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2022 Sowing survey *(Source: Ente Nazionale Risi note)*

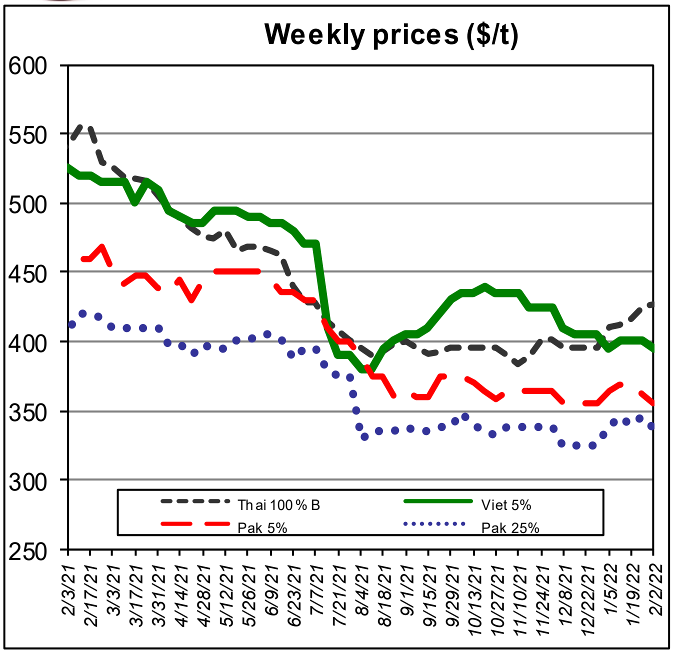
Overall, the result is an area of 224,300 hectares, with a decrease of about 2,700 hectares (-1.2%) compared to sowings in 2021, due to the decrease recorded for Medium/Long A rice(-17,379 hectares), only partly offset by the increases recorded for Long B (+9,045 hectares) and for Round rice(+5,596 hectares).+5,596 hectares).
To view the detailed table by variety group click on the following link: Table
We would like to thank the 1,069 producers, representing 29% of the total area in 2021, who contributed.
Membership of the survey has grown over time, from 348 forms in 2017 to the current 1,069, providing valuable input for the whole supply chain.

Green Deal, 10% to 20% less production *(Source: AgroNews)*

The latest study commissioned from Wageningen University & Research by CropLife Europe, together with CropLife International and a number of stakeholders in the food supply chain, put scenarios on paper, assessing the potential impacts of five key objectives of the Farm to Fork and Biodiversity Strategies.
The cost would be high in economic terms, with a negative impact of around €56 billion in terms of loss of value added with an increase in organic land, and a setback of around €140 billion in case of reduced use of agrochemicals and fertilisers and a 10% increase in set aside. Not to mention the drop in field yields and, consequently, in production, with the risk of having to import from abroad, where environmental constraints are quite different from those in the EU.
According to the macro-level assessment, the implementation of the objectives of the Farm to Fork and Biodiversity Strategies will lead to an average decrease in the volumes produced per crop across the EU, ranging from 10 to 20%.

International Markets

Milled rice international FOB quotes		
Exchange rate 1 € = 1.1323$		
Asian Markets	$/t	€/t
Thai 100%B	427	377
Vietnam 5%	395	349
India 5%	360	318
Pakistan 5%	358	316
Pakistan 25%	336	297
Myanmar 5%	355	314
India Basmati trad.	1,550	1,369
Other Markets	$/t	€/t
Uruguay 5%	545	481
Argentina 5%	500	442
Brasile Type 1	475	420
USA LG 2/4% Fob Bulk Nola	625	552
California MG 1/4% Med	1,205	1,064

