



News

More than 200 million euro for the promotion of EU agri-food products (Source: Terra e Vita)

In 2020, the European Commission will make available 200.9 million euro of funds to finance the promotion of European agri-food products inside and outside the EU. The 2020 work programme on promotion policy sets out priorities that will help to seize the opportunities of an increasingly global, large and dynamic market, raising public awareness of quality schemes, including organic products, and supporting producers in the face of market crisis.

Funding calls for the 2020 promotion campaign will be published in January 2020. The support is intended for professional organisations, producer organisations and agri-food groups.

There are two types of support: "simple" programmes can be submitted by one or more organisations from the same Member State and a budget of EUR 100 million is allocated to this type of programme. "Multiple" programmes, involving at least two national organisations from at least two Member States or at least one or more European organisations, will have a budget of EUR 91.4 million.

GMO: Bangladesh towards Golden Rice approval (Source focus.it)

Bangladesh could become the first country in the world to grow Golden Rice, a variety of GMO rice enriched with beta-carotene - which could help prevent childhood blindness and deaths due to vitamin A deficiency. If the news announced by the Dhaka Tribune and taken up by Science were confirmed, after two years the approval process would be concluded despite the strong opposition from opponents of genetically modified organisms (GMOs, in fact).

An obstacle course. The Golden Rice has existed for about 20 years, but so far has had little luck because of the controversy and resistance to genetically modified organisms. In the last two years, the United States, Canada, New Zealand and Australia have approved the consumption of Golden Rice. In none of these countries is there currently the will to grow it (the lack of vitamin A in those parts is not a problem), but approval is still expected, to prevent problems if the enriched rice comes from outside.

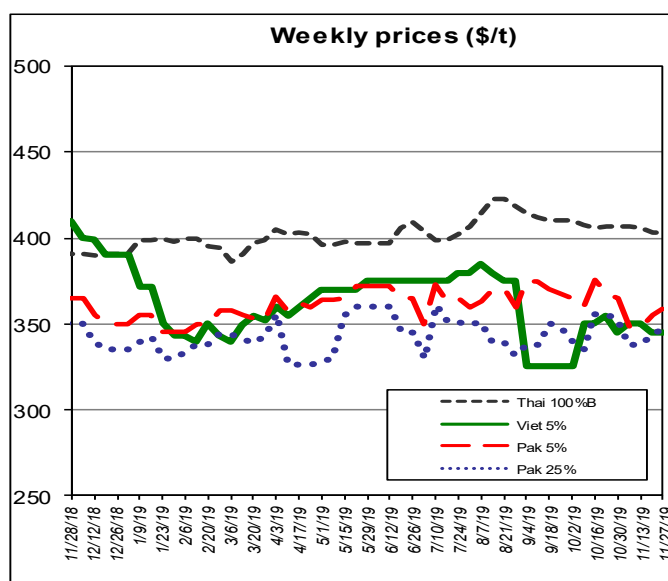
Syria's GFTO announces global origin tender (Source: livericeindex)

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[Tender at http://www.gfto.gov.sy/?page=Tender&category_id=5&lang=en](http://www.gfto.gov.sy/?page=Tender&category_id=5&lang=en)

International Markets

Milled rice international FOB quotes		
Exchange rate 1 € = \$1,1020		
Asian Markets	\$/t	€/t
Thai 100%B	403	366
Vietnam 5%	345	313
India 5%	360	327
Pakistan 5%	359	326
Pakistan 25%	348	316
Cambodia 5%	406	368
Myanmar 5%	340	309
India Basmati trad.	N.A.	N.A.
Other Markets	\$/t	€/t
Uruguay 5%	528	479
Argentina 5%	475	431
Paraguay 5%	465	422
USA LG 2/5% sacked	560	508
California MG 1/4% Med	810	735



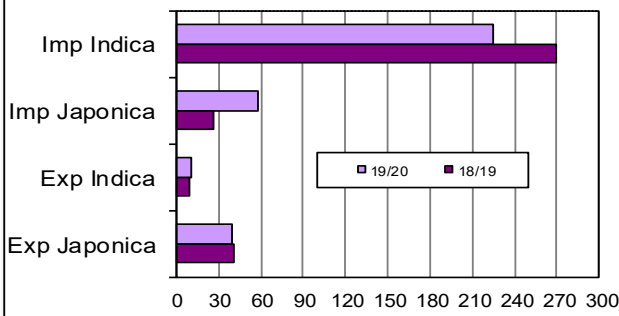
Food Safety

Rapid Alert System (Source: EFSA)

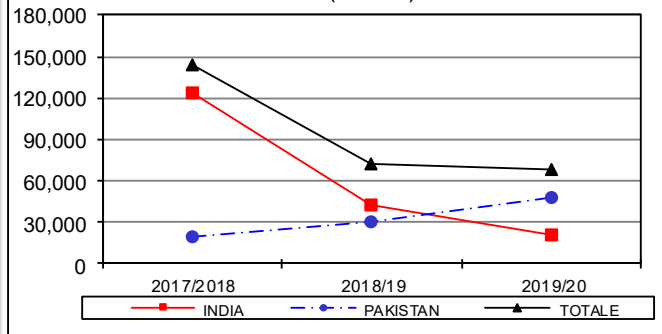
A consignment of rice noodles from China was refused at the Slovenian border for lack of health certificates.

