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News

The European Union has not granted preferential treatment to US rice *(Source: Ente Nazionale Risi)*

The EU Council has adopted two regulations implementing the tariff commitments set out in the EU-US Joint Declaration of 21 August 2025. The first regulation (2026/1455) sets out the list of US agri-food products destined to enter the EU at zero or reduced duty; this list is very extensive but does not include beef, poultry and **rice**, which are considered sensitive agricultural products for the EU.

Agea presents a 10-point plan to reform CAP payments: green light from the Regions (*Source: terraevita.edagricole.it*)

A more efficient, coordinated and digital system for managing Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) payments. This is the aim of the ten-point plan presented by Agea to the Agricultural Policy Committee of the Conference of Regions and Autonomous Provinces, which expressed its full support for the proposal. The project was outlined by Agea's director, Fabio Vitale, during the meeting on 30 June chaired by the Veneto Regional Councillor for Agriculture, Dario Bond. The plan aims to overcome the structural shortcomings of the system for monitoring and disbursing EU aid through greater integration between AGEA and the regional paying agencies (OPRs). The proposal provides for the creation of a federated model capable of coordinating the various paying agencies and overcoming the fragmentation of procedures and information systems which, in recent years, has contributed to delays and irregularities in the disbursement of aid. The objectives include greater administrative simplification, the digitisation of processes through tools such as artificial intelligence, geolocation and a federated model of the National Agricultural Information System (SIAN), as well as a clearer distinction between policy-making and the operational management of European funds, with a view to the future CAP for 2028–2034. According to AGEA, the new structure should ensure faster, more predictable and more uniform payments, offering greater certainty to agricultural businesses.
Complete news story is available at the following link: **Full article**.

Rules and Calls for bids

Regulation (EU) 2026/1455 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 June 2026
(OJ L 30/6/2026)

on the adjustment of customs duties on imports of certain goods originating in the United States of America and opening of tariff quotas for imports of certain goods originating in the United States of America.

Food Safety

Rapid Alert System

- An information notification was sent by Norway concerning Chlorpyrifos (0.083 mg/kg – ppm), Thiametoxam (0.029 mg/kg – ppm) and Tricyclazole (0.049 mg/kg – ppm) in rice from India, via Italy.
- A border rejection notification was sent by Ireland concerning Tryciclazole (0.28 mg/kg - ppm) in rice from India.

Italian market

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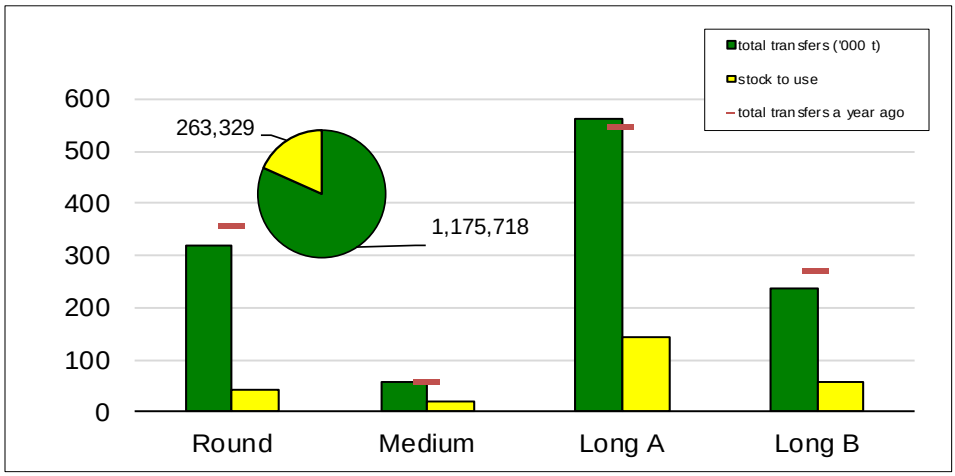
From September 1st 2025 to June 30, 2026

Paddy rice transfers

(in tonnes)



