) compared with the 2024/2025 marketing year, followed by 'round' rice (38,226 t), which, by contrast, recorded a fall of 7,192 tonnes (-16%).

Exports of 'medium' rice, totalling 3,151 tonnes, rose by 87%, whilst exports of 'long B' rice, totalling 17,913 tonnes, fell by 6%.



European Union market

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Import EU – Export UE

('000 tonnes milled rice equivalent)

Category	Type	Marketin year 2025/2026 1/9/2025 - 31/8/2026		Marketin year 2025/2026 1/9/2025 - 31/8/2026		Diff. (milled eq.)	%
		Quantity	Milled equivalent	Quantity	Milled equivalent		
Husked	Indica	680,444	469,506	723,599	499,283	-29,777	-6%
Husked	Japonica	93,067	68,592	62,452	44,365	24,227	55%
TOTAL		773,511	538,098	786,051	543,648	-5,550	-1.0%
Semi-milled	Indica	21,219	19,794	19,982	18,640	1,154	6%
Semi-Milled	Japonica	18,306	17,100	18,601	17,377	-277	-2%
TOTAL		39,525	36,894	38,583	36,017	877	2%
Milled	Indica	893,814	893,814	876,469	876,469	17,345	2%
Milled	Japonica	141,888	141,888	130,223	130,223	11,665	9%
TOTAL		1,035,702	1,035,702	1,006,692	1,006,692	29,010	3%
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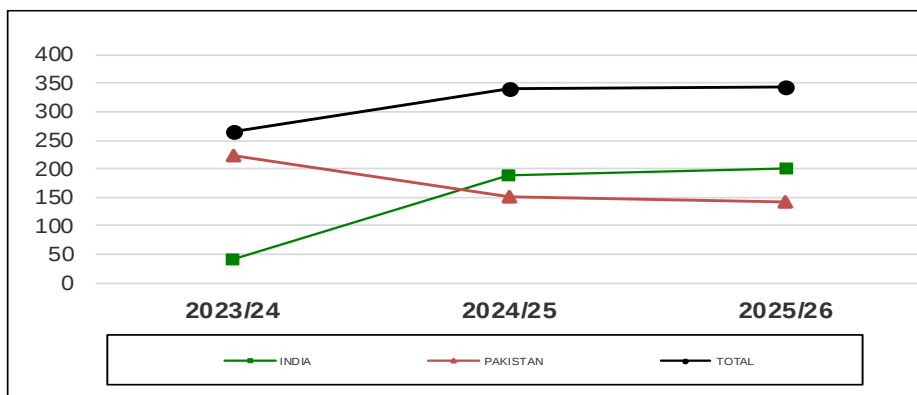
At the end of the 2025/2026 marketing year, the volume of Agrim import licences totalled 1,610,694 tonnes, in milled equivalent, an increase of 24,337 tonnes (+2%) compared with the previous marketing year.

Imports of Indica rice, totalling 1,383,114 tonnes, fell by 11,278 tonnes (-1%), whilst imports of Japonica rice, totalling 227,580 tonnes, rose by approximately 35,615 tonnes (+19%).