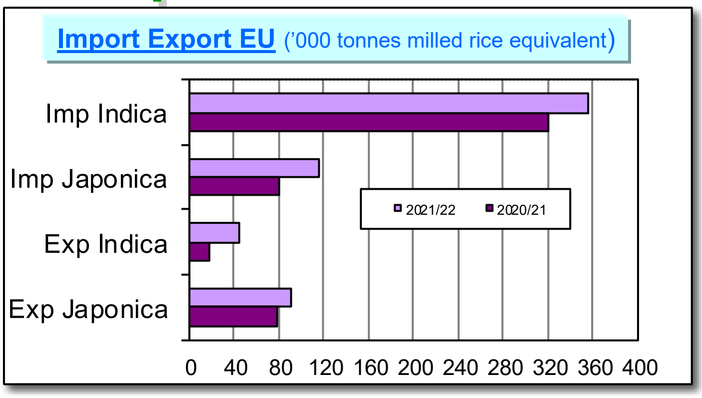


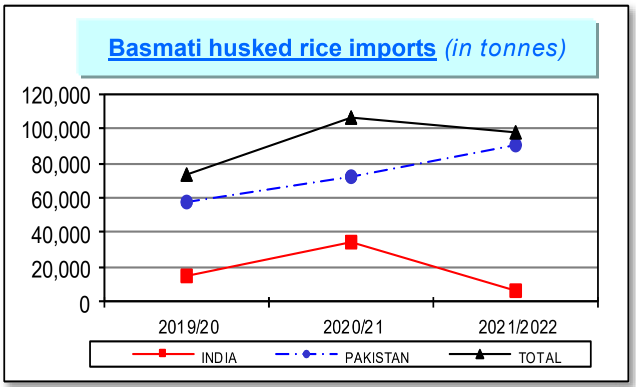
Food Safety

Rapid Alert System (*Source: EFSA)*

- An alert was sent by Netherlands concerning aflatoxin in Basmati rice from Pakistan.
- An alert was sent by Ireland concerning the possible presence of insects in rice.
- A border rejection was sent by Italy concerning unauthorised pesticide residue chlorpyrifos in rice from Pakistan.
- A border rejection was sent by Finland concerning unauthorised substance tricyclazole (0.013 mg/kg - ppm) in rice from Vietnam, via Singapore.

European Market



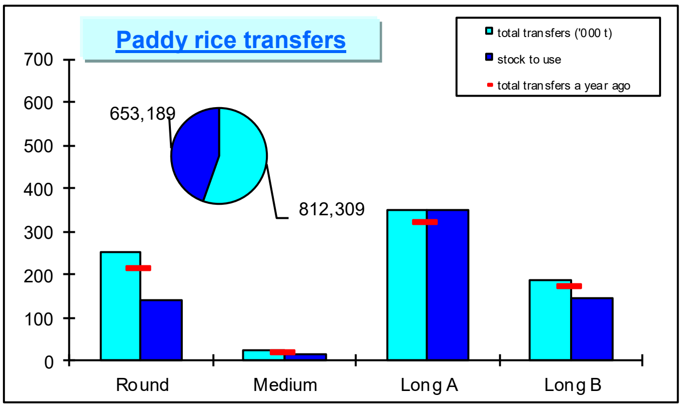


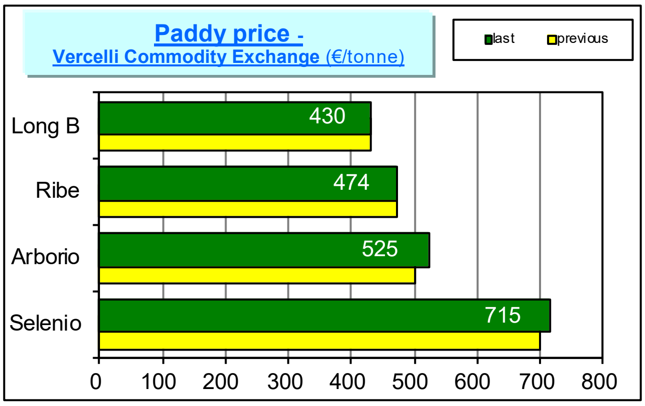
In focus

The volumes cleared through customs in the EU amount to about 473,000 tonnes, in milled equivalent, an increase of about 71,800 tonnes (+18%) compared to the previous marketing year (excluding UK imports from 1 September to 31 December 2020 of 84,019 tonnes). Guyana is the main supplier of paddy rice with about 5,600 tonnes. Pakistan, with around 65,900 tonnes, is the most important trading partner for husked rice, while for imports of semi-milled/milled rice Thailand is the country that exports most to the EU (around 67,800 tonnes), followed by Myanmar (62,900 tonnes) and Cambodia (51,800 tonnes). Applications for licences for Basmati rice imports came to 97 693 tonnes, down 9 171 tonnes (-9%) on a year ago.

