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Italy and Greece in Agrifish: no single fund and national CAP plan

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No single fund and national plans for the CAP: the Commission must “respect a coherent and dedicated budget for agriculture and fisheries in all EU consultations during discussions on the future multiannual financial framework, in order to safeguard the smooth functioning of the EU's common policies”.

This is the position expressed at Agrifish in a joint note by Italy and Greece, with the support of Austria, Belgium, Cyprus, Croatia France, Ireland, Portugal, the Czech Republic and Hungary. “The idea of creating a single fund and a single plan for all EU intervention instruments”, the note reads, “is totally inadequate for the ambitious objectives attributed to the PCP (pre-commercial procurement) and the CAP and will pose a threat to effective rural development measures themselves”. This is why the European Commission is asked to “commit itself to a strong PCC and to the two-pillar structure of the CAP; in order to maintain a level playing field and balanced funding of these policies among Member States, the quantification of resources allocated to the strategic role of the two sectors must be decided at EU level”. “We recall that the need to keep the funding of the CAP separate and independent, based on the current two pillars, was also reiterated in the Agrifish Council Conclusions of December 2024,” - write Italy and Greece - “In order to enable the implementation of the Vision and pursue the overall objectives of the CAP and the PCP, we consider it necessary to ensure an adequate level of funding of the CAP and the PCP for the programming period after 2027.

An adequate level of funding is essential to preserve the integrity of the policy and its instruments with respect to the fundamental objectives of ensuring food security, supporting agricultural and fisheries income and the competitiveness of the sectors”.

CAP post 2027, the Agrifish Council rejects the Single Fund proposed by the Commission *(Source: agronotizie.imagelinenetwork.com)*

The EU Commission's proposal to combine in a single fund the resources of the European Cohesion Fund and the Common Agricultural Policy funds - the European Agricultural and Rural Development Fund (EAFRD) and the European Guarantee Fund (EGF) - from the Multiannual Financial Framework 2028-2034 has been soundly rejected by the Agrifish Council, following an initiative by Italy and Greece.

The majority was clear: at the end of the day there were a total of 16 Member States in favour of the Italian-Greek no to the single fund for the CAP out of 27 countries.

Food Safety

Rapid Alert System

- An information notification for attention was sent by Netherlands concerning Aflatoxin B1 (7.7 µg/kg – ppb) and Aflatoxin total (8.4 µg/kg – ppb) in Basmati rice from Pakistan.
- A border rejection notification was sent by Netherlands concerning Thifluzamide (0.024 mg/kg - ppm) in Basmati brown rice from India.

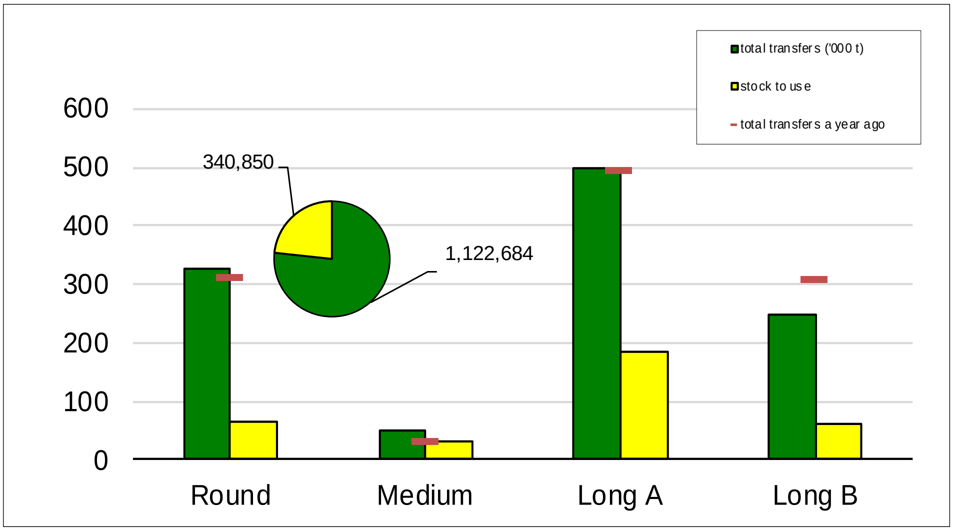
Italian market

Campaign 2024/2025

From September 1st 2024 to May 27, 2025

Paddy rice transfers

(in tonnes)