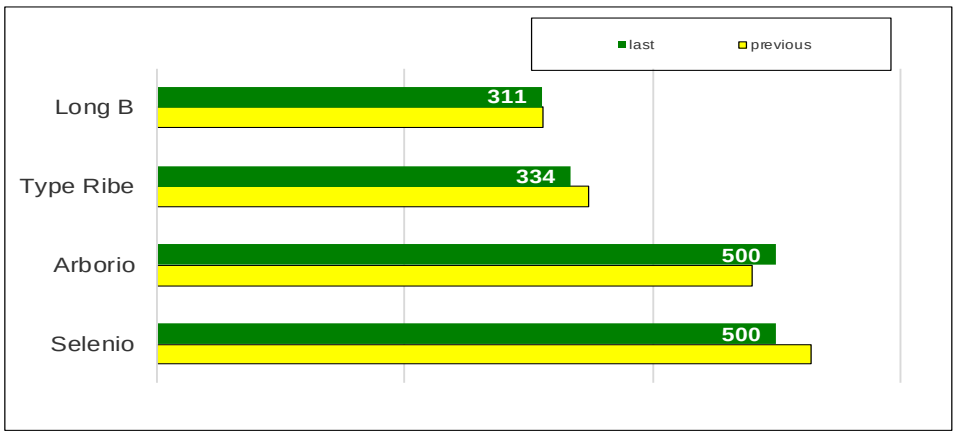
Over the past week, the volume of paddy stood at 20,059 tonnes, of which 10,137 tonnes were 'long A', 4,166 tonnes were 'long B', 4,010 tonnes were 'round' and 1,746 tonnes were 'medium'.

The total volume transferred amounts to 1,175,718 tonnes, representing a decrease of 63,246 tonnes (-5%) compared with the previous season.

'Round', 'medium' and 'long B' paddy rice recorded decreases of 40,916 tonnes (-11%), 1,945 tonnes (-3%) and 33,701 tonnes (-12%) respectively, whilst 'long A' paddy rice recorded an increase of 13,316 tonnes (+2%).

263,329 tonnes remain to be allocated.

Paddy prices Vercelli (€/t)



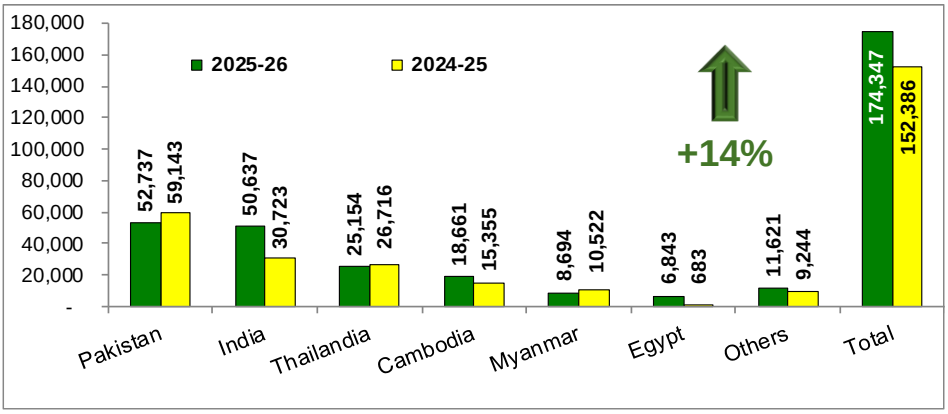
At the Vercelli Commodities Exchange, prices have fallen by €/t 29 for the Selenio variety and by €/t 15 for the Type Ribe. The Arborio variety has risen by €/t 20.

(*) 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)



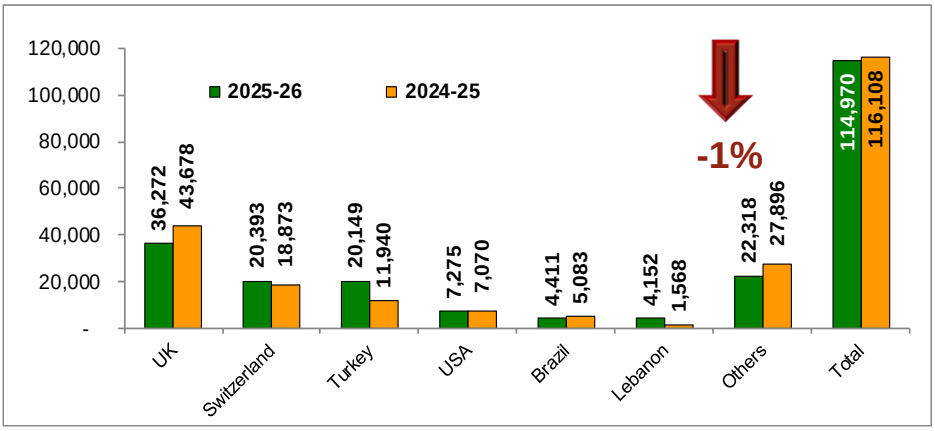
Imports continue to grow at a faster rate than in the previous marketing year, with a volume of around 174,300 tonnes (in milled equivalent), representing an increase of almost 22,000 tonnes (+14%) compared with a year ago.

