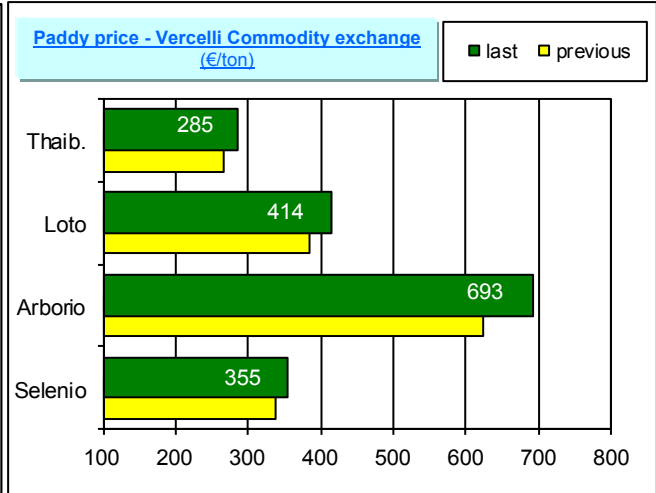
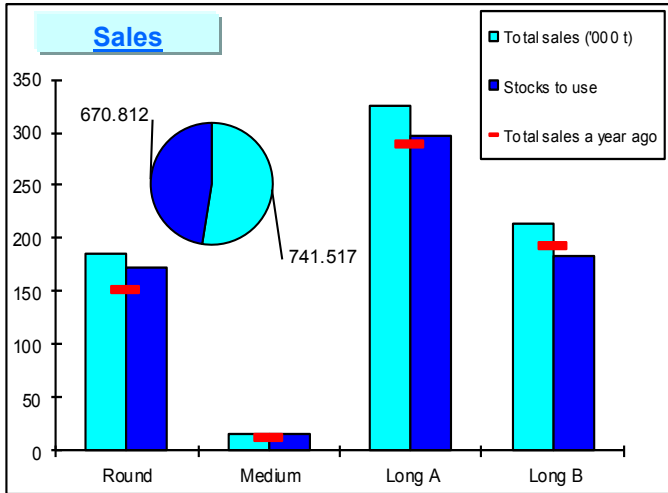




Italian Market



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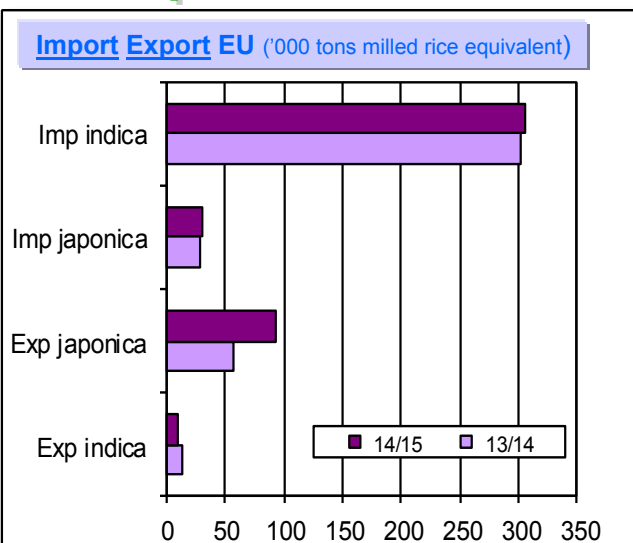
Paddy sales by farmers reached 115,875 tons in January: 48,446 tons of long A grain, 36,246 tons of long B grain, 29,028 of round grain and 2,155 tons of medium grain.

Total sales reached 741,517 tons, 52.5% of the total stock, while last year total sales corresponded to 44.6%.

At the moment the gap between total sales this year compared to one year ago is +87.423 (+13,4%) tons of which +36.475 tons are medium and long A grain, +31.447 tons are round grain and +19.501 tons are long B grain.

In January paddy prices at Commodity Exchange in Vercelli increased of €68 for Arborio, €30 for Loto, €20 for Thaibonnet and €18 for Selenio.

