



## Rice industry and trade News



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# News

## **Drought: Spanish regions call for EU support** (*Source: efe.com*)

Spanish regional authorities have called for a "European response" to the prolonged drought that is severely affecting the country's agricultural sector.

According to the State Meteorological Agency (AEMET), rainfall decreased by 26 percent between October 2022 and early May 2023, compared to the same period in the previous season.

The decrease in rainfall has meant that 80 percent of Spain's countryside is affected by drought, according to the Spanish Coordinator of Agricultural Associations (COAG).

During a debate at the European Commission's Committee of the Regions (CoR) in Brussels, the governments of Catalonia, Extremadura and Murcia urged the EU to respond urgently to the crisis, including by mobilizing crisis funds. The drought could reduce olive oil production by half and cereal production by 25 percent, the CoR noted.

## **The Italian Rice teaching room** (*Source: Ente Risi note*)

"The Italian Rice teaching Room" is a promotional short film made for Ente Nazionale Risi by director Matteo Bellizzi. The video stems from the desire to promote this space within educational institutions, fairs and events. A way to display on screen and export the unique emotions and experiences of education applied to rice that can be lived here.

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# Food Safety

## **Rapid Alert System**

- A border rejection notification was sent by Germany concerning thiamethoxam ( $0.083 \pm 0.042$  mg/kg - ppm) and tricyclazole ( $0.126 \pm 0.063$  mg/kg - ppm) in rice from India.
- An alert notification was sent by Belgium concerning Aflatoxine B1 ( $0.21$  µg/kg – ppb) in rice crackers for infants and young children.
- A border rejection notification was sent by Germany concerning thiamethoxam ( $0.119$  mg/kg - ppm), imidacloprid ( $0.022$  mg/kg - ppm) e tricyclazole ( $0.104$  mg/kg - ppm) in rice from India.
- A border rejection notification was sent by Germany concerning thiamethoxam ( $0.03$  mg/kg - ppm), propiconazole ( $0.023$  mg/kg - ppm) e tricyclazole ( $0.022$  mg/kg - ppm) in rice from India.
- A border rejection notification was sent by France concerning imidacloprid ( $0.011 \pm 0.005$  mg/kg - ppm) e thiamethoxam ( $0.039 \pm 0.02$  mg/kg - ppm). in rice from India.
- A border rejection notification was sent by Italy concerning Aflatoxine B1 ( $13.3 \pm 5.9$  µg/kg – ppb) in Basmati brown rice from India.
- A border rejection notification was sent by Sweden concerning Aflatoxine B1 ( $3.6$  µg/kg – ppb) in rice from India.