Imports of Indica rice, totalling 160,609 tonnes, show an increase of 13,769 tonnes (+9%). Imports of Japonica rice, totalling 13,738 tonnes – comprising 8,674 tonnes of 'round', 3,783 tonnes of 'medium' and 1,281 tonnes of 'long A' – were up by 8,192 tonnes (+148%) compared with the previous marketing year.

Export: husked + milled

tonnes in milled rice equivalent

(Source: ENTE RISI Declaration)



Exports, totalling 114,970 tonnes, were down by 1,138 tonnes (-1%) compared with the figure recorded a year ago.

Exports of Japonica rice, totalling 99,591 tonnes, are roughly at the same level as a year ago, whilst exports of Indica rice, totalling 15,379 tonnes, show a decrease of 840 tonnes (-5%).

European Union market

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From September 1st 2025 to June 30, 2026

Import EU – Export UE

('000 tonnes milled rice equivalent)

Category	Tipologia	Marketin year 2025/2026 1/9/2025 - 30/6/2026		Marketin year 2025/2026 1/9/2025 - 25/6/2026		Diff. *(milled eq.)*	%
		Quantity	Milled equivalent	Quantity	Milled equivalent		
Husked	Indica	556,069	383,688	576,636	397,879	-14,191	-4%
Husked	Japonica	65,934	48,361	40,373	28,605	19,756	69%
TOTALE		**622,003**	**432,049**	**617,009**	**426,484**	**5,565**	**1%**
Semi-milled	Indica	16,927	15,790	17,109	15,960	-170	-1%
Semi-Milled	Japonica	14,171	13,239	14,903	13,923	-684	-5%
TOTALE		**31,098**	**29,029**	**32,012**	**29,883**	**-854**	**-3%**
Milled	Indica	743,869	743,869	748,527	748,527	-4,658	-1%
Milled	Japonica	121,508	121,508	105,333	105,333	16,175	15%
TOTALE		**865,377**	**865,377**	**853,860**	**853,860**	**11,517**	**1%**
TOTALE			**1,326,455**		**1,310,227**	**16,228**	**1%**
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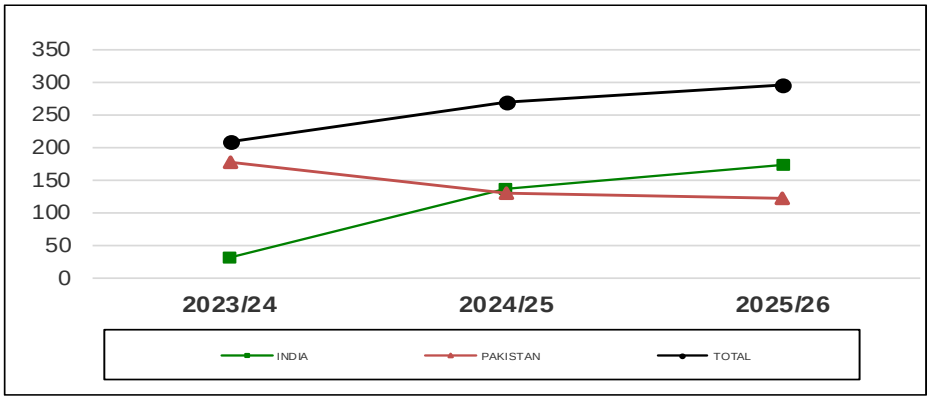
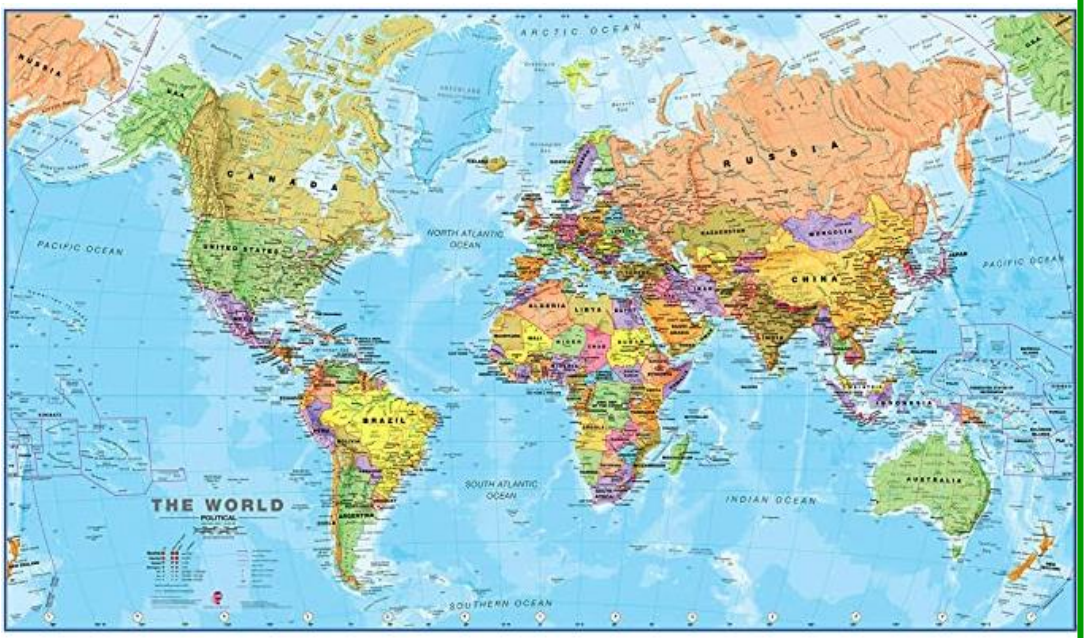
According to Agrim licence applications, imports stand at 1,326,455 tonnes, in milled equivalent, representing an increase of 16,228 tonnes (+1%) compared with a year ago.
Over the past week, applications covered 9,933 tonnes of husked rice - as is, of which 5,931 tonnes were Basmati rice - and 12,250 tonnes of semi-milled/milled rice.
Exports, based on quantities actually cleared through customs, amount to approximately 228,100 tonnes, in milled equivalent, down by almost 11,600 tonnes (-5%) compared with the previous marketing year. However, the European Commission notes that the published figures are incomplete, as some countries have provided only partial updates.
Italy was the country that exported the largest volumes of Japonica rice, accounting for 61% of the total (almost 152,700 tonnes). Portugal and Spain follow, with approximately 11% and 10% respectively. As regards Indica rice, Belgium holds the record with approximately 26% of the total volume (over 75,400 tonnes).

