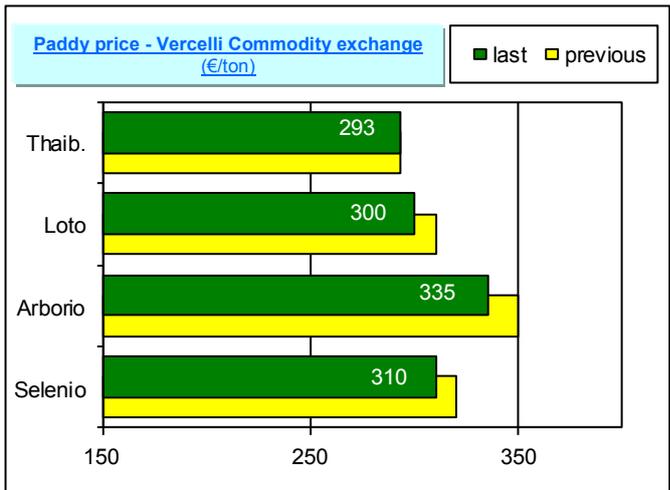
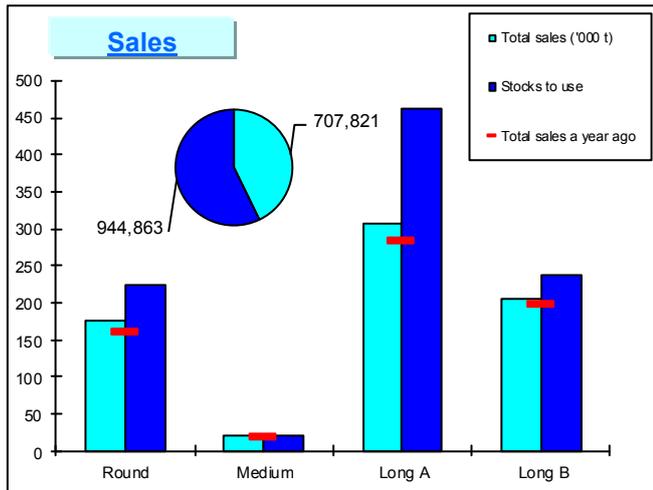




Italian Market



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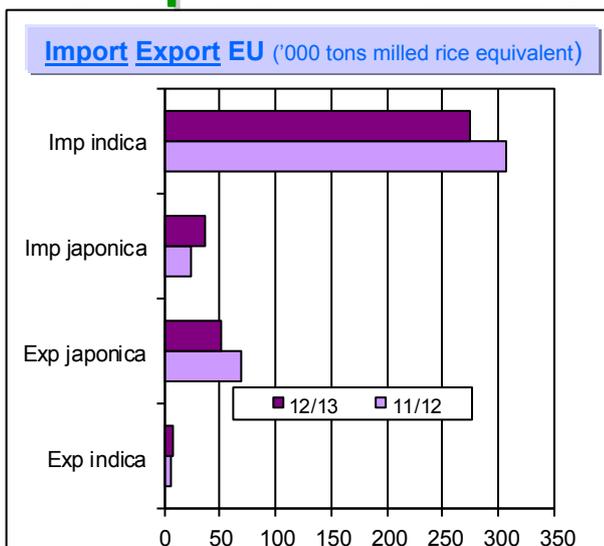
Paddy sales by farmers reached 29,159 tons last week: 15,879 tons of long A grain, 7,176 tons of long B grain, 5,467 of round grain and 637 tons of medium grain.

Total sales reached 707,821 tons, 43% of the total stock, while last year the item was 667,034 tons, 42% of the total stock.

At the moment the gap between total sales this year compared to one year ago is +40,787 tons of which +21,458 tons are long A grain, +13,951 tons are round grain and +7,364 tons are long B grain.

In the last six weeks paddy prices at Commodity Exchange in Vercelli decreased of €15 for Arborio and €10 for Selenio and Loto.

European Market



- Reg. EU n. 1273/11 - Quantities to be allocated for the January 2013 subperiod			
Order number	Origin	Type of rice	tons
09.4127	U.S.A.	semi-milled and wholly milled	6,002.000
09.4128	THAILAND	semi-milled and wholly milled	6,388.838
09.4148	ALL COUNTRIES	husked	165.000
09.4149	THAILAND	broken	428.284
09.4153	U.S.A.	broken	4,499.999
09.4154	OTHER ORIGINS	broken	5,999.992
09.4112	THAILAND	semi-milled and wholly milled	5,513.000
09.4116	U.S.A.	semi-milled and wholly milled	2,388.000
09.4117	INDIA	semi-milled and wholly milled	1,769.000
09.4118	PAKISTAN	semi-milled and wholly milled	1,595.000
09.4119	OTHER ORIGINS	semi-milled and wholly milled	3,435.000
09.4166	ALL COUNTRIES	semi-milled and wholly milled	8,505.000