European Market



Reg. EU n. 1273/11 - Quantities to be allocated for the January 2015 subperiod

Order number	Origin	Type of rice	tons
09.4127	U.S.A.	semi-milled and wholly milled	4,594.706
09.4128	THAILAND	semi-milled and wholly milled	5,577.929
09.4148	ALL COUNTRIES	husked	22.000
09.4149	THAILAND	broken	1,433.529
09.4150	AUSTRALIA	broken	0.0
09.4152	GUYANA	broken	0.0
09.4153	U.S.A.	broken	0.0
09.4154	OTHER ORIGINS	broken	5,999.999
09.4112	THAILAND	semi-milled and wholly milled	5,513.000
09.4116	U.S.A.	semi-milled and wholly milled	2,388.000
09.4117	INDIA	semi-milled and wholly milled	1,769.000
09.4118	PAKISTAN	semi-milled and wholly milled	1,595.000
09.4119	OTHER ORIGINS	semi-milled and wholly milled	3,435.000
09.4166	ALL COUNTRIES	semi-milled and wholly milled	8,505.000

In focus

EU imports amount to 335,072 tons in milled rice equivalent, 3,386 tons more than the previous year level (+1.0%).

Husked Basmati rice imports are on a increasing trend compared to last year (+5.3%); imports increased of 4,556 tons. Semi-milled no-Basmati rice imports amount to 209,000 tons, at the same level of a year ago. In the table above the quantities are listed to be allocated for the January subperiod under Regulation n. 1273/11.

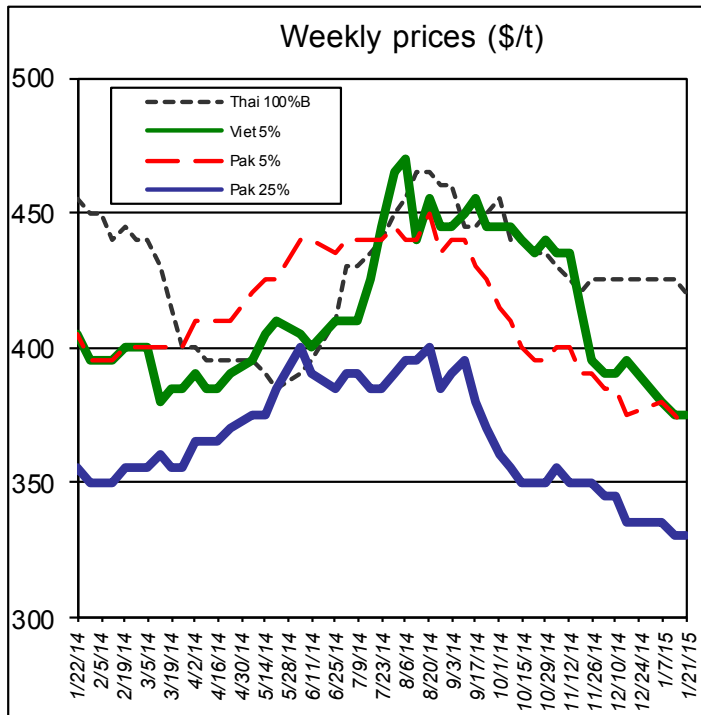
EU exports increased of 47.5% compared to one year ago, reaching 103,956 tons.

International Markets

Milled rice international FOB quotes

Exchange rate 1 € = 1,1579

Asian Markets	\$/t	€/t
Thai 100%B	420	363
Vietnam 5%	375	324
India 5%	395	341
Pakistan 5%	370	320
Cambodia 5%	330	285
Pakistan 25%	430	371
India Basmati trad.	1,450	1,252
Other Markets	\$/t	€/t
Uruguay 5%	N.Q.	N.Q.
Argentina 5%	N.Q.	N.Q.
Brasile 5%	540	466
USA LG 2/4%	502	434
California MG 1/4% Med	915	790
Egypt Medium Grain 2/5%	900	777
Egypt Round Grain 2/5%	850	734



World

The **Iraqi** Grain Board (IGB) awarded 80,000 MTS of Thai rice to Olam International in their 25 January white rice tender at a price of US \$443.90 PMT CIF (Free Out) Umm Qasr. The IGB passed on offers of Brazilian, US and Vietnamese rice.

