# Rice sector and trade News

# RiceNews

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# News

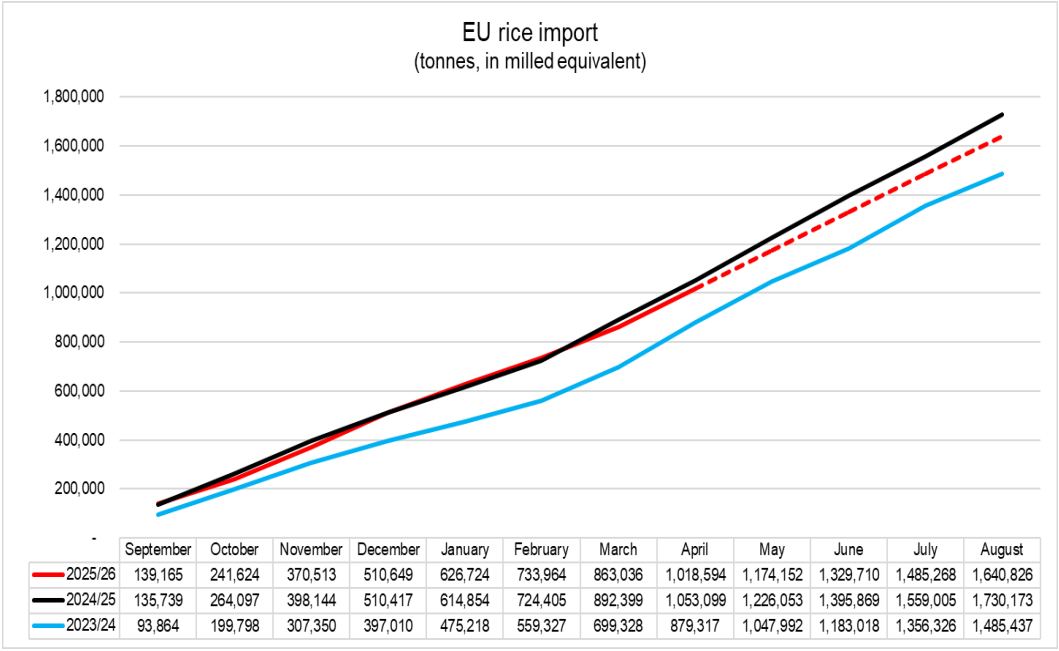
**Rice imports into the European Union are down** *(Source: Ente Nazionale Risi Note)*

At the end of May, the European Commission published its market report and, according to Eurostat data updated at the end of April, it appears that imports of rice, in milled equivalent, into the European Union are well above (+139,277 tonnes; +16%) than the figure recorded two years earlier, but below (-34,505 tonnes; -3%) the figure from a year ago.

As can be seen from the graph, in the 2023/24 and 2024/25 marketing years, EU imports saw a significant acceleration in March, before maintaining the same pace in the following months, whereas in the current marketing year, imports remained constant until the end of March before accelerating in April, resulting in the highest monthly volume of the marketing year (around 156,000 tonnes).

Assuming that the volume recorded in April remains constant for the final four months of the marketing year, the projection as at 31 August shows total imports of almost 1,641,000 tonnes, a decrease of approximately 89,000 tonnes (-5%) compared to last year's record.

Given that the April figure was influenced by the conflict in Iran, it is reasonable to expect import volumes to remain at the same level in May and June; however, a welcome agreement between the US and Iran – possibly in the coming days – is likely to slow down import activity in July and August, leading to an even sharper decline in imports compared with the previous season than suggested in the graph.




| | September | October | November | December | January | February | March | April | May | June | July | August |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2025/26 | 139,165 | 241,624 | 370,513 | 510,649 | 626,724 | 733,964 | 863,036 | 1,018,594 | 1,174,152 | 1,329,710 | 1,485,268 | 1,640,826 |
| 2024/25 | 135,739 | 264,097 | 398,144 | 510,417 | 614,854 | 724,405 | 892,399 | 1,053,099 | 1,226,053 | 1,395,869 | 1,559,005 | 1,730,173 |
| 2023/24 | 93,864 | 199,798 | 307,350 | 397,010 | 475,218 | 559,327 | 699,328 | 879,317 | 1,047,992 | 1,183,018 | 1,356,326 | 1,485,437 |

# Food Safety

***Rapid Alert System***

- A border rejection notification was sent by Netherlands concerning Acetamiprid (0.032 mg/kg - ppm), Clothianidin (0.025 mg/kg - ppm) e Chlorpyrifos (0.13 mg/kg - ppm) in Basmati rice from Pakistan.