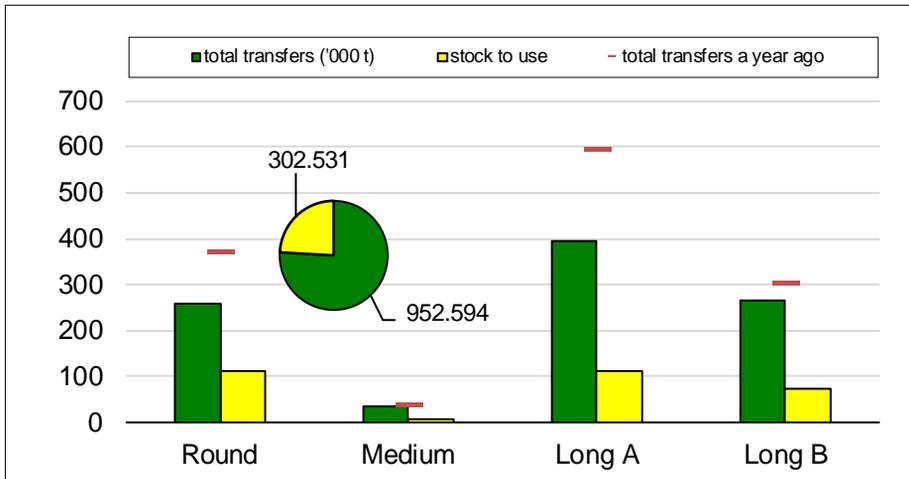
# **Italian market**

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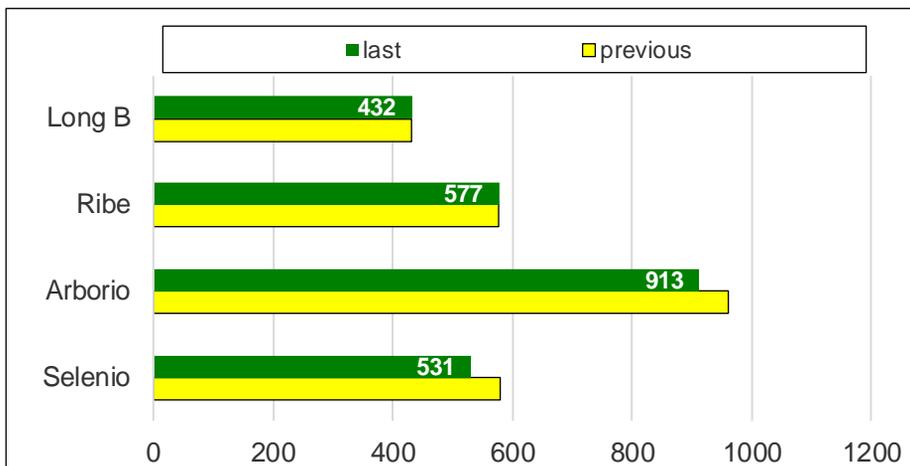
## Paddy rice transfers



This week's paddy rice transfers involved 7,351 tonnes of "long A," 6,444 tonnes of "round," 4,679 tonnes of "long B," and 564 tonnes of "medium," for a total of 19,038 tonnes. A total of 952,594 tonnes, corresponding to 76% of saleable availability, were transferred, marking a decrease of 346,621 tonnes (-27%) from the previous year. The decreases, affecting all segments, are broken down as follows: -196,986 tonnes of "long A" (-33%), -111,288 tonnes of "round" (-30%), -36,038 tonnes of "long B" (-12%) and -2,309 tonnes of "medium" (-6%). 302,531 tonnes remain to be placed.

## Paddy price (€/t)

Vercelli Commodity Exchange (€/t)



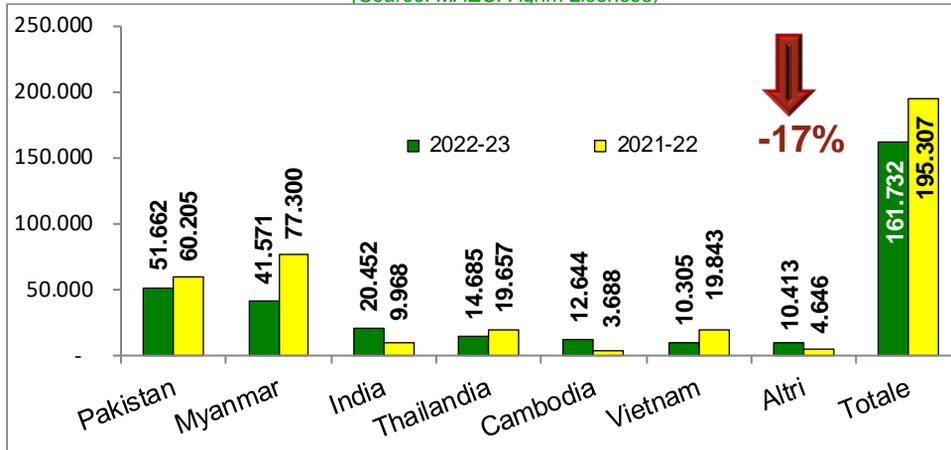
At the Vercelli Exchange, quotations for Selenio and Arborio, which have been marked "limited trade," are down 48 €/ton. The quotations for Long B and Ribe are unchanged; the latter is marked "nominal."



