



News

In 2021, the area under rice in the EU will not reach 400,000 hectares (Source: Ente Risi note)

At the Management Committee meeting on 28 April, the European Commission presented the usual market situation in which it updated the table of rice-growing areas in the EU in 2021.

Overall, the rice area is 399,000 hectares, a decrease of almost 16,000 hectares (-3.8%) compared to 2020. The reduction is due to a smaller area in Spain (-17,000 hectares) because of the drought.

This is the first time that the EU's rice area has not reached 400,000 hectares since Romania and Bulgaria joined the Union in 2007.

No steps back on the Green Deal (Source: L'Informatore Agrario)

The European Commission is not giving up on the Farm to Fork agenda, and "will do everything" to ensure that the national strategic plans of the CAP are "ambitious" from an environmental point of view. This was said by EU Commissioner Janusz Wojciechowski, speaking to representatives of several NGOs and social partners at a meeting on 22 April.

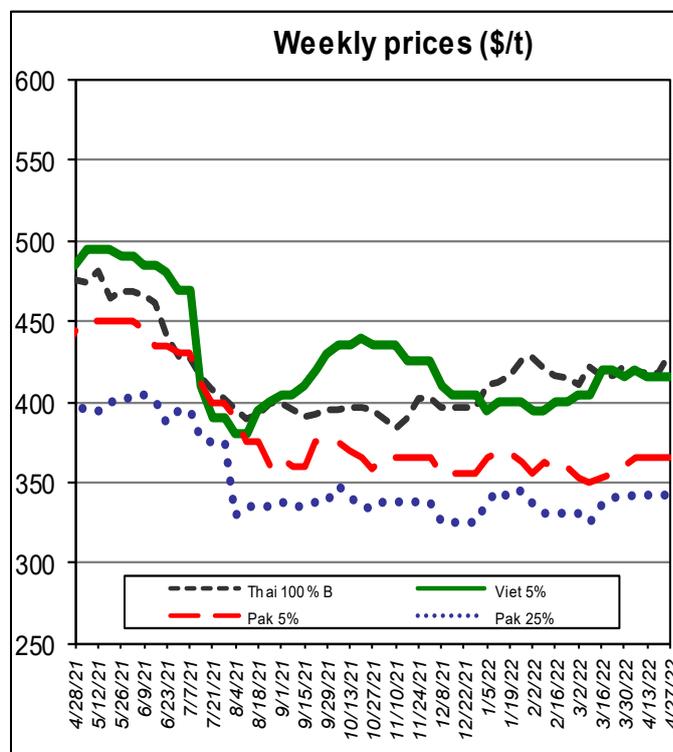
Wojciechowski also commented on a number of issues, such as the postponement of the regulation on the sustainable use of pesticides.

According to Wojciechowski, the proposal was postponed because of difficulties in finding "a fair criterion" for declining at national level the target of 50% reduction in the use of pesticides at EU level by 2030. But the Commissioner confirmed the timetable with a presentation in June.

International Markets



Milled rice international FOB quotes		
Exchange rate 1 € = 1.0583\$		
Asian Markets	\$/t	€/t
Thai 100%B	430	406
Vietnam 5%	415	392
India 5%	355	335
Pakistan 5%	365	345
Pakistan 25%	342	323
Myanmar 5%	415	392
India Basmati trad.	1,750	1,654
Other Markets	\$/t	€/t
Uruguay 5%	545	515
Argentina 5%	495	468
Brasile Type 1	565	534
USA LG 2/4% Fob Bulk Nola	655	619
California MG 1/4% Med	1,365	1,290



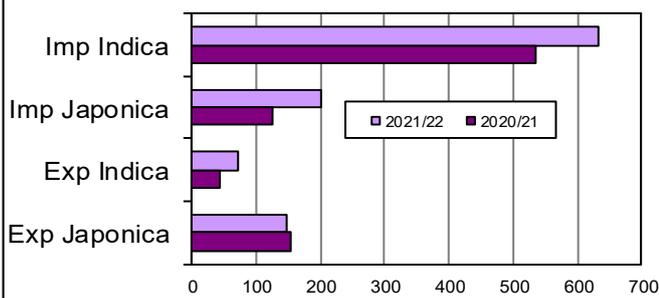
Food Safety

Rapid Alert System (Source: EFSA)

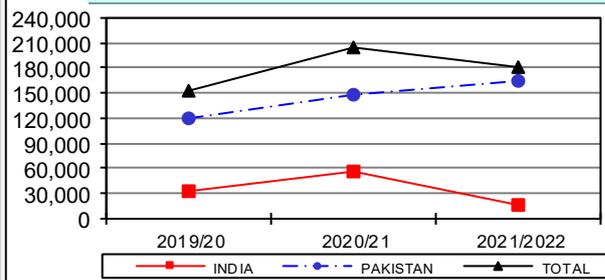
A border rejection was sent by Netherland concerning aflatoxin B1 (9.1 µg/kg - ppb), total aflatoxin (9.1 µg/kg - ppb) in super Basmati brown rice from Pakistan.

