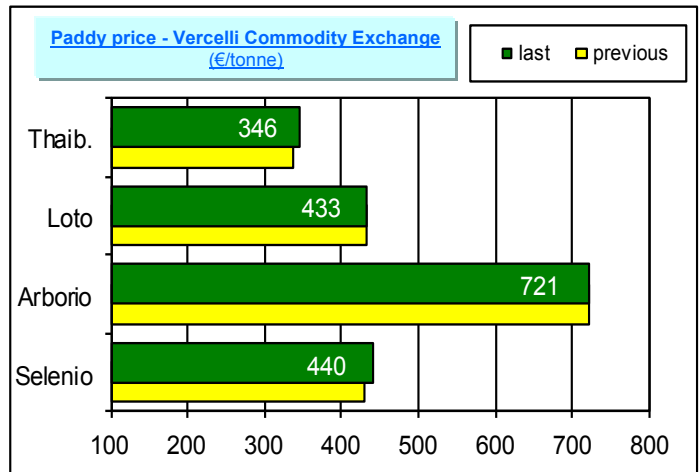
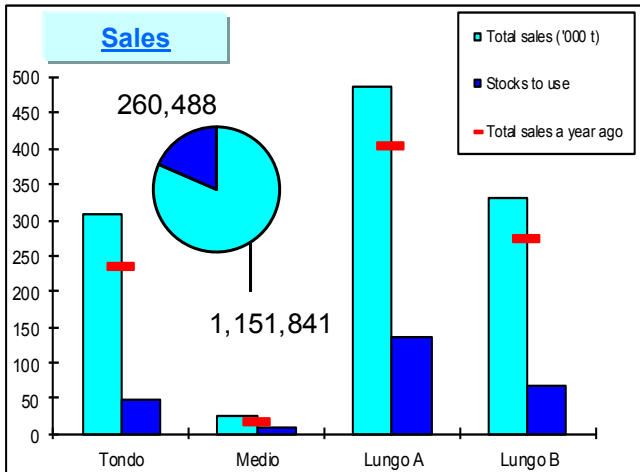




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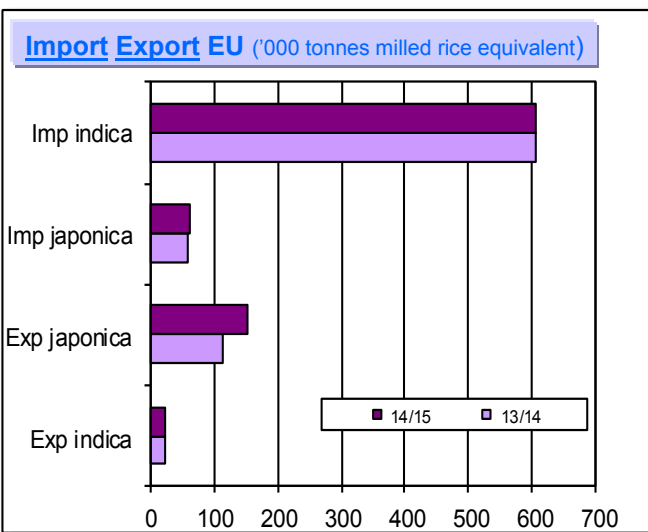
### In focus

In the last four weeks paddy sales by farmers reached 107,539 tonnes: 38,757 tonnes of round grain 37,984 tonnes of long A grain, 29,233 tonnes of long B grain, and 1,565 tonnes of medium grain.

Total sales reached 1,151,841 tonnes, 81.6% of the total stock, in particular round grain 86.3%, long B grain 82.9%. At the moment 260,488 tonnes of paddy rice have to be still placed.

At Commodity Exchange in Vercelli paddy prices for Thaibonnet and Selenio were 10 € higher than a month ago.

## European Market



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

Order number	Origin	Type of rice	tonnes
09.4127	U.S.A.	semi-milled and wholly milled	14,558.794
09.4128	THAILAND	semi-milled and wholly milled	7,346.036
09.4129	AUSTRALIA	semi-milled and wholly milled	151.000
09.4130	OTHER ORIGINS	semi-milled and wholly milled	1,805.000
TOTAL			23,860.830

### In focus

The EU imports amount to 666,139 tons in milled rice equivalent, similar to the level of a year ago (666,879 tonnes). But two important factors have to be taken into consideration: 23,860 tonnes linked to the GATT agreement in April have not still been registered and the Commission, on reporting of Ente Nazionale Risi, is checking the quantity of husked Basmati that seems to be not been registered.