## Import: husked + milled

tonnes in milled rice equivalent

(Source: MAECI Agrim Licences)

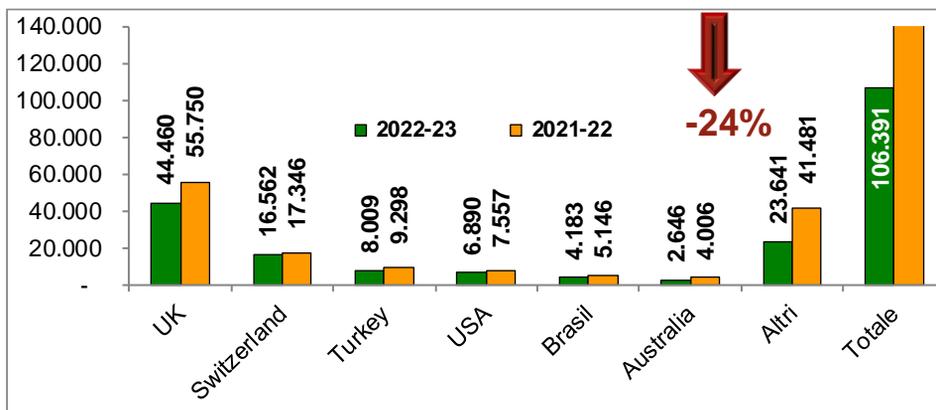


The issue of Agrim import licences shows that imports of husked and semi-milled/milled rice amounted to 161,732 tonnes, in milled equivalent, down by 33,575 tonnes (-17%) compared to the previous marketing year. Imports with payment of duty stood at 59,654 tonnes, followed by imports free of duty from least developed countries, amounting to 54,558 tonnes, of which 41,571 originated in Myanmar, and imports of Basmati husked rice, amounting to 35,733 tonnes, in milled equivalent, of which 26,692 came from Pakistan. The remaining 11,787 tons, also duty-free, are from the Vietnam (9,763 t) and Gatt (1,128 t) quotas and the product imported from Guyana (896 t).

## Export: husked + milled

tonnes in milled rice equivalent

(Source: ENTE RISI Declaration)



ENR export declarations were issued for a quantity of 106,391 tonnes, down 34,193 tonnes (-24%) from a year ago. The negative trend toward all destinations is confirmed, especially towards UK (-11,209 t), Jordan (-9,714 t) and Lebanon (-2,289 t).



# **European Union market**

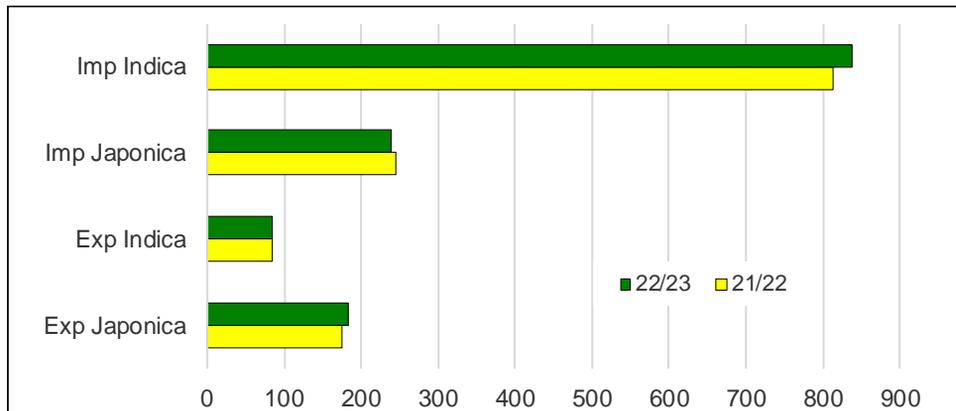
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## Import Export UE