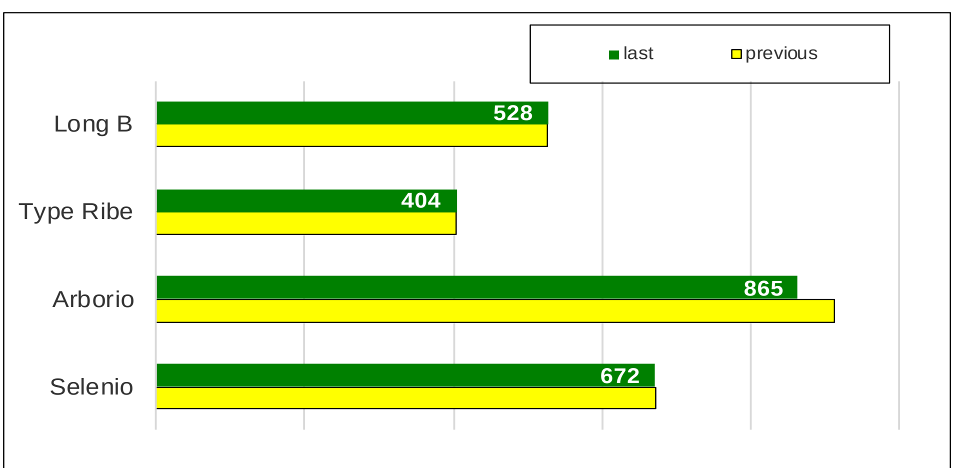


In the last week, paddy rice transfers amounted to 15,846 tonnes, broken down as follows: 8,083 tonnes of ‘long A’, 5,394 tonnes of ‘round’, 1,192 tonnes of ‘medium’ and 1,177 tonnes of ‘long B’.

Total transfers amounted to 1,122,684 tonnes, down by 30,598 tonnes (-2.7%) compared to the previous campaign.

The amount placed was 76.7% of the saleable availability against 78.3% in the previous campaign. 340,850 tonnes remain to be placed.

Paddy prices Vercelli (€/t)



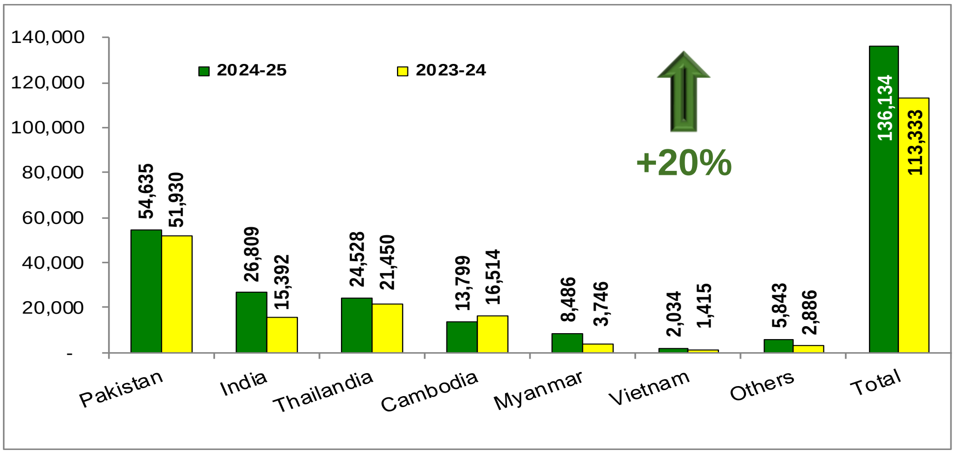
At the Vercelli Commodity Exchange there was a decrease of €/t 48 in the price of Arborio. The quotations for Dardo/Ronaldo, Leonardo, and Long B are ‘nominal’.