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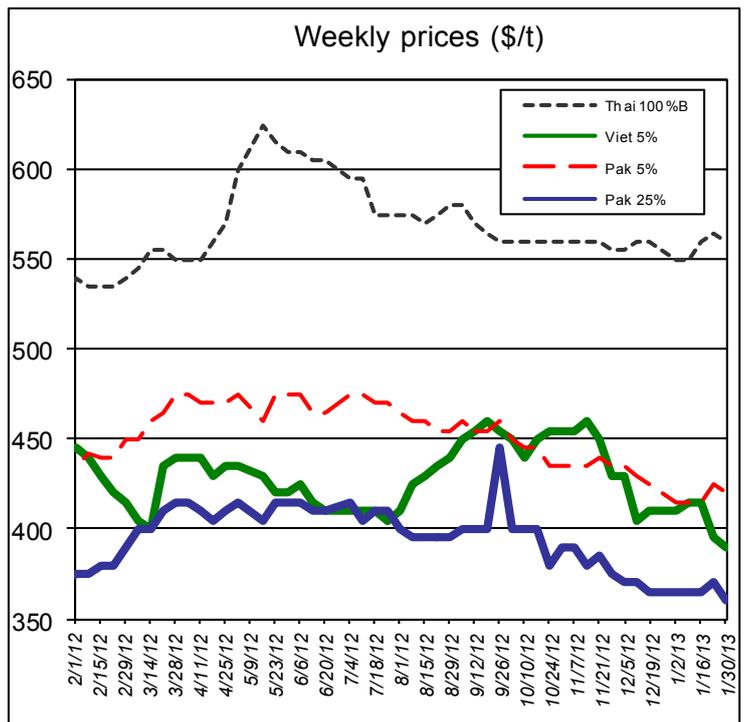
EU imports amount to 311,931 tons in milled rice equivalent, 19,504 tons below the previous year level (-5.9%): -32,411 tons are indica rice and +12,907 tons are japonica rice.

Husked Basmati rice imports are on a increasing trend compared to last year (+17.8%); imports increased of 19,431 tons (approximately 13,400 tons in milled rice equivalent). In the table above the quantities to be allocated for the January subperiod under Regulation n. 1273/11 are listed.

EU exports decreased of about 24% compared to one year ago: from 76,428 tons to 57,993 tons this year.

International Markets

Milled rice international FOB quotes		
Exchange rate		1 € = \$1.3541
Asian Markets	\$/t	€/t
Thai 100%B	560	414
Vietnam 5%	390	288
India 5%	430	318
Pakistan 5%	420	310
Pakistan 25%	360	266
India Basmati trad.	1,520	1,123
Other Markets	\$/t	€/t
Uruguay 5%	610	N.A.
Argentina 5%	610	N.A.
Brasile 5%	N.A.	N.A.
USA LG 2/4%	612	452
California MG 1/4%	700	517
Egypt 101 6%	760	561



- World** Iraq bought 50,000 tons of Basmati rice. Surprisingly Iran bought 60,000 tons of long grain from USA.
- Thailand** The government continues to procure stocks out of the new crop under intervention. Export shipments in 2012 reached a 12 year low with 6.7 million tons.
- Vietnam** The market is pretty quiet. There are rumors that China will soon come back into the market. Actual export number for 2013 are almost double those of a year ago, however, in recent years it has not been unusual to have around 1 million tons in the books by now.
- India** Prices have remained steady, but sooner or later India will have to lower prices to compete for the Chinese and West African markets.
- Pakistan** The most of trading has been border trade with China against old contracts and historical container markets in East Africa. There are payment issues with Iran, which are complicating that trade.
- Usa** In the south of USA the mills are booked through February and into March on domestic, Haiti, and the recent Iranian business. In California the big news is the announcement of the next series of Korean MA business; the mills remain very busy through February and into March and the Mediterranean markets have been difficult account the presence of Egypt as a competitor.

Food Safety

Rapid Alert System (Source: EFSA)

A border rejection notification was sent by Netherlands concerning unauthorised genetically modified (CryIAb) rice cakes from China.

Other news

Agriculture Committee adopts plans for modern and flexible EU farm policy (Source: EU Parliament)

EU farm policy reform must distribute EU funding more fairly, make "greening" measures mandatory but flexible, better equip farmers to cope with market challenges and cut red tape. So says the Agriculture Committee's opening position for negotiations with EU member states, as set out in texts voted on Wednesday. This will be the first EU farm policy reform shaped by Parliament as a full co-legislator with member states.

The Agriculture Committee's negotiating position must win the blessing of Parliament as a whole before MEPs can start negotiations with member states on the final shape of future EU farm policy. The plenary vote is provisionally scheduled for March session in Strasbourg, pending final figures for the EU's Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF) for 2014 to 2020. The next summit of EU heads of states and governments to deal with the future MFF is scheduled for 7-8 February.

Nigeria: increased the import taxes (Source: LRBA Circular)

Nigeria's 2013 budget has finally passed into law, implementing an import tax of 10% on brown rice and 100% on polished rice. The import taxes are part of the government's ongoing plan to make Nigeria rice self-sufficient by 2015. This month the government has also announced a program to facilitate the production of an additional 1.3 million tons of paddy during January to April dry season.

Spain 2012 Rice Production Declines 9% to 846,200 Tons (Source: BlackSeaGrain)

Spain produced about 846,200 tons of rice in 2012, down about 9% from the record 929,900 tons produced in the previous year, data from Eurostat shows. The decline in rice production last year is due to reduction in both rice acreage and yield. The area under rice cultivation dropped to around 113,500 hectares in 2012, down about 6.7% from around 121,700 hectares in 2011. Rice yield declined around 2.3% from about 7.64 tons per hectare in 2011 to about 7.46 tons per hectare in 2012.