Basmati husked rice imports

('000 tonnes)



Imports of husked Basmati rice (295,109 tonnes) were up by 27,030 tonnes (+10%) compared with the previous marketing year.



International markets

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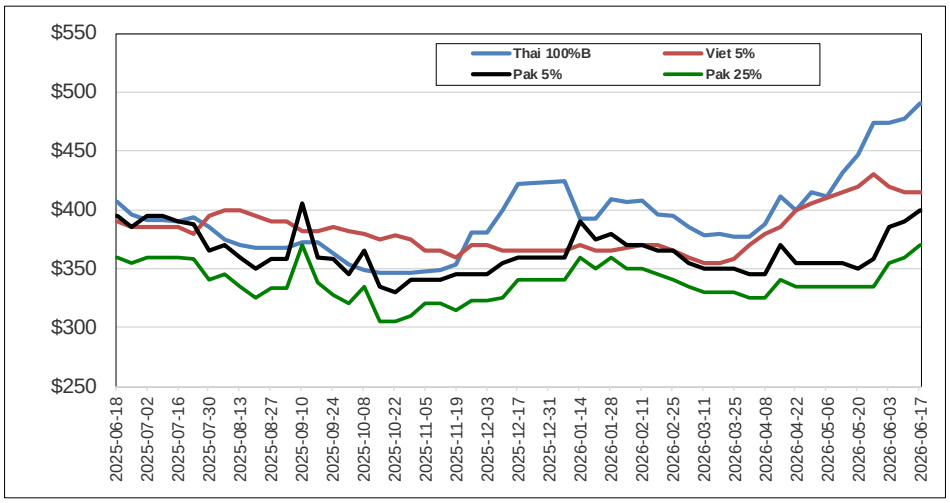
International prices

($/tonnes)



Weekly prices

Milled rice international FOB quotes		
Exchange rate	*€1 =*	*$1.1383*
Asian Markets	**$/t**	**€/t**
Thai 100%B	490	430
Vietnam 5%	415	365
India 5%	350	307
Pakistan 5%	400	351
Pakistan 25%	370	325
Myanmar 5%	460	404
Pakistan Basmati S. Kernel	1,155	1,015
Pusa Basmati India	1,050	922
Other Markets	**$/t**	**€/t**
Uruguay 5%	500	439
Argentina 5%	435	382
Brazil Type 1	500	439
USA LG 2/4% Fob Laredo TX	575	505
California MG 1/4% - Med -	880	773