The **Chinese** government awarded 2015 import licences for a total of 1.3 million MTS of Indica and 132,948 MTS of Japonica via auctions held on 8 January. In accordance with the new regulations, private companies were required to purchase 1 MT of domestically produced paddy from government stocks to acquire a licence to import 1 MT.

Cambodia harvesting of wet season crop on-going, with paddy production forecasts at 7.2 million MTS, around 2% lower than last year.

The **Japanese** Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (MAFF) awarded the full volume of 61,000 MTS in their 16 January's Minimum Access tender. The US were awarded 49,000 MTS of non-glutinous milled medium grain composed of 37,000 MTS of US Country Specific Quota and 12,000 MTS of Global Quota, for shipment between May and June. Thailand was awarded 12,000 MTS of non-glutinous milled long grain from Global Quota, also for shipment between May and June. MAFF also awarded the full 57,000 MTS in their 23 January MA tender. 36,000 MTS was awarded to the US under MAFF's Country Specific Quota: two lots of 12,000 MTS were awarded to Cargill (FRC) and one lot of 12,000 MTS was awarded to Sumitomo (FRC). Thailand was awarded 21,000 MTS of MAFF's Global quota for long grain rice: two lots of 7,000 MTS were awarded to Mitsui and one lot of 7,000 MTS to Marubeni.

In 2015, **Australia's** rice crop is expected to decline to 710,000 tons, around 15 per cent below the previous year, due to adverse weather and lower acreage. Contributing factors have been the higher cost of water quotas and limits on water supply. Milled rice production is forecast to fall 15 per cent to 511,000 tons. Yields are likely to be stable at around ten tons per hectare grown. Exports for 2015 are forecast at 400,000 tons despite lower production; as stocks are drawn down to meet domestic and overseas market demand.

In **Thailand** there were 100 bidders, 96 of whom qualified as buyers, in the Thai government's 29 January auction of 1 million MTS old crop stock. All of the volume offered was reportedly sold.

Food Safety

Rapid Alert System (Source: EFSA)

No alert concerning rice in the last four weeks

Rules and Calls for bids

Commission Regulation (O.J.E.U. L 23/13)

The European Commission has published [Commission Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2015/136](#) of 28 January 2015 on the issue of licences for importing rice under the tariff quotas opened for the January 2015 subperiod by Implementing Regulation (EU) No 1273/2011.

Other news

EU Parliament backs GMO opt-out for EU member states (Source: EU Parliament)

New legislation allows EU member states to restrict or ban the cultivation of crops containing genetically modified organisms (GMOs) on their own territory, even if this is allowed at EU level. The new legislation will come into force in spring 2015.

Fukushima rice passes radiation tests (Source: Asahi Shimbun)

Fukushima rice has passed Japan's radiation checks for the first time since the 2011 nuclear disaster. Fukushima official Tsuneaki Oonami said about 360,000 tonnes of rice, nearly all of last year's harvest, had been checked and none had tested above the 100 becquerels per kilogram limit set by the government. Rice farmers succeeded in changing the fertilizer used so that radioactive cesium is not absorbed by the rice plant. According to local officials, now rice can be deemed safe for consumption and Japan has lifted export restrictions.

Italian rice will be at EXPO2015

For six months (1 May to 31 October 2015), Expo 2015, the largest world-wide event on the theme of food, will host the Country pavilions, thematic areas, clusters and open spaces for cultural events and entertainment. Italian rice will be at "Cibus è Italia" (Cibus is Italia) pavilion, realized by Parma Fairs and Federalimentare to enhance the Italian food industry.