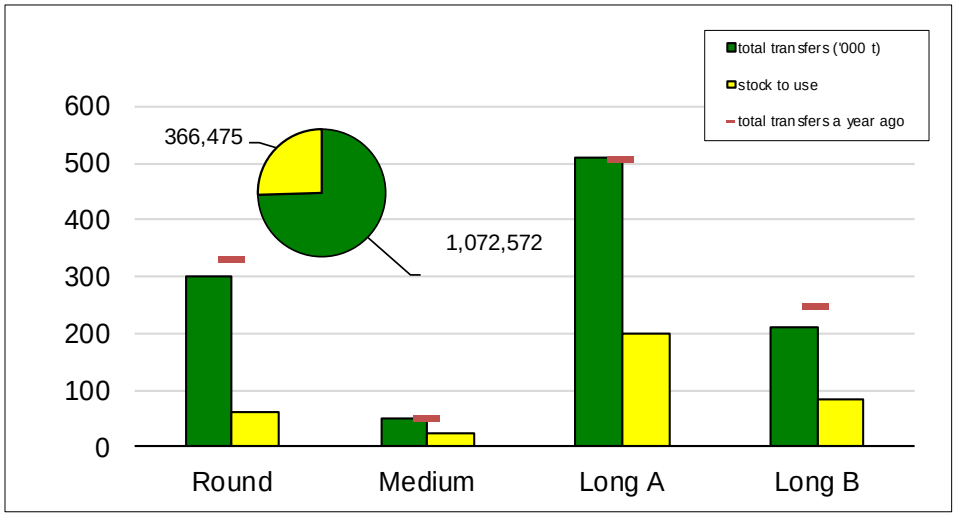
# Italian market

## *Campaign 2025/2026*

***From September 1st 2025 to June 2, 2026***

# Paddy rice transfers

*(in tonnes)*

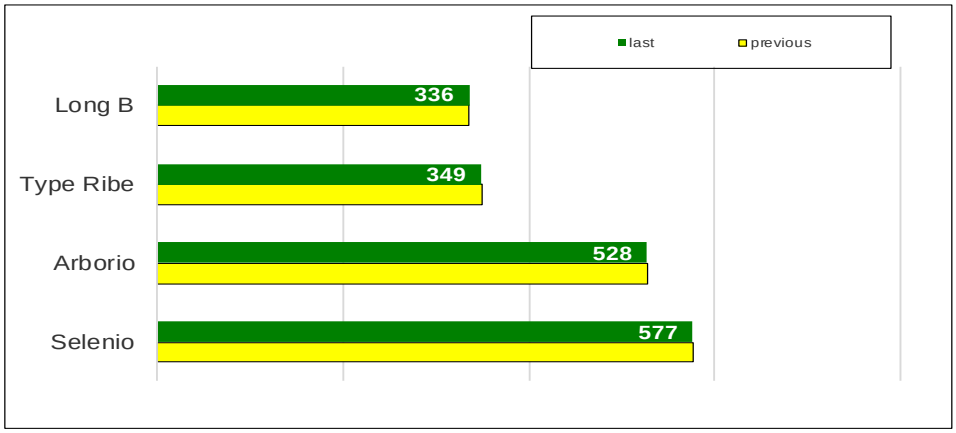



Farmers delivered 17,994 tonnes of paddy rice to the industry, broken down as follows: 8,277 tonnes of 'long A', 4,809 tonnes of 'long B', 4,026 tonnes of 'round' and 882 tonnes of 'medium'.

Total transfers amount to 1,072,572 tonnes, representing 74.5% of the available stock for sale, and are down by 74,938 tonnes (-6.5%) compared with the previous marketing year.

366,475 tonnes remain to be placed..

