



## News

### COVID-19: Pac contributions to farms anticipated (Source: [www.politicheagricole.it](http://www.politicheagricole.it))

"We want to guarantee liquidity for companies, thus responding to the emergency and difficulties expressed, especially in the last few hours, by companies in the sector and regions".

These are the words of the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Forestry Teresa Bellanova, who sent to the State-Regions Conference, for the relevant agreement, the Ministerial Decree authorizing agricultural enterprises to receive an advance on the amounts due under the support schemes provided by the Community Agricultural Policy (CAP) for the year 2020. Objective: to cope with the general crisis affecting agricultural enterprises, aggravated by the development of the COVID-19 epidemic and the consequent suspension of activities and services, which are further exacerbating the economic difficulties of farmers.

"With the start of the procedure for the advance payment of CAP contributions to farms," says Minister Teresa Bellanova, "we are giving a first immediate response to the numerous requests received during the meetings of these days to the Task Force set up within the Ministry. In this way, farmers will have immediate liquidity to ensure business continuity".

### The duty on husked rice is going to be reduced (Source: *Ente Nazionale Risi Note*)

According to the information provided by the European Commission services, from 1 September 2019 to 25 February 2020, imports of husked rice, excluding Basmati, amounted to 231,817 tonnes.

At the moment the duty on husked rice is set at € 65 and it is very likely that in the first ten days of March the duty will be set at € 42.5 per tonne.

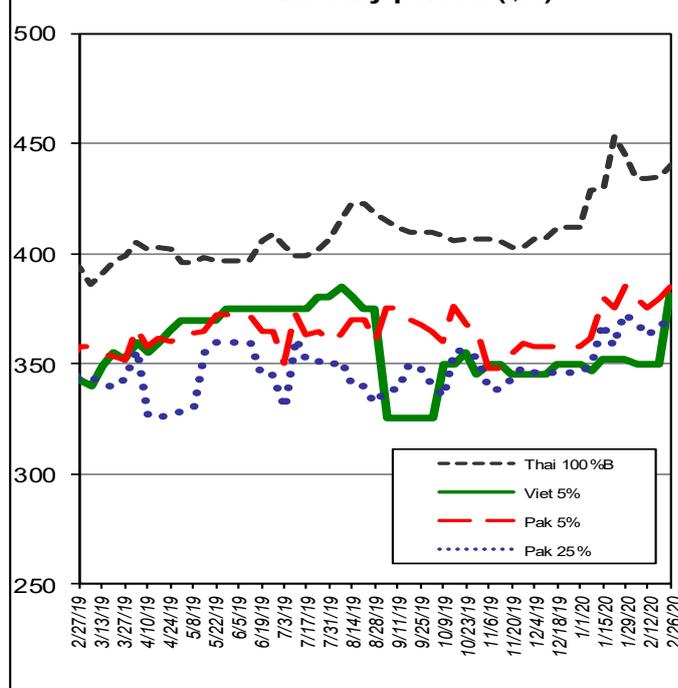
## International Markets

### Milled rice international FOB quotes

Exchange rate 1 € = 1.0875

Asian Markets	\$/t	€/t
Thai 100%B	440	405
Vietnam 5%	381	350
India 5%	365	336
Pakistan 5%	385	354
Pakistan 25%	368	338
Cambodia 5%	455	418
Myanmar 5%	365	336
India Basmati trad.	1197	1101
Other Markets	\$/t	€/t
Uruguay 5%	515	474
Argentina 5%	475	437
Paraguay 5%	465	428
USA LG 2/5% sacked	615	566
California MG 1/4% Med	840	772

### Weekly prices (\$/t)



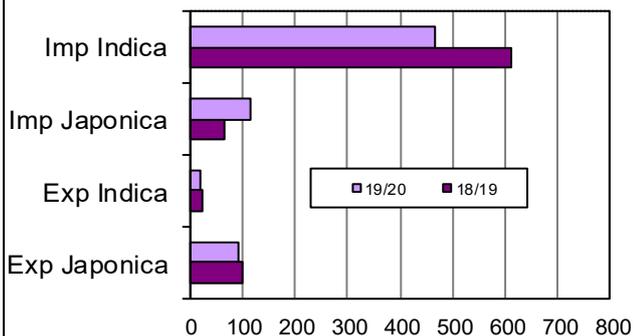
## Food Safety

### Rapid Alert System (Source: EFSA)

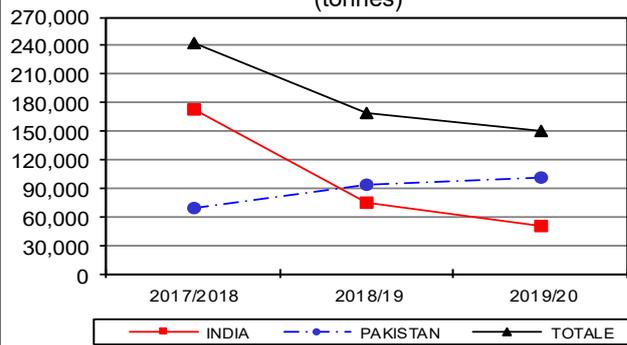
An information for attention was sent by Switzerland concerning aflatoxins (B1 = 3.4 µg/kg - ppb) in parboiled rice from Sri Lanka.

