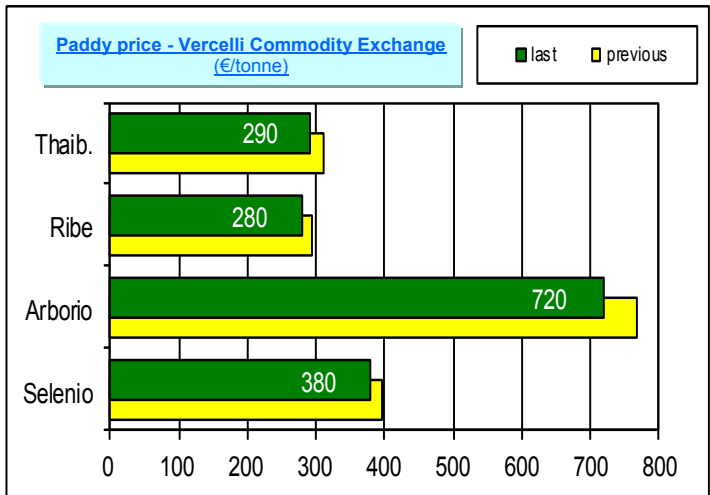
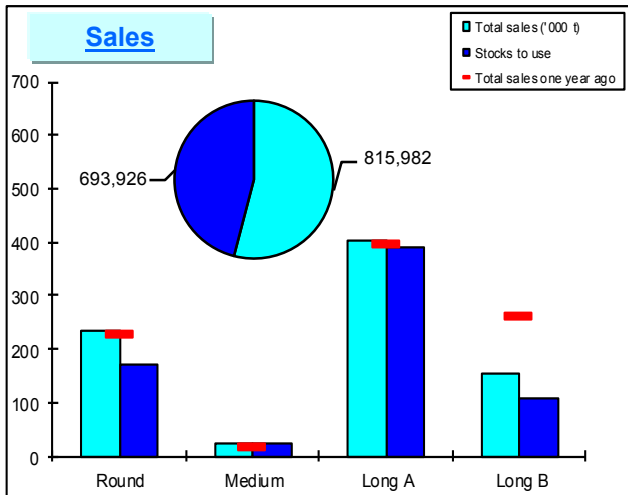




## Italian Market



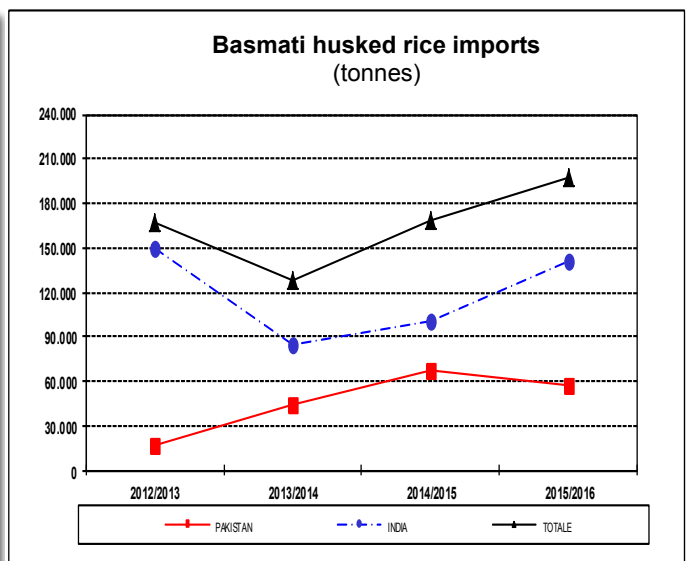
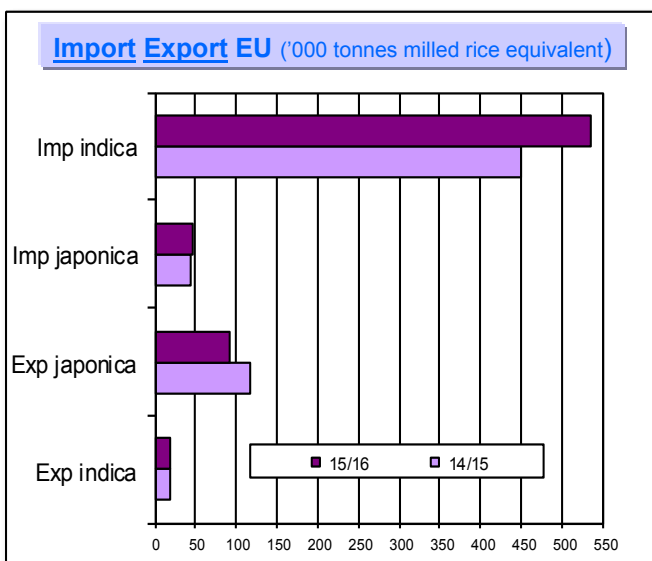
### In focus

In the last four weeks paddy sales by farmers reached 99,569 tonnes: 46,544 tonnes of long A grain, 34,434 tonnes of round grain, 16,110 tonnes of long B grain and 2,481 tonnes of medium grain. The gap between total sales this year compared to the higher items one year ago is 99,447 tonnes (-11%).

Total sales reached 54% of the total stock.

At Commodity Exchange in Vercelli the paddy price decreased for Arborio (-49 €/tonne), Thaibonnet (-20 €/tonne), Selenio (-15 €/tonne) and Ribe (-15 €/tonne).

## European Market



### In focus

EU imports amount to 583,987 tonnes in milled rice equivalent, 90,200 tonnes (+18.3%) above the previous year level. Husked rice amounts to 367,163 tonnes (+29%), of which 197,727 tonnes are Basmati rice (+17%). Milled and semi milled rice imports, amounting to 331,246 tonnes, increased of 11%.