# Paddy prices Vercelli (€/t)



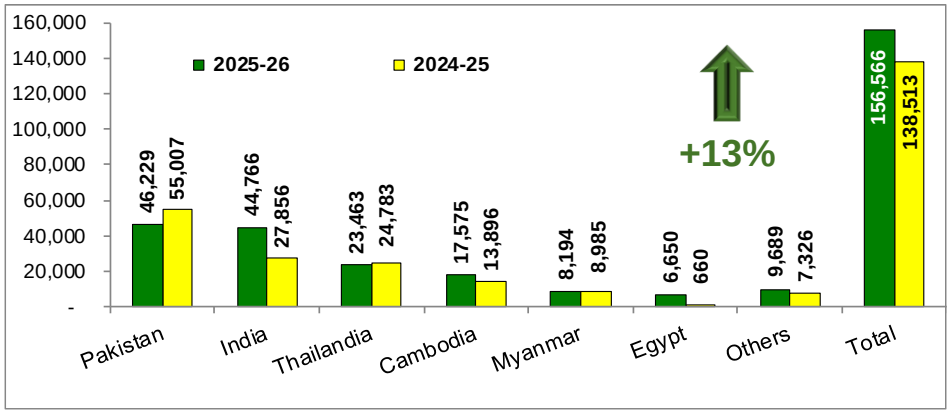

The Vercelli Commodities Exchange was closed for the holiday, so we report the chart showing the latest figures from 26 May 2026.

*(*) weighted average of the maximum quotations for the varieties Kinder PV, Ely PV and Ronaldo*

# Import: husked + milled

tonnes in milled rice equivalent

*(Source: MAECI Agrim Licences)*



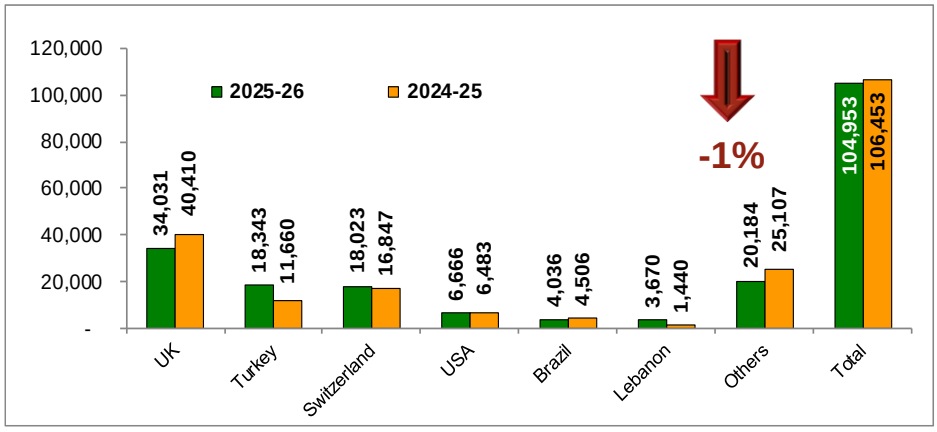

During the period from 1 September 2025 to 29 May 2026, import licences for husked rice and semi-milled/milled rice were issued for a total of 156,566 tonnes, in milled equivalent, an increase of 18,053 tonnes (+13%) compared with the previous marketing year.

Imports of Indica rice, amounting to 143,582 tonnes, showed an increase of 8,812 tonnes (+7%). Imports of Japonica rice, totalling 12,984 tonnes – comprising 8,436 tonnes of 'Round', 3,267 tonnes of 'Medium' and 1,281 tonnes of 'Long A' – rose by 9,241 tonnes, more than tripling in volume compared to a year ago.

# Export: husked + milled

tonnes in milled rice equivalent

*(Source: ENTE RISI Declaration)*




Total exports stood at 104,953 tonnes, in milled equivalent, down by 1,500 tonnes (-1%) compared with a year ago.

Exports of Japonica rice, amounting to 91,150 tonnes, and those of Indica rice, amounting to 13,803 tonnes, recorded a decrease of 611 tonnes (-1%) and 889 tonnes (-6%) respectively.