European Market

Import Export EU ('000 tonnes milled rice equivalent)



Basmati husked rice imports (tonnes)



In focus

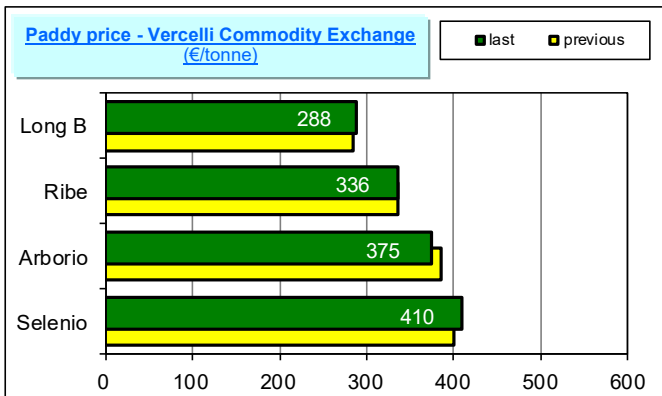
The data provided by the European Commission show that the quantities actually cleared through customs in the EU amount to 283,375 tonnes, processed base, down by 12,309 tonnes (-4%) compared to a year ago. The main importing countries are France (34,459 tonnes), Germany (19,924 tonnes) and the Netherlands (18,111 tonnes). Imports of husked rice, at 133,821 tonnes, increased by 11%, while imports of paddy rice and semi-processed/processed rice, at 2,408 tonnes and 147,146 tonnes respectively, decreased by 59% and 13%. Imports of semi-processed/worked Indica rice fell by 31%, while those of Japonica more than doubled compared to the previous marketing year (+23,157 tonnes, +104%). Basmati husked rice imports stood at 68,083 tonnes, down 4,136 tonnes (-6%) from a year ago. EU exports amounted to 50,236 tonnes, in line with last year's level. Italy covers 50% of the total volume exported.

Italian Market

Paddy transfers

TYPE OF RICE	CAMPAIGN	
	2019/20 tonnes	2018/19 tonnes
ROUND	114,051	143,900
MEDIUM	13,375	16,854
LONG A	181,764	185,617
LONG B	118,083	120,890
TOTAL	427,273	467,261

Paddy price - Vercelli Commodity Exchange (€/tonne)

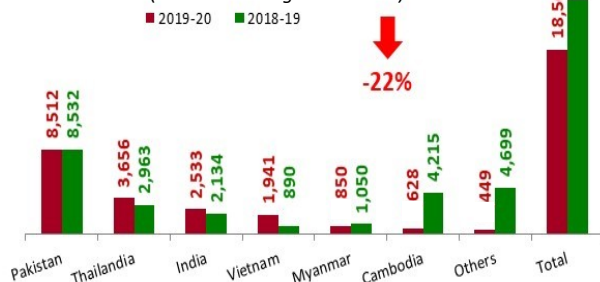


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In the last week, 17 814 tonnes of 'long A', 11 896 tonnes of 'round', 9 775 tonnes of 'long B' and 1 090 tonnes of 'medium' paddy rice were transferred, making a total of 40 575 tonnes. The total volume transferred was 427,273 tonnes, 39,988 tonnes less (-9%) than last year. At Commodity Exchange in Vercelli, the paddy prices increased for Selenio (+€10) and Lungo b (+€4), but decreased for Arborio (-€10). In Italy, 18,569 tonnes of husked and semi-processed/processed rice import licences were issued, with a milled base, down by 5,113 tonnes (-22%) compared to the previous marketing year. The decrease is mainly due to lower imports of rice originating in the PMA (-3,961 tonnes, -73%). To date, no import licences have been issued for products originating in French Guiana and Paraguay, which, on the same date, accounted for 17% of the total. The quantities actually cleared through customs also show a decrease in imports, which were down by 11,902 tonnes (42%), as shown in the table at the bottom of the page. During the last week, the Ministry of Economic Development issued export licences for 2,946 tonnes, the highest level since the beginning of the campaign. Overall, 23,130 tonnes of licences have been applied for, an increase of 645 tonnes (+3%) over a year ago.

Import: husked + milled - till 22/11/2019

(tonnes in milled rice equivalent)
(Source: Misa Agrim Licences)



Export: husked + milled - till 22/11/2019

(tonnes in milled rice equivalent)
(Source: Misa Agrex Licences)



Italian imports till 24/11/2019 - Customs declarations - Source: DG Agri (tonnes in milled rice equivalent)

Campaing	Paddy			Brown rice			Semi-milled / Milled rice			TOTAL		
	Indica	Japonica	Total	Indica	Japonica	Total	Indica	Japonica	Total	Indica	Japonica	TOTAL
2019/2020	-	-	-	6,535	1,481	8,016	7,179	1,142	8,321	13,714	2,623	16,337
2018/2019	5,832	-	6	7,607	180	7,787	14,231	389	14,620	27,670	569	28,239