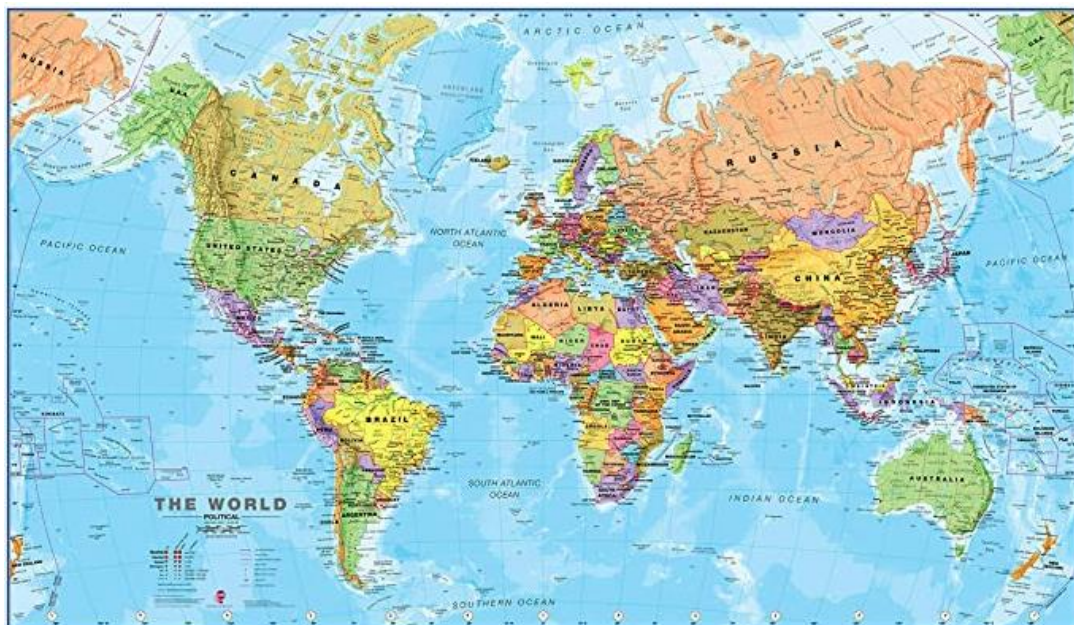
Exports stood at approximately 274,600 tonnes, on a milled basis, marking a decrease of more than 3,000 tonnes (-1%) compared with a year ago. Exports of Japonica rice, at around 185,300 tonnes, were down by over 7,400 tonnes (-4%), whilst exports of Indica rice, at around 89,300 tonnes, rose by more than 4,400 tonnes (+5%).

Basmati husked rice imports

('000 tonnes)



During the 2025/2026 marketing year, import licences for husked Basmati rice were issued for a total volume of 342,740 tonnes, an increase of 2,788 tonnes (+1%) compared with the previous marketing year. Pakistani Basmati rice accounted for 140,667 tonnes, down by 6%, whilst Indian Basmati rice totalled 202,073 tonnes, up by 6%.



International markets

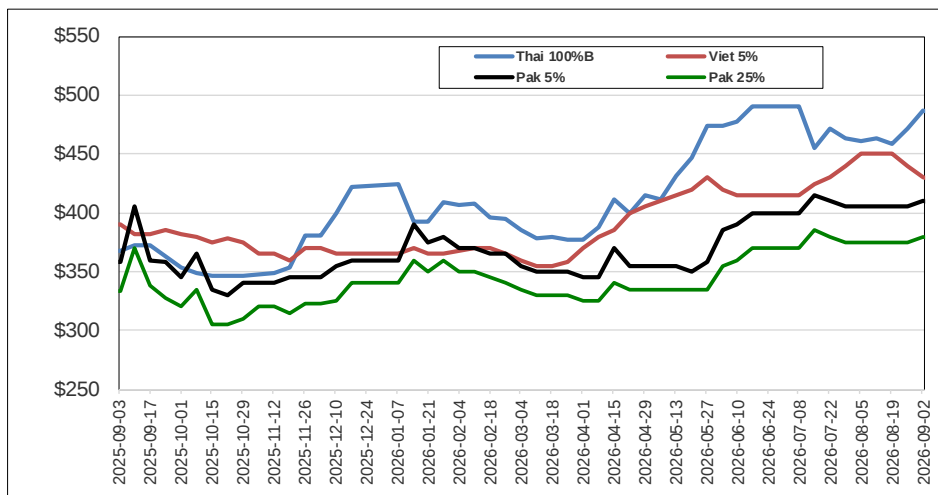
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International prices

(\$/tonnes)



Weekly prices

Milled rice international FOB quotes		
Exchange rate	€1 = \$1.1578	
Asian Markets	\$/t	€/t
Thai 100%B	487	421
Vietnam 5%	430	371
India 5%	370	320
Pakistan 5%	410	354
Pakistan 25%	380	328
Myanmar 5%	460	397
Pakistan Basmati S. Kernel	1,120	967
Pusa Basmati India	1,050	907
Other Markets	\$/t	€/t
Uruguay 5%	540	466
Argentina 5%	470	406
Brazil Type 1	530	458
USA LG 2/4% Fob Laredo TX	700	605
California MG 1/4% - Med -	920	795