(*) weighted average of the maximum quotations for the varieties Diva PV, CL007, Dardo/Ronaldo and Leonardo

Import: husked + milled

tonnes in milled rice equivalent

(Source: MAECI Agrim Licences)



Imports rose from 113,333 tonnes a year ago to 136,134 tonnes today, in milled equivalent, an increase of 22,801 tonnes (20%).

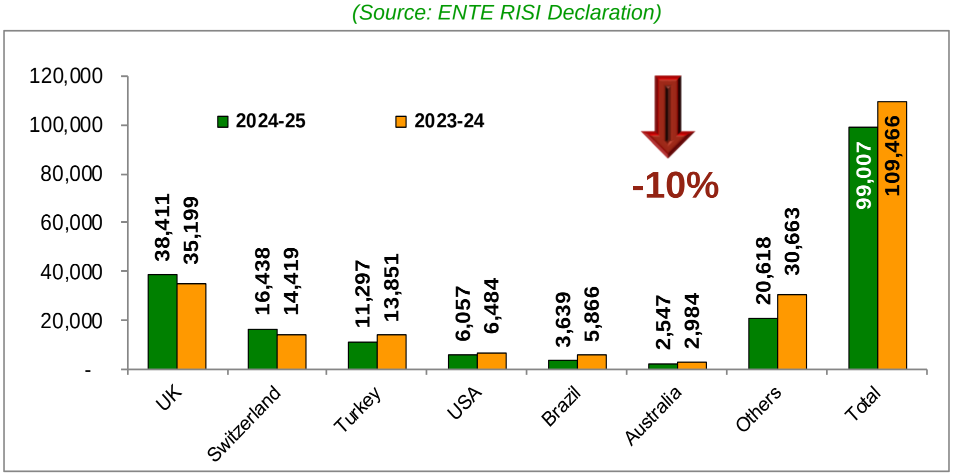
The import of husked rice, at 66,910 tonnes, in milled equivalent, mainly relates to imports of Basmati rice (62,608 t).

Imports of semi-milled/wholly milled rice - at 90,007 tonnes - were up by 8,225 tonnes (+10%) compared to the previous marketing year, of which 37% was parboiled rice mainly originating from Pakistan (18,546 t), followed by Thailand (5,007 t), India (3,955 t), Myanmar (3,683 t) and Cambodia (916 t).

Export: husked + milled

tonnes in milled rice equivalent

(Source: ENTE RISI Declaration)



In the last week, exports to third countries accounted for a volume of only 1,541 tonnes, bringing the total for the campaign to 99,007 tonnes, down by 10,459 tonnes (-10%) from the previous campaign.

The lower volumes destined for Jordan and Lebanon, amounting to 5,672 tonnes, accounted for 54% of the total export decrease.