European Market

Import Export EU ('000 tonnes milled rice equivalent)



Basmati husked rice imports (in tonnes)



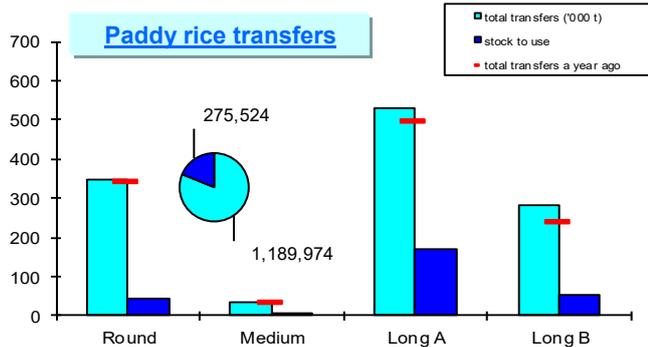
In focus

Imports into the EU amounted to around 834,700 tonnes, in milled equivalent, compared to around 663,700 tonnes last year, an increase of around 171,000 tonnes (+26%). For the 2020/21 marketing year, the 84,019 tonnes imported from the UK pre-Brexit are excluded. Imports of semi-milled/milled rice from Myanmar and Cambodia stand at around 239,500 tonnes, up around 103,400 tonnes (+76%) on last year and accounting for 44% of the total volume of semi-milled/milled rice imported into the EU. Imports of Japonica rice amount to around 119,300 tonnes, of which 110,700 tonnes are of Burmese origin, while imports of Indica rice amount to around 120,200 tonnes, of which around 86,500 tonnes come from Cambodia. Imports of husked Basmati rice amounted to 180,579 tonnes, of which 165,602 tonnes were of Pakistani origin, down by 24,619 tonnes (-14%) from the previous marketing year.

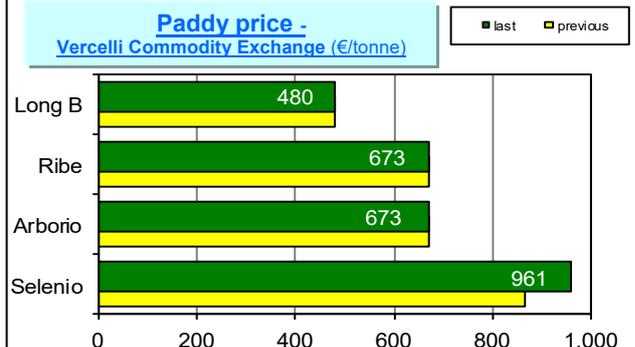
Exports stand at around 221,000 tonnes, up around 23,100 tonnes (+12%). Adding to the 2020/21 marketing year the volumes exported to the United Kingdom in the period between 1/9/2020 and 31/12/2020, equal to 70,160 tonnes, exports, on the contrary, are down by around 47,000 tonnes (-18%).

Italian Market

Paddy rice transfers



Paddy price - Vercelli Commodity Exchange (€/tonne)



In focus

This week's paddy transfers involved 17,279 tonnes of paddy rice, broken down as follows: 11,749 of "long A", 3,913 of "long B", 1,096 of "round" and 521 of "medium". Total transfers stood at 1,189,974 tonnes, an increase of 75,724 tonnes (+7%) on the previous marketing year. Overall, transfers covered 81% of the saleable supply, with 88% for "round" and "medium", 84% for "long B" and 76% for "long A". 275,524 tonnes remain to be placed.

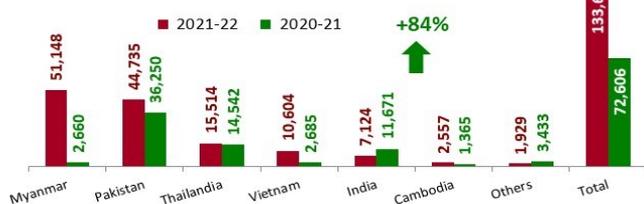
At the Vercelli Commodity Exchange, the price of Selenio increased (+€96). All quotations are "nominal".

Since the beginning of the campaign, operators have requested import licences for a volume of 133,611 tonnes, in milled equivalent, marking an increase of 61,005 tonnes (+84%) compared to the last campaign. At 86,739 tonnes, imports of Indica rice were up by 17,337 tonnes (+25%), while imports of Japonica rice grew exponentially (+43,668 tonnes), from 3,204 tonnes a year ago to 46,872 tonnes today. The quantities actually cleared through customs reflect the trend in Agrim licence applications, as can be seen in the table at the bottom of the page.

Exports stand at 124,932 tonnes, in milled equivalent, up 19,564 tonnes (+19%) on last year. If we add to the 2020/21 campaign the volumes exported to the UK in the period between 1/9/2020 and 31/12/2020, equal to 26,096 tonnes, exports are, on the contrary, down by about 6,500 tonnes (-5%).

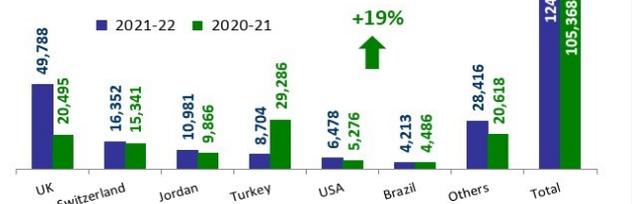
Import: husked + milled - till 22/4/2022

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



Export: husked + milled - till 22/4/2022

(tonnes in milled rice equivalent)
(Source: Ente Risi Declarations)



Italian imports till 24/4/2022 - 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	31,992	932	32,924	47,389	31,002	78,391	84,946	31,934	116,880
2020/2021	4,414	-	4,414	30,324	522	30,846	34,702	2,188	36,890	69,440	2,710	72,150

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