



## News

### Report on controls in the food chain published (Source: MIPAAF)

On the website of the Ministry of Agricultural, Food and Forestry Policies is online the report on the activity of the Anti-Fraud Inspectorate of the first four months of emergency Covid-19. During this period the agro-food chain continued to provide its indispensable contribution to consumers and did not stop even during the lockdown, from production to processing and sales, continuing to guarantee quality, safety and excellence. Under the supervision of the Anti-Fraud Inspectorate, the national quality supply chains have in fact continued their production, registering, in these four months: 3.3 million branded ham legs; 8 million ham trays; 3.9 millions of branded cheeses and 13,7 million kg of grated cheese; about 2,6 million liters of DOP/IGP oil; about 26 million Balsamic vinegar from Modena; **1.1 million kg of rice**, 7.7 million kg of DOC/IGP fruit and vegetables, 6.7 million kg of pasta. You can consult the full report at the following link: [full report](#)

### Brexit: EU prepares for "hard" exit (Source: quifinanza.it)

The negotiations are getting more hard, the Brexit even harder. With the passing of the days and the impasse from which you can't get out, the ghost of the "hard" exit advances in great steps. In short, what from the first hour was considered the worst case, to be avoided at all costs, in the end could become a sad reality with the nervous markets after sniffing that starts to look bad. In other words: started in the worst possible way, the Brexit could end even worse. A real mess. Just in the last few days, the warning of the Governor of the Bank of England, Andrew Bailey, has arrived - during a conference call with the top managers of the UK institutions: British banks must start to intensify preparations for a Brexit No Deal. Today, meanwhile, is 5 June, the last day of the fourth round of negotiations between the EU and the United Kingdom, but they have ended up in quicksand. In the absence of an agreement, the farewell in the dark is increasingly taking place with the application of tariffs and duties. A prospect that agitates, not little, analysts and the financial world. "The British counterpart distances itself from the agreed political declaration". These are the words of Michel Barnier, EU chief negotiator for Brexit. Today, among other things, would also be the last day to ask for a possible extension of the "transition period" set for 31 December. An option that Johnson has always taken off the plate, reaffirming that he does not want any extension.

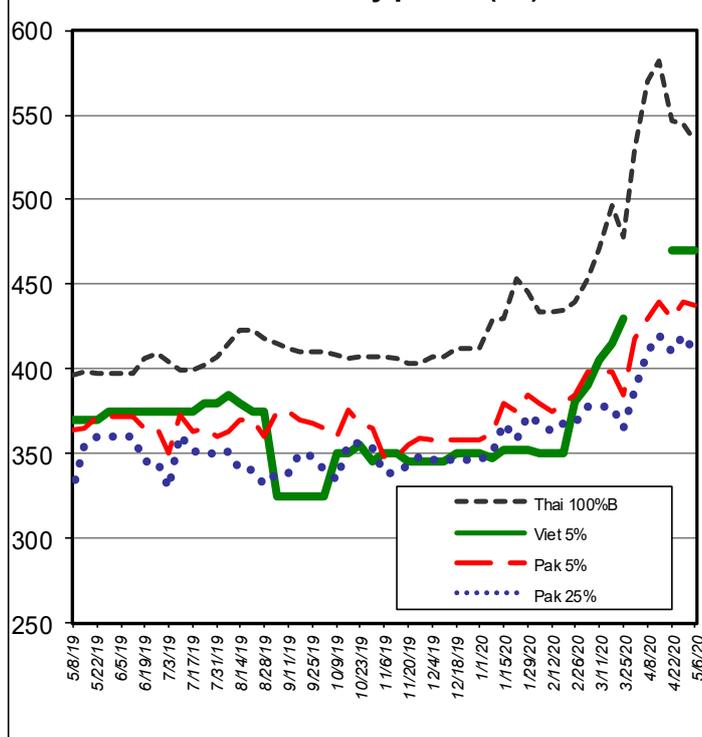
## International Markets

### Milled rice international FOB quotes

Exchange rate 1 € = 1.1194

Asian Markets	\$/t	€/t
Thai 100%B	497	444
Vietnam 5%	475	424
India 5%	370	331
Pakistan 5%	450	402
Pakistan 25%	435	389
Cambodia 5%	N.Q.	N.Q.
Myanmar 5%	450	402
India Basmati trad.	1,063	950
Other Markets	\$/t	€/t
Uruguay 5%	528	472
Argentina 5%	475	424
Paraguay 5%	465	415
USA LG 2/5% sacked	675	603
California MG 1/4% Med	950	849

Weekly prices (\$/t)



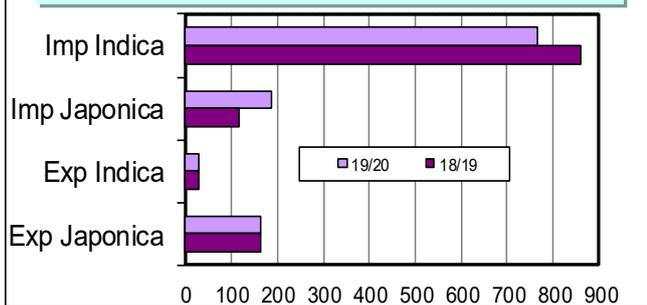
## Food Safety

### Rapid Alert System (Source: EFSA)

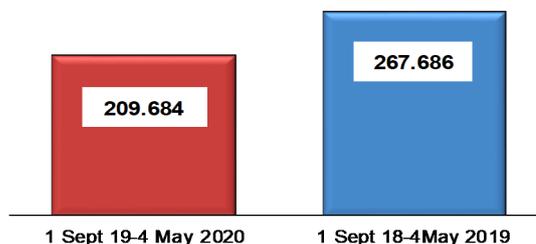
No alert concerning rice.