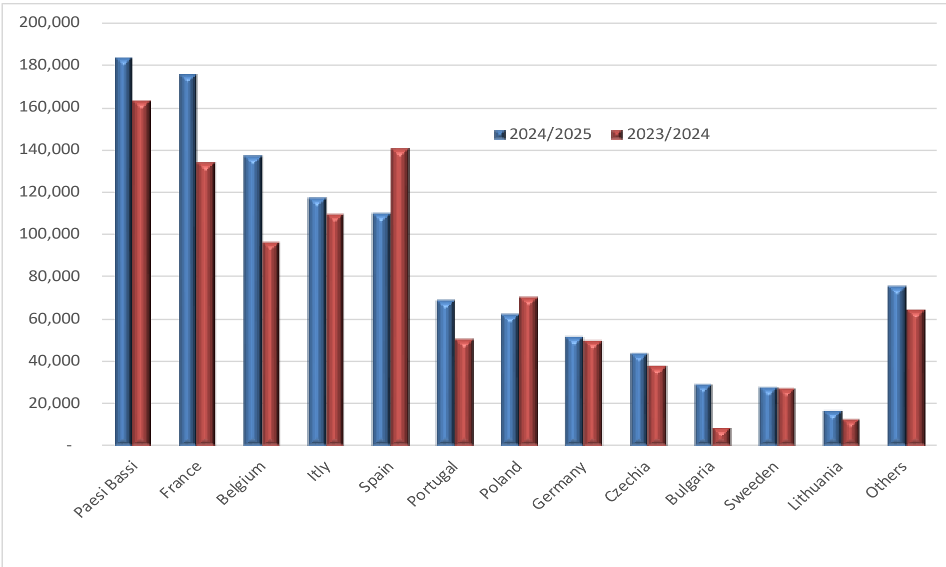
European Union market

Campaign 2024/2025

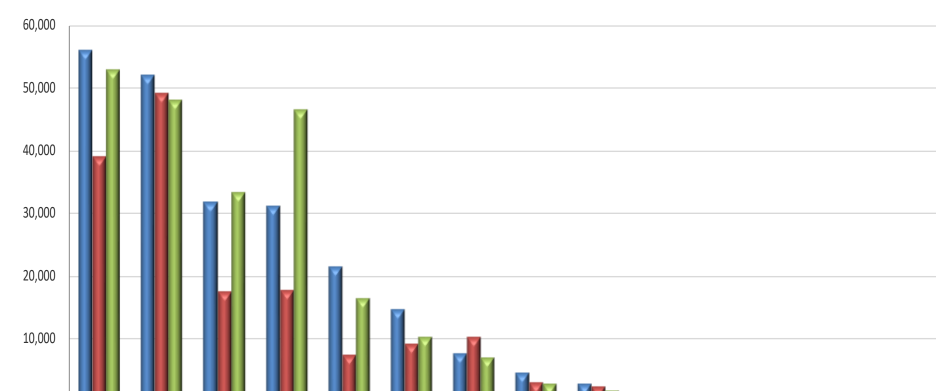
From September 1st 2024 to May 18, 2025

Import EU

('000 tonnes milled rice equivalent)

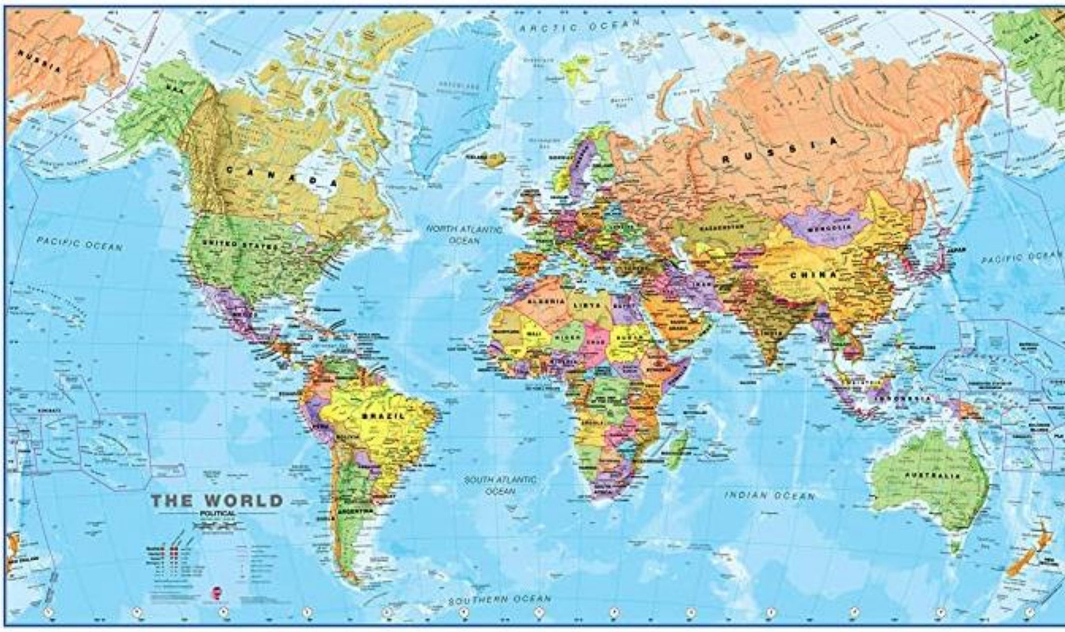


The Commission did not publish a new update this week, so the graph of the actual volumes cleared in the EU by Member State, compared to last year's, is proposed.
The graph shows that all Member States, with the exception of Spain and Poland, have increased their imports from third countries.
As of 18 May, total imports amounted to approximately 1,096,500 tonnes, in milled equivalent, an increase of 18%. Imports of husked rice and semi-milled/wholly milled rice, at around 320,000 and 773,500 tonnes respectively, increased by 37% and 11%.