# European Union market

## *Campaign 2025/2026*

***From September 1st 2025 to May 26, 2026***

# Import EU – Export UE

*('000 tonnes milled rice equivalent)*

| Category | Tipologia | Marketin year 2025/2026 1/9/2025 - 19/5/2026 | | Marketin year 2025/2026 1/9/2025 - 14/5/2026 | | Diff. *(milled eq.)* | % |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | Quantity | Milled equivalent | Quantity | Milled equivalent | | |
| Husked | Indica | 468,450 | 323,230 | 479,326 | 330,735 | -7,505 | -2% |
| Husked | Japonica | 53,888 | 39,686 | 34,547 | 24,312 | 15,374 | 63% |
| **TOTALE** | | **522,338** | **362,916** | **513,873** | **355,047** | **7,869** | **2%** |
| Semi-milled | Indica | 15,276 | 14,250 | 15,438 | 14,401 | -151 | -1% |
| Semi-Milled | Japonica | 11,955 | 11,170 | 12,923 | 12,074 | -904 | -7% |
| **TOTALE** | | **27,231** | **25,420** | **28,361** | **26,475** | **-1,055** | **-4%** |
| Milled | Indica | 656,454 | 656,454 | 663,392 | 663,392 | -6,938 | -1% |
| Milled | Japonica | 108,574 | 108,574 | 81,297 | 81,297 | 27,277 | 34% |
| **TOTALE** | | | **765,028** | | **744,689** | **20,339** | **3%** |
| **TOTALE** | | | **1,153,364** | | **1,126,211** | **27,153** | **2%** |
| Brokens | | | 285,928 | | 399,790 | -113,862 | -28% |

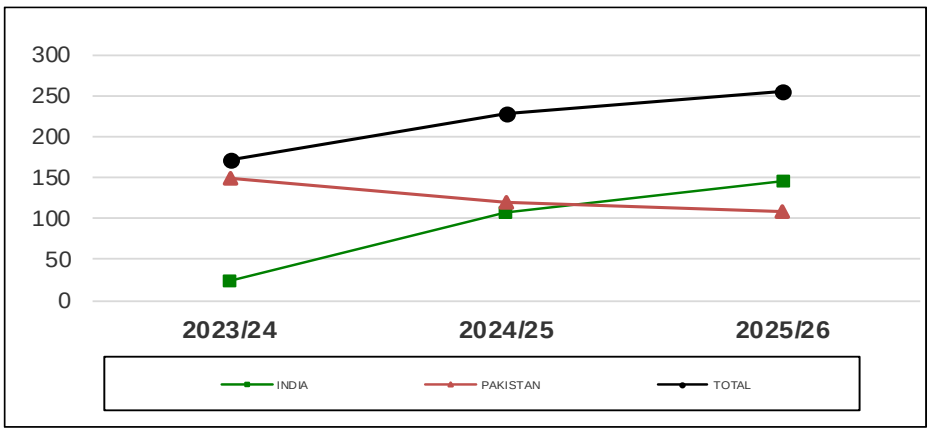
Imports, on the basis of Agrim import licences issued by each EU Member State, stand at 1,153,364 tonnes (in milled equivalent), an increase of 27,153 tonnes (+2%) compared with a year ago.

As of 19 May the import licences covered 17,854 tonnes of husked rice, of which 7,128 tonnes were Basmati, and 20,487 tonnes of semi-milled/milled rice.

Exports – approximately 204,200 tonnes – in milled equivalent, show a decrease of almost 11,800 tonnes (-6%) compared to a year ago.