# European Market

Import Export EU ('000 tonnes milled rice equivalent)



Imports from LDCs (tonnes of semi-milled and milled rice)



## In focus

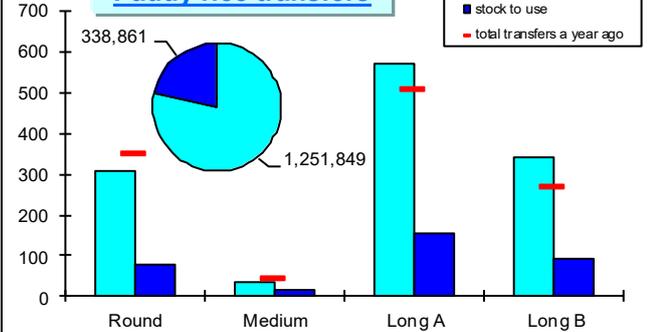
Data on the quantities actually cleared through customs show that imports into the EU amount to 1,134,162 tonnes, an increase of about 18,000 tons (+2%) compared to the previous campaign. The percentage changes show a 4% increase for husked rice and 8% decrease for paddy rice. For semi-milled/milled rice, on the other hand, there was no increase, as imports, amounting to 609,643 tonnes, are at the same level as last year.

Basmati husked rice imports amounted to 320,020 tonnes, down 7% from last year.

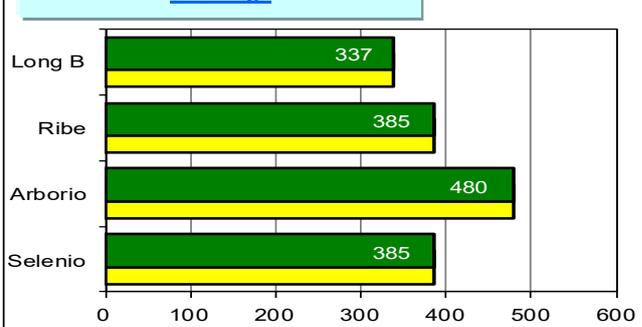
Exports, at 214,791 tonnes, in milled equivalent, were down about 11,200 tonnes (-5%) on the previous year. Japonica and Indica exports fell by 5% and 6%, respectively.

# Italian Market

Paddy rice transfers



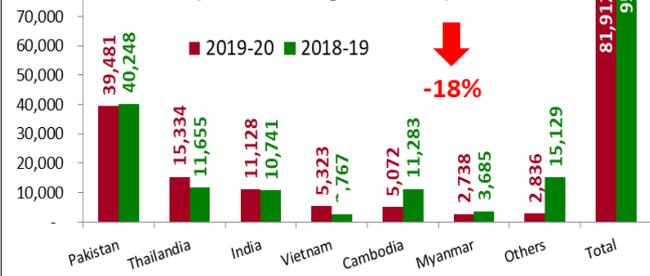
Paddy price - Vercelli Commodity Exchange



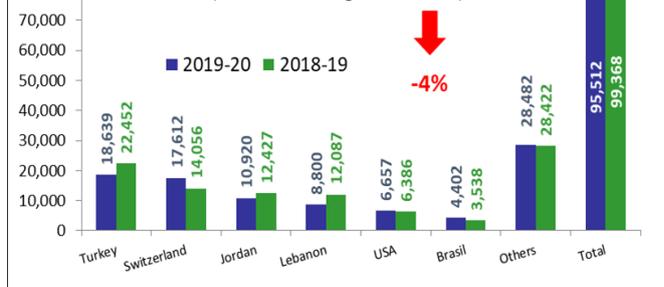
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This week's transfers of paddy rice involved 6,435 tonnes of "Long B", 5,702 tonnes of "Long A", 3,795 tonnes of "Round" and 1,123 tons of "Medium", for a total of 17,055 tons. Compared to a year ago, the transfers show an increase of 76,518 tons (+6%). The "Round" and "Medium" rice are down by 42,976 and 9,838 tons, respectively, while the "Long B" and "Long A" rice increased by 74,383 and 54,949 tonnes respectively. The Vercelli Stock Exchange remained closed for holiday. Import licences for husked and semi-milled/milled rice were issued in respect of 81,912 tonnes, in milled equivalent, against 95,508 tons requested last year, down 13,596 tons (-14%). The actual customs clearance stood at 77,873 tons, down by about 35,700 tons (-31%), as shown in the table at the bottom of the page. Licences issued for exports stood at 95,512 tonnes, in milled equivalent, down by 3,856 tonnes (-4%) compared to a year ago. The "Long A" rice, equal to 71,465 tons, covers 75% of the total exported and are down by 4,001 tons (-5%) compared to the last year. The "Round" (7,301 t) and "Medium" (4,982 t) rice also fell by 7% and 22%, respectively. The "Long B" rice bucked the trend, with 11,764 tonnes, an increase of around 2,000 tonnes (+22%).

Import: husked + milled - till 29/05/2020 (tonnes in milled rice equivalent) (Source: Mise Agrim Licences)



Export: husked + milled - till 29/05/2020 (tonnes in milled rice equivalent) (Source: Mise Agrex Licences)



Italian imports till 31/05/2020 - Customs declarations - Source: DG Agri (tonnes in milled rice equivalent)

Campaig	Paddy			Brown rice			Semi-milled / Milled rice			TOTAL		
	Indica	Japonica	Total	Indica	Japonica	Total	Indica	Japonica	Total	Indica	Japonica	TOTAL
2019/2020	3,949	-	3,949	31,578	1,612	33,190	36,858	3,876	40,734	72,385	5,488	77,873
2018/2019	19,235	-	19,235	43,724	2,377	46,101	44,288	3,988	48,276	107,247	6,365	113,612