	Italy	Netherlands	Belgium	Spain	France	Portugal	Poland	Germany	Denmark	Romania	Greece	Bulgaria	Sweden	Czechia
2024/2025	56,074	52,194	31,976	31,312	21,464	14,715	7,708	4,703	2,879	1,250	100	-	-	-
2023/2024	39,076	49,239	17,499	17,904	7,465	9,296	10,410	3,112	2,422	600	-	6	-	-
2022/2023	52,961	48,259	33,350	46,683	16,593	10,377	6,925	2,848	1,735	50		-	105	25

For the reasons given above, the graph of the quantities of Basmati husked rice imported by the main importing Member States, drawn up on the basis of Agrim licences, is again given.
For the current marketing year, Italy is the main importer of Basmati husked rice, followed by the Netherlands and at a distance by Belgium.
Total imports amount to 224,376 tonnes, an increase of 67,346 tonnes (+43%) compared to the previous marketing year.



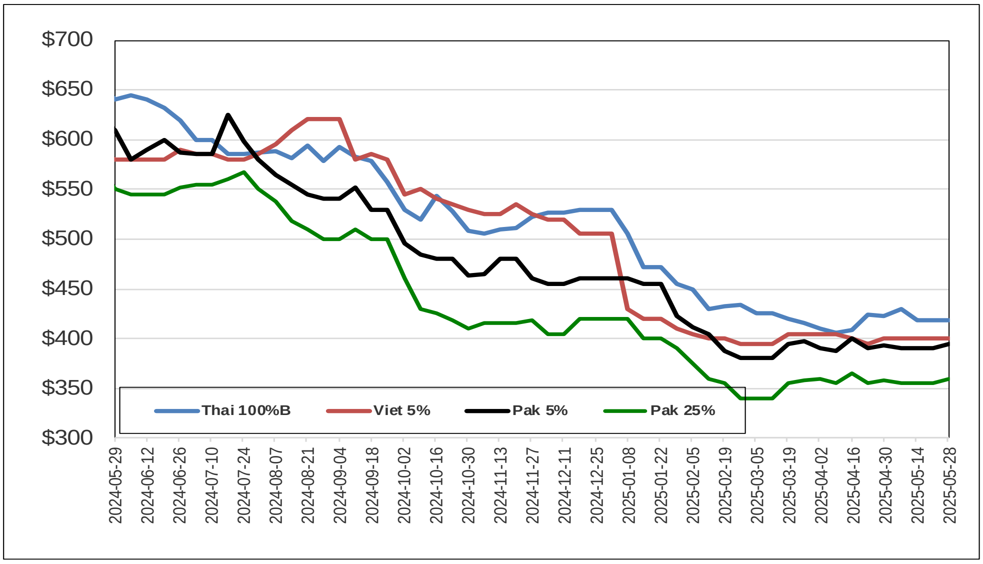
International markets

Campaign 2024/2025

From September 1st 2024 to May 28, 2025

International prices

($/tonnes)



Weekly prices

Milled rice international FOB quotes		
Exchange rate	***€1 = $1.1356***	
Asian Markets	**$/t**	**€/t**
Thai 100%B	418	368
Vietnam 5%	400	352
India 5%	390	343
Pakistan 5%	395	348
Pakistan 25%	360	317
Myanmar 5%	380	335
Pakistan Basmati S. Kernel	1,035	911
Pusa Basmati India	875	771
Other Markets	**$/t**	**€/t**
Uruguay 5%	515	454
Argentina 5%	490	431
Brazil Type 1	550	484
USA LG 2/4% Fob US Gulf	644	567
California MG 1/4% - Med -	800	704