# European Market

**Import Export EU** ('000 tonnes milled rice equivalent)



**Basmati husked rice imports** (tonnes)

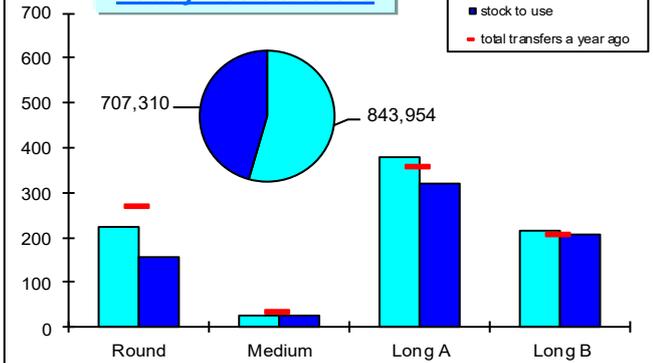


## In focus

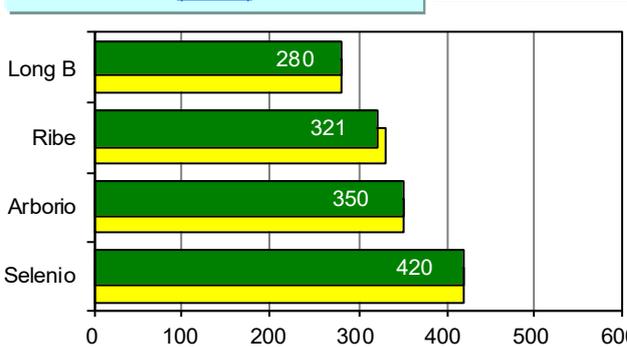
EU imports amount to 581,559 tonnes, in milled equivalent, about 96,000 tonnes (-14%) less than in the previous campaign. The largest decrease is in imports of semi-milled and milled Indica rice, which fell from 340,611 tonnes last year to 227,250 tonnes today, with a decrease of over than 113,000 tonnes (-33%). Husked Basmati rice imports amounting to 150,001 tonnes, decrease by 18,616 tonnes (-11%). From this number onwards, the data on exports refer to the volumes actually cleared through customs, as is already the case for imports. EU exports, including paddy rice, amount to 110,407 tonnes, in milled equivalent, 9,306 tonnes, (-8%) less than last year. In particular, paddy rice amount to 19,646 tonnes and goes to Turkey, husked rice, amounting to 5,819 tonnes, is mainly exported to Switzerland and Turkey, semi-milled and milled rice, amounting to 85,000 tonnes, is sent to Countries such as Turkey, Jordan, Switzerland, the United States and Lebanon.

# Italian Market

**Paddy rice transfers**



**Paddy price - Vercelli Commodity Exchange** (€/tonne)



## In focus

In the last week paddy rice transfers by farmers reached 36,943 tonnes: 19,447 tonnes of long A grain, 9,906 tonnes of long B grain, 6,743 tonnes of round grain and 847 tonnes of medium grain. The total transfers, amounting to 843,954 tonnes and accounting for 54% of the total supply, decreased by 22,131 tonnes (-3%) compared to last campaign.

Due to the closure of the Commodity Exchange in Vercelli, there was no listing, so last week's table is shown.

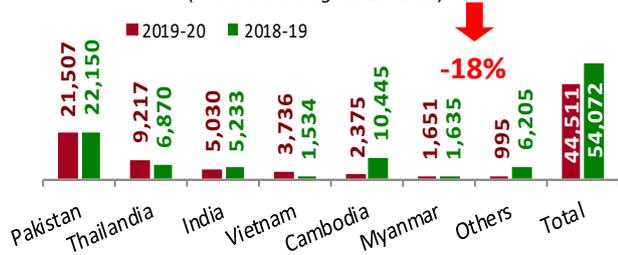
Italian imports of semi milled and milled rice amounting to 44,511 tonnes, in milled equivalent, decreased by 9,561 tonnes (-18%) compared to last campaign, mainly due to lower imports from Cambodia (-8,070 t) and Other Countries (-5,210 t), including Guyana and Paraguay.

According to customs declarations imports amount to 42,252 tonnes, 15,364 tonnes (-27%) less than last year (see table at the bottom).

Italian exports amount to 57,061 tonnes, in milled equivalent, as it was a year ago. The greatest increase concerns Turkey (+2,986 tonnes, +42%), while exports to Lebanon decreased by 2,221 tonnes (-26%).

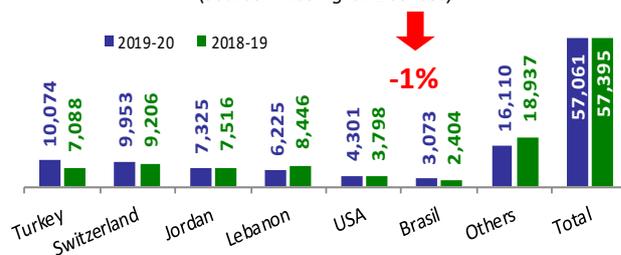
**Import: husked + milled - till 21/02/2020**

(tonnes in milled rice equivalent)  
(Source: Mise Agrim Licences)



**Export: husked + milled - till 21/02/2020**

(tonnes in milled rice equivalent)  
(Source: Mise Agrex Licences)



**Italian imports till 23/02/2020 - Customs declarations - Source: DG Agri** (tonnes in milled rice equivalent)

Campaing	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	14,369	1,583	15,952	19,917	2,434	22,351	38,235	4,017	42,252
2018/2019	5,832	-	5,832	18,434	650	19,084	31,474	1,226	32,700	55,740	1,876	57,616