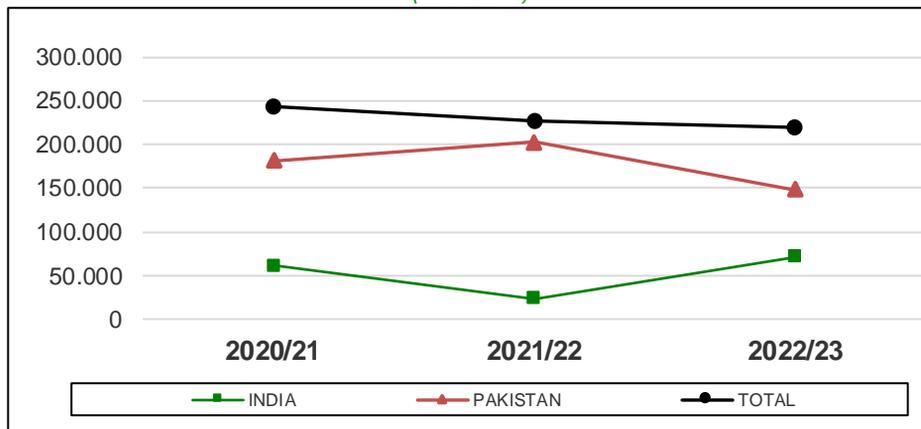
(*'000 tonnes milled rice equivalent*)



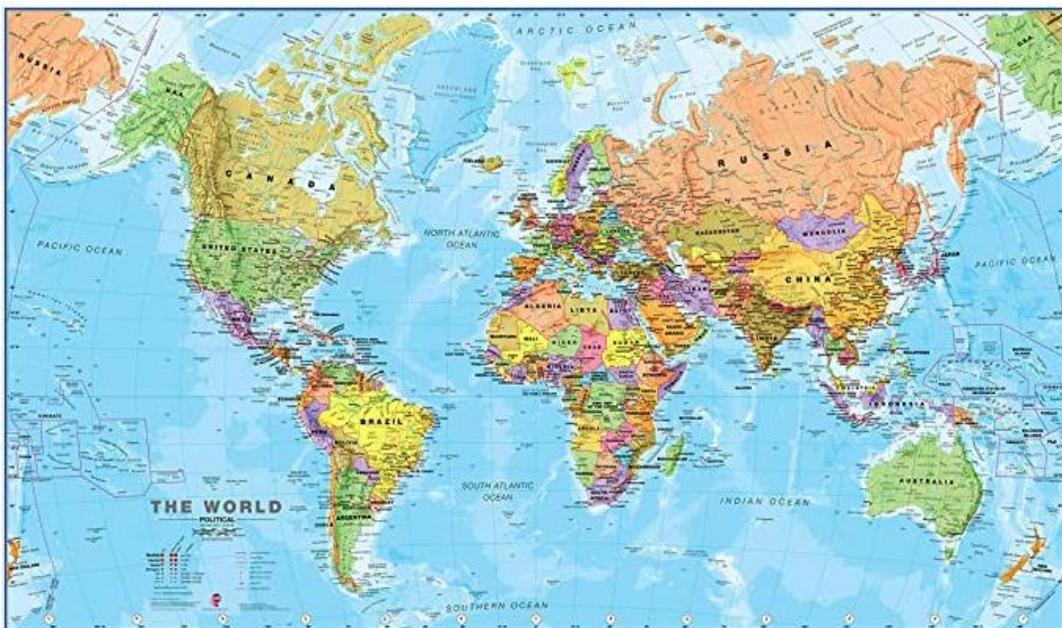
Based on the latest update provided by the Commission, the import of almost 1,076,900 tonnes, in milled equivalent, shows an increase of about 19,800 tonnes (+2%) compared to a year ago. With almost 171,000 tonnes, of which about 115,500 tonnes are semi-milled/milled rice, the Netherlands is the largest importer in the EU. They are followed by France with almost 163,900 tonnes and Spain with about 139,100 tonnes. EU exports amounted to around 266,500 tonnes in milled equivalent, down by almost 6,900 tonnes (-3%) compared to last year. With approximately 98,500 tonnes cleared through customs, Italy is the leading exporting country among the 27 Member States. It is followed by Spain and Greece with about 39,800 and 34,100 tonnes respectively.