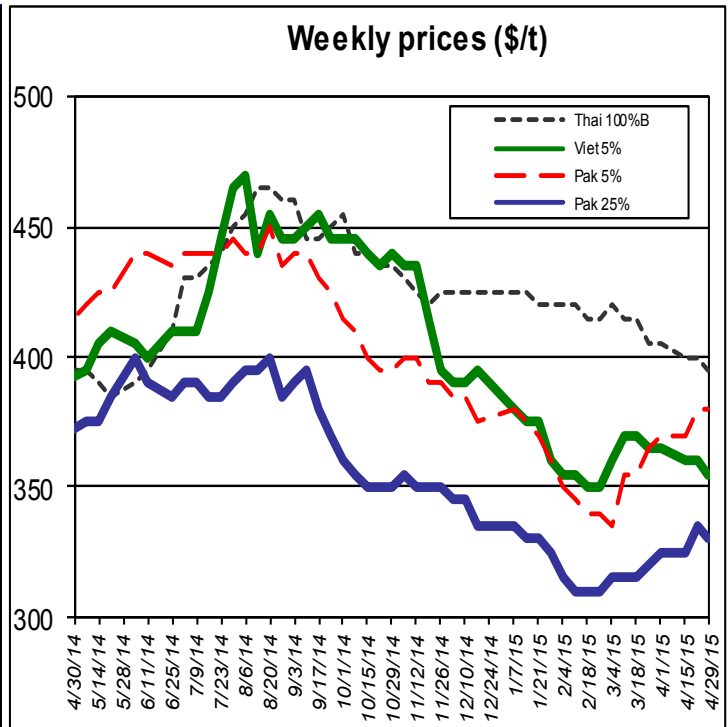
The EU exports amount to 175,870 tonnes in milled equivalent, 30% above the previous campaign (38,335 tonnes). Indica rice amounts to 24,000 tonnes, remaining substantially stable, while the Japonica rice amounts to 152,000 tonnes, showing an increase of just over 37,000 tonnes (+33%).

# International Markets

## Milled rice international FOB quotes

Exchange rate 1 € = 1.0927

Asian Markets	\$/t	€/t
Thai 100%B	395	361
Vietnam 5%	355	325
India 5%	375	343
Pakistan 5%	380	348
Pakistan 25%	330	302
Cambodia 5%	425	389
India Basmati trad.	1,300	1,190
Other Markets	\$/t	€/t
Uruguay 5%	570	522
Argentina 5%	560	512
Brasile 5%	550	503
USA LG 2/4%	485	444
California MG 1/4% Med	850	778
Egypt Medium Grain 2/5%	865	792
Egypt Round Grain 2/5%	810	741



### World

Iraq has annulled the 26 April white rice tender for which a total of more than 600,000 MTS had been offered. Further details are expected.

Thailand exported 2.63 MTS of milled rice in the first four months of this year, up 5.2% from the same period in 2014. The country has maintained its position as the world's number one exporter of rice. Data from the Rice Trader show India ranked second in rice exports with shipments reaching 2.59 MTS during the same period, followed by Pakistan at 1.56 MTS, Vietnam 1.45 MTS and the United States 931,000 tonnes.

According to FAO, global paddy output in 2015 is forecast to edge up 1.1% from last year to 749.8 MTS and global milled rice trade this year is forecast to drop 2.5% from 2014 to 41.3 MTS, due mainly to good stockpiles or higher production in Asia. Thailand is expected to be the world's largest rice exporter this year with shipments of 11.2 MTS, followed by 9.3 MTS from India and 6.5 MTS from Vietnam. As such, the three Asian nations would account for a combined 65% of the world's rice trade, down slightly from 68% last year.

### Vietnam

There is an issue with China about allowing unauthorised rice imports from Vietnam, where trucks are being held up at the border gates of some provinces. Diplomatic efforts are ongoing by Chinese and Thai officials to solve the problem.

### Australia

More than 50% harvesting is completed and paddy production is expected to drop by approximately 10% to 700,000 MTS, following limited availability of irrigation water.

### USA

The export market is very quiet with limited trading. Planting has continued across the US, with sowing practically complete in southern Louisiana. In the north of the state, as well as in Arkansas, planting is progressing at a slower rate due to recent rainfall.

# Rules and Calls for bids

## Commission Implementing Regulation (Source: O.J.E.U. of 24 April 2015 No L 107)

The European Commission has published [Regulation \(EU\) No 2015/651](#) of 24 April 2015 on the issue of licences for importing rice under the tariff quotas opened for the April 2015 subperiod by Implementing Regulation (EU) No 1273/2011.

# Food Safety

## Rapid Alert System (Source: EFSA)

The following notifications were sent:

- An alert notification by Poland concerning presence of undeclared gluten (39.74 mg/kg - ppm) in rice gluten free from Poland.
- A border rejections by Italy concerning presence of unauthorised substance carbendazim (0.24 mg/kg - ppm) in rice from India.
- A border rejections by Portugal concerning presence of triazophos (0.04 mg/kg - ppm) in basmati rice from India.
- Two border rejections by Italy concerning presence of unauthorised genetically modified (CRY1Ab/Ac; T-nos) rice spaghetti from China.

# Other news

## Myanmar rice exports grow (Source: www.mmmtimes.com)

According to the Myanmar Rice Federation (MRF), rice exports are set to leap by more than 10% this year and would reach 2 MTS in 2015-2016. The surge is due to a deal regularising exports to China, with which trade agreements were concluded for 100,000 tonnes. Myanmar exports rice also to the USA, even though the amount is small, and expects the volume to rise so long as the quality can be maintained. Last year, 1.39 MTS of rice were exported, plus more than 400,000 tonnes of broken rice. Anyway much still has to be done to improve export quality and price control, in particular cutting logistics costs.