The EU exports amount to 111,089 tonnes in milled equivalent, 23,642 tonnes (-18%) below the previous campaign.

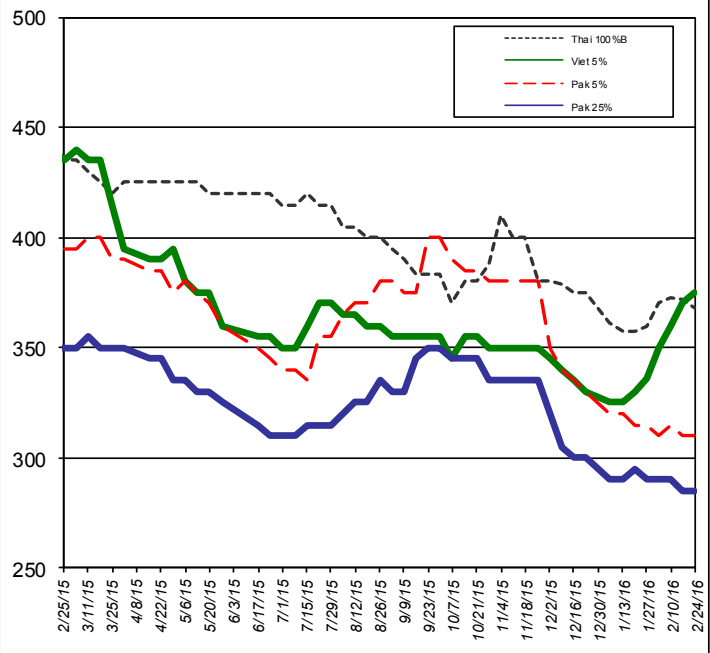
# International Markets

## Milled rice international FOB quotes

Exchange rate 1 € = 1.0872 \$

Asian Markets	\$/t	€/t
Thai 100%B	372	342
Vietnam 5%	357	328
India 5%	365	336
Pakistan 5%	345	317
Pakistan 25%	310	285
Cambodia 5%	415	382
India Basmati traditional	1,025	943
Other Markets	\$/t	€/t
Uruguay 5%	450	414
Argentina 5%	440	405
Brazil 5%	400	368
USA LG 2/4%	515	474
California MG 1/4% Med	790	727
Egypt Medium Grain 2/5%	750	690
Egypt Round Grain 2/5%	700	644

Weekly prices (\$/t)



### World

In **Japan** the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries has awarded the full 54,128 MTS: 24,000 MTS of milled medium grain to U.S.A., 30,128 MTS milled long grain to Thailand. A further quantity of 6,998 MTS has been allocated among U.S.A., India, Pakistan and Thailand.

**South Korea** has purchased about 20,000 MTS of brown medium grain rice from U.S.A. and 5,000 MTS of milled rice from India.

In **Iraq** no award made in Ministry of Trade tender of 21 February for 90,000 MTS U.S. rice. The Iraqi Ministry of Trade announces a new tender for rice from U.S.A., Uruguay and Argentina: deadline for submission of bids is 8 March and offers will be valid till 14 March 2016.

In **Egypt** the government is facing a shortage of subsidized food as rice is not sufficient for its programme, so that both local and export rice prices are increasing. As a result, the government intends to import rice from India and Thailand.

The China Certification and Inspection Group (CCIG) will open a branch in **Myanmar** to carry out quality inspection of rice to be exported in China. Last year Myanmar exported 1.84 million tonnes of rice, of which 1.3 million tonnes to China.

### Thailand

Thailand, the world's second-biggest rice exporter after India, is facing what some experts say is its worst drought in decades. That has crimped production but has not pushed up prices as the country has about 12 million tonnes of rice in storage. Prices have also been hit as the economy slows in China, the world's top rice importer. Rice farmers have for months been pressuring the military government to do more to help cushion the fall in prices that has plunged many into debt.

### Pakistan

The Rice Exporters Association of Pakistan (REAP) has urged the government to declare rice as a separate industry and place it under zero-rating along with five major export-oriented sectors. Neglecting this sector would discourage rice exports and the country would lose its traditional markets.

### India

The government's rice procurement has increased to 28.41 million tonnes so far in the 2015-16 marketing year, 21% more than last year. The government expects overall rice procurement to exceed last year's level of 32 million tonnes. The increase in Food Corporation of India procurement has limited volumes available for export.

### Vietnam

According to the Vietnam Food Association (VFA), China remains the main rice export market this year with 54% of total rice exports; the rest will be exported to Europe, the US, Japan, South Korea, Middle East, Russia, and the United Arab Emirates.

# Food Safety

## Rapid Alert System (Source: EFSA)

In the last four weeks two information for attention were sent by Switzerland:

- concerning high content of aluminium (14 mg/kg - ppm) in rice noodles from India
- concerning high content of aluminium (32; 49 mg/kg - ppm) in rice noodles from Vietnam.

# Other news

## FAI: open doors at the Rice Research Centre

On the occasion of the "FAI Spring Days" the Rice Research Centre of Ente Nazionale Risi opens its doors to let visitors discover the excellence of Italian rice. Visitors will discover the merits and virtues of a cereal for which we are leader in the European production and that allows us to cook a traditional Italian dish: RISOTTO. We look forward to welcoming you!

**Centro Ricerche sul Riso - Castello d'Agogna PV - Strada per Ceretto 4**

**Opening hours: Saturday 19 March: 14.30 - 17.30 (last entry) - Sunday 20 March: 10.00 - 12.30 / 14.00 - 17.30 (last entry)**

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