## Basmati husked rice imports

(*in tonnes*)



As of 5/23/2023, import licenses have been issued for Basmati husked rice amounting to 219,411 tonnes, showing a decrease of 6,468 tonnes (-3%) from a year ago. Those from Pakistan stood at 148,038 tonnes, down 54,501 tonnes (-27%), while those from India, at 71,373 tonnes, are up 48,033 tonnes (+206%).



# **International markets**

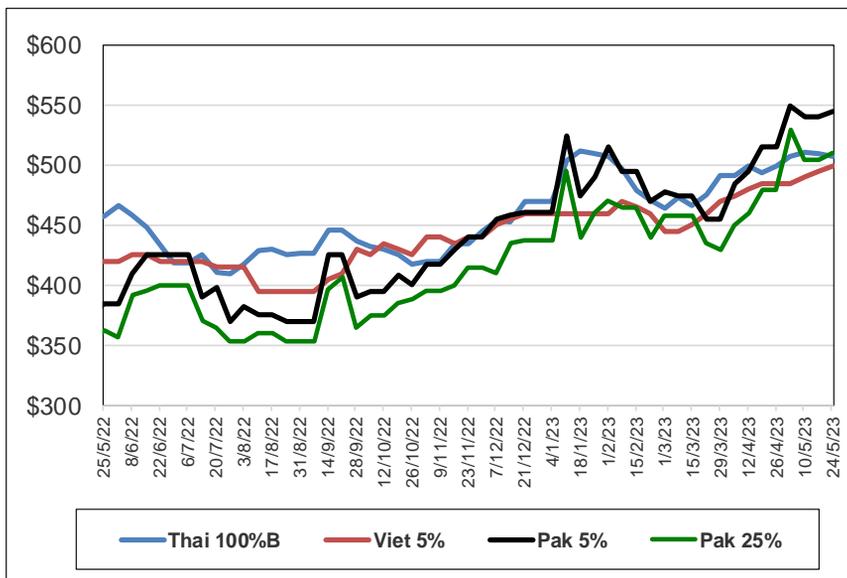
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## International prices

(\$/tonnes)



## Weekly prices

| <b>Milled rice international FOB quotes</b> |                      |            |
|---|----------------------|------------|
| <i>Exchange rate</i>                        | <b>€1 = \$1,0683</b> |            |
| <b>Asian Markets</b>                        | <b>\$/t</b>          | <b>€/t</b> |
| Thai 100%B                                  | 508                  | 476        |
| Vietnam 5%                                  | 500                  | 468        |
| India 5%                                    | 455                  | 426        |
| Pakistan 5%                                 | 545                  | 510        |
| Pakistan 25%                                | 510                  | 477        |
| Myanmar 5%                                  | 570                  | 534        |
| Pakistan Basmati S. Kernel                  | 1.248                | 1.168      |
| India Basmati Pusa                          | 1.550                | 1.451      |
| <b>Other Markets</b>                        | <b>\$/t</b>          | <b>€/t</b> |
| Uruguay 5%                                  | 600                  | 562        |
| Argentina 5%                                | 540                  | 505        |
| Brasile Type 1                              | 615                  | 576        |
| USA LG 2/4% Fob US Gulf                     | 780                  | 730        |
| California MG 1/4% - Med -                  | 1.650                | 1.545      |