Exports stand at around 135,100 tonnes, in milled equivalent, up 40% from last year. If, for the 2020/2021 marketing year, sales to the UK from 1/9/20 to 31/12/2020 are considered at 70,160 tonnes, current exports would, on the contrary, be down around 31,400 tonnes (-19%).

Italian Market





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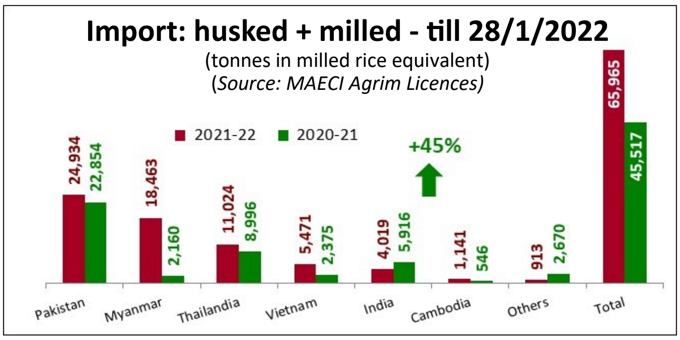
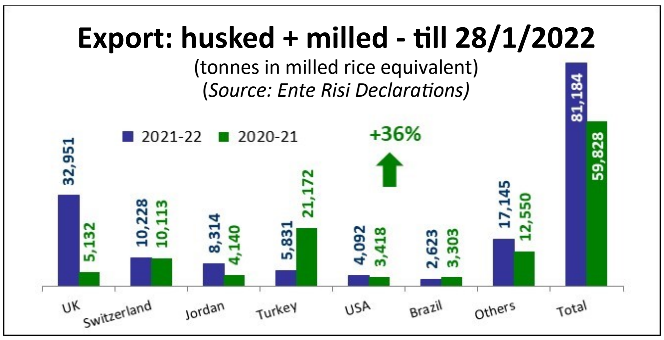
This week's paddy transfers involved 18,969 tonnes of "long A", 12,295 tonnes of "round", 7,547 tonnes of "long B" and 1,919 tonnes of "medium" for a total of 40,730 tonnes. The total volume of transfers stands at 812,309 tonnes, an increase of 80,009 tonnes (+11%) compared to the previous marketing year. The increase involves all rice types and is broken down as follows: for "round" (+36,340 t; +17%), for "long A" (+27,883 t; +9%), for "long B" (+14,288 t; +8%) and for "medium" (+1,498 t; +7%).

On the Vercelli market, increases were registered for Arborio (+€25) and Selenio (+€15).

Import licences were issued for a volume of 65,965 tons, in milled equivalent, up by 20,448 tons (+45%) compared to a year ago and are broken down as follows: 46,311 tons of "long B", 13,487 tons of "long A", 3,650 tons of "medium" and 2,517 tons of "round". Actual customs cleared showed an increase of 6,408 tonnes (+13%), with an increase of 26% for paddy rice, 10% for husked rice and 14% for semi-milled/ milled rice. See table at bottom of page.

Exports stood at 81,184 tonnes, in milled equivalent, up 21,356 tonnes (+36%) on the previous marketing year. It should be borne in mind, however, that the increase is determined by the volumes destined for the United Kingdom, which in the last campaign were considered as exports only from 1 January 2021.





Italian imports till 30/1/2022 - Customs declarations - Source: DG Agri *(tonnes in milled rice equivalent)*

Campaign	Paddy			Brown rice			Semi-milled / Milled rice			TOTAL		
	Indica	Japonica	Total	Indica	Japonica	Total	Indica	Japonica	Total	Indica	Japonica	TOTAL
2021/2022	5,565	-	5,565	19,090	12	19,102	23,565	5,749	29,314	48,220	5,761	53,981
2020/2021	4,414	-	4,414	16,962	374	17,336	24,619	1,204	25,823	45,995	1,578	47,573

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