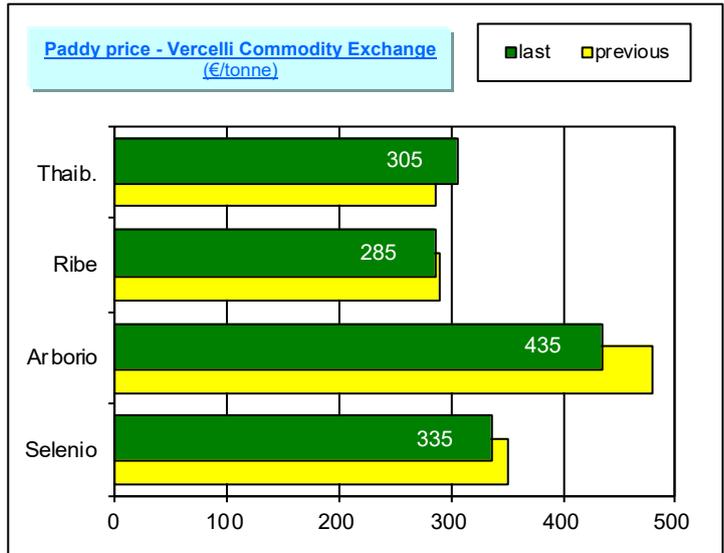
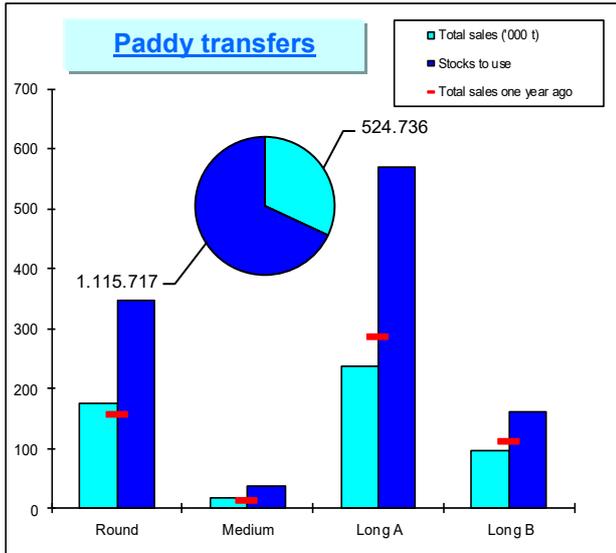




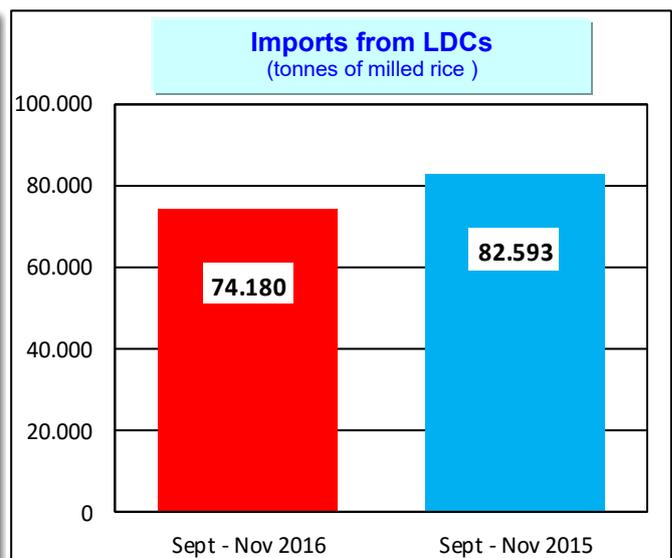
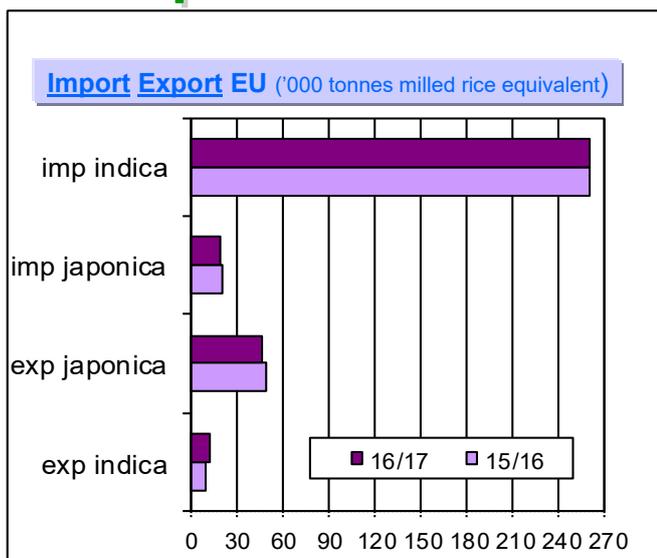
Italian Market



In focus

Since the beginning of this campaign, paddy transfers amount to 524,736 tonnes, that is 32% of the total stock: 236,931 tonnes of long A grain, 175,021 tonnes of round grain, 95,139 tonnes of Long B grain and 17,645 tonnes of medium grain. At Commodity Exchange in Vercelli, over the last six weeks, the paddy prices decreased for Arborio (-45 €), Selenio (-€15) and Ribe (-3 €), but increased for Thaibonnet (+20 €).