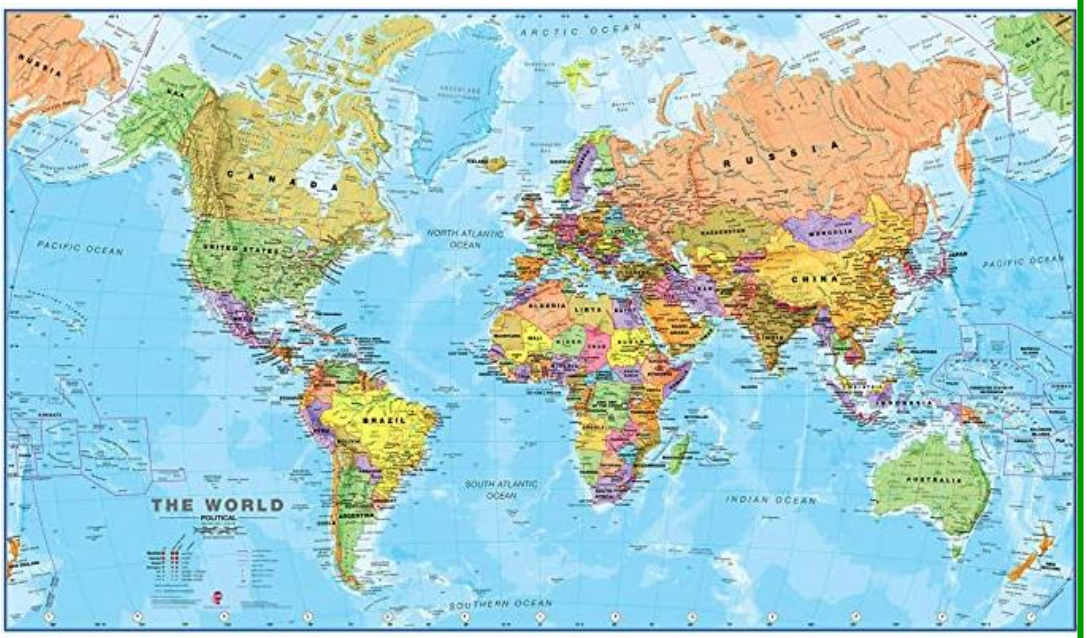
# Basmati husked rice imports

*('000 tonnes)*




Imports of husked Basmati rice – 255,760 tonnes – were up by 26,989 tonnes (+12%) compared with the previous marketing year.

Imports from Pakistan, totalling 109,053 tonnes, fell by 11,021 tonnes (-9%), whilst those from India stood at 146,708 tonnes, an increase of 38,010 tonnes (+35%).



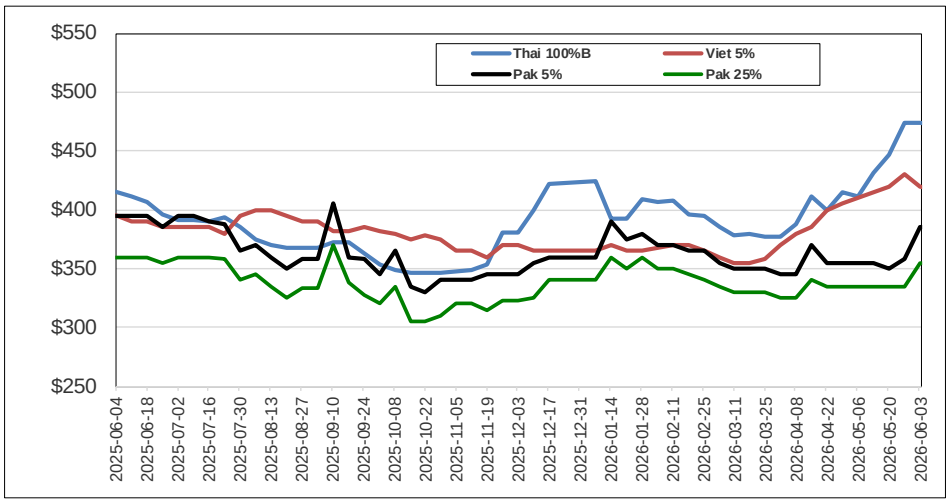

# International markets

## *Campaign 2025/2026*

***From September 1st 2025 to June 3, 2026***

# International prices

*($/tonnes)*




# Weekly prices

| Milled rice international FOB quotes | | |
|---|---|---|
| *Exchange rate* | *€1 =* | *$1.1614* |
| **Asian Markets** | **$/t** | **€/t** |
| Thai 100%B | 474 | 408 |
| Vietnam 5% | 420 | 362 |
| India 5% | 345 | 297 |
| Pakistan 5% | 385 | 331 |
| Pakistan 25% | 355 | 306 |
| Myanmar 5% | 390 | 336 |
| Pakistan Basmati S. Kernel | 1,155 | 994 |
| Pusa Basmati India | 1,050 | 904 |
| **Other Markets** | **$/t** | **€/t** |
| Uruguay 5% | 500 | 431 |
| Argentina 5% | 410 | 353 |
| Brazil Type 1 | 470 | 405 |
| USA LG 2/4% Fob Laredo TX | 575 | 495 |
| California MG 1/4% - Med - | 880 | 758 |