European Market



In focus

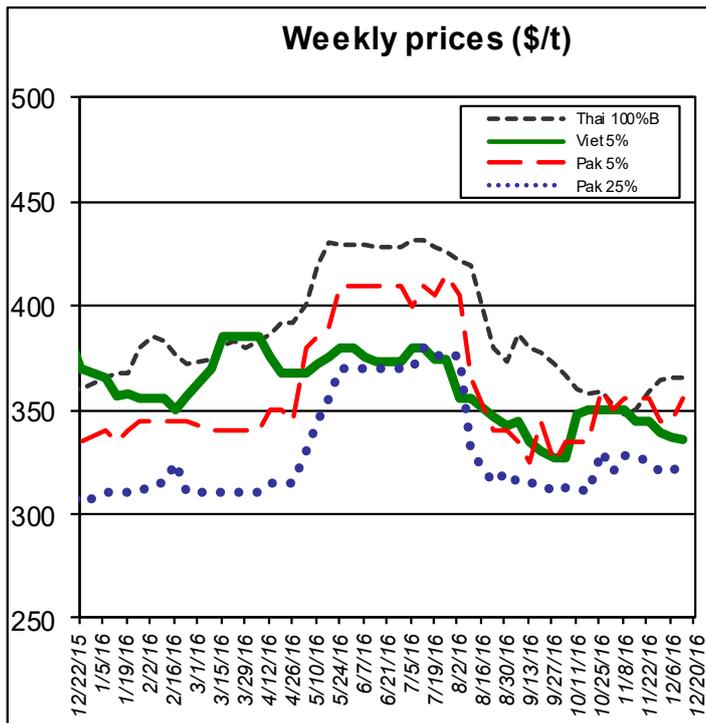
From September to November 2016, milled rice imports from Least Developed Countries (LDCs) are down 8,413 tonnes (-10%) compared to the same period of last campaign. Imports from Cambodia are 83% of imports from LDCs and amount to 61,644 tonnes, 6,394 tonnes (-9%) below the previous year level. Imports from Myanmar, amounting to 11.756 tonnes, are 16% of imports from LDCs and decreased of 1,427 tonnes (-10%) compared to last year. EU exports amount to 58,951 tonnes in milled rice equivalent: 41% of rice exported by EU (24,322 tonnes) were Italian.

International Markets

Milled rice international FOB quotes

Exchange rate 1 € = 1.0610 \$

Asian Markets	\$/t	€/t
Thai 100%B	366	345
Vietnam 5%	336	330
India 5%	350	330
Pakistan 5%	355	335
Pakistan 25%	325	306
Cambodia 5%	420	396
India Basmati traditional	1,350	1,272
Other Markets	\$/t	€/t
Uruguay 5%	N.A.	N.A.
Argentina 5%	N.A.	N.A.
Paraguay 5%	N.A.	N.A.
USA LG 2/4%	455	429
California MG 1/4% Med	590	556
Egypt Medium Grain 2/5%	N.A.	N.A.
Egypt Round Grain 2/5%	N.A.	N.A.



Japan

Japan's Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (MAFF) has awarded the full 51,000 MTS in their 15 December Minimum Access tender. Thailand was awarded a total of 26,000 MTS and the U.S. was awarded a total of 25,000 MTS.

Turchia

The Turkish government has announced that it will implement a new agricultural subsidy programme in 2017. The project to have an annual budget of US \$4 billion and will apply to 19 strategic crops, including rice.

Thailand

Exporters have completed the first shipment of 100,000 MTS of 5% broken white rice to China, part of the Thai-Chinese Memorandum of Understanding signed in December 2015. Exports in 2017 are forecast at 10 million MTS, 11% higher than the forecast for 2016 of 9 million MTS.

Vietnam

Vietnam's 2016 rice exports are forecast to decline by around 30% to 4.56 million MTS, marking a record low since 2009.

USA

The market is quiet and it is affected by the competition from Mercosur.

Due to an estimated 32% increase in long grain production from last year, the USDA has estimated 2016/17 long grain ending stocks to be 1.6 million MTS, up by 64% from last year and the highest level since 1985/86. Total U.S. rice ending stocks are forecast at 2.7 million MTS, also the highest level for 30 years, although total medium grain stocks are estimated to be 889,000 MTS, down by 6% from last year.

In California, the market shows subdued demand from the Middle East and North Africa (MENA); many buyers in the region are reportedly preferring more competitively priced European medium grain.

Guyana

According to the FAO, as a result of the reduced rice production in Guyana this year, exports in 2017 are forecast to fall by 4% to 480,000 MTS. Guyanese paddy is reportedly trading at around US \$ 260 PMT FOB to buyers in Europe.

Food Safety

Rapid Alert System (Source: EFSA)

An alert was sent by Spain concerning undeclared soya (3.5 mg/kg - ppm) in rice and corn toast made in Spain.

Other news

The European Commission report forecasts an rice import increase from LDCs (Source: Ente Risi)

The European Commission has recently published a report on the prospects for agricultural markets over the next 10 years. EU rice consumption is expected to increase from 5.5 kg per capita in 2016 to 5.8 kg in 2026. According to the report, the increase in consumption will be satisfied by the import increase of Indica rice, with a significant import increase from Least Developed Countries, which is expected to be 50% of total imports in 2026, compared to 27% in 2016.

Cambodia: updated exports (January - November 2016) (Source: <http://mekongoryza.com>)

From January to November 2016, Cambodia has exported 479,689 tonnes of rice, 22,772 tonnes (+5%) more than the same period of the previous year. China is confirmed as first Cambodian rice importer (107,091 tonnes), followed by France (70,271 tonnes) and by Poland (60,073 tonnes).



The editorial staff of RiceNews wishes you Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.