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### Italian Rice Overview 2017

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**Report Highlights:**

Italy is the largest rice producer in the EU-28. According to the latest figures from the Italian Rice Association (Enterisi), Italy's MY (marketing year) 2016/17 rice area is expected at 234,134 hectares (Ha), 3 percent more than MY 2015/16, driven by the higher profitability of the sector compared to corn and soybean. Italy's MY 2016/17 rough rice production is expected at 1.5 million metric tons (MMT), 6.3 percent more than MY 2015/16, thanks to favorable weather during summer and improved yields (6.8 t/ha in MY 2016/17 over 6.6 t/ha in MY 2015/16).

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The decrease in the *long grain Indica* variety planted area—as a consequence of the increasing rice imports from Cambodia, Myanmar, Guyana, and Surinam enjoying duty-free market access under 'Everything But Arms' (EBA) agreements—is likely to be offset by the increased area expected for the *round grain Japonica* variety.

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**Table 1: Italy rice area (Ha)**

Rice variety	2015/16 Area (Estimate)	2016/17 Area (Forecast)	% Change 2016/17 - 2015/16
Round Grain Japonica	56,946	70,786	24.30
Medium Grain Japonica	9,470	9,728	2.72
Long Grain Japonica	125,869	120,056	-4.62
Long Grain Indica	35,044	33,564	-4.22
<b>Total Area</b>	<b>227,329</b>	<b>234,134</b>	<b>2.99</b>

Source: Enterisi (Italian Rice Association)

**Table 2: Farm-gate paddy quotes from the Milan grain exchange (\$ per ton)**

Paddy rice varieties	2017			
	April 18		May 2	
	Week 16		Week 18	
	Min.	Max.	Min.	Max.
Volano - Arborio	310.0	350.0	310.0	350.0
Roma	225.0	255.0	225.0	255.0
Baldo	335.0	380.0	335.0	380.0
Carnaroli and similar varieties	355.0	385.0	355.0	385.0
Augusto	355.0	380.0	355.0	380.0
Loto, Nembo	290.0	310.0	290.0	310.0
Luna CL, Dardo, and similar varieties	240.0	260.0	240.0	260.0

Sant'Andrea	230.0	250.0	230.0	250.0
Thaibonnet and similar varieties	260.0	280.0	260.0	280.0
Vialone nano	440.0	490.0	440.0	490.0
Padano - Argo	335.0	385.0	335.0	385.0
Lido, Crono, Flipper, and similar varieties	240.0	260.0	240.0	260.0
Balilla and Centauro	220.0	235.0	220.0	235.0
Sole	215.0	225.0	215.0	225.0
Selenio	275.0	290.0	275.0	290.0

Source: Milan grain exchange

**Table 3: Italy's leading milled rice exports**

Partner Country	Unit	2014		2015		2016	
		USD	Quantity	USD	Quantity	USD	Quantity
World	T	598,039,974	631,131	551,462,853	630,988	496,200,228	588,235
France	T	121,345,833	124,177	104,060,520	121,746	98,885,464	117,831
Germany	T	122,663,128	117,941	108,537,100	117,691	91,344,129	101,260
United Kingdom	T	45,530,076	50,223	59,106,861	71,233	56,515,027	69,021
Belgium	T	33,323,649	32,289	25,247,488	26,185	25,294,916	26,599
Turkey	T	27,950,262	30,251	38,417,876	37,749	22,434,563	29,652
Austria	T	20,431,935	19,433	19,991,599	21,354	18,312,603	20,124
Czech Republic	T	18,657,045	25,848	15,436,125	23,373	17,023,555	24,773
Switzerland	T	13,802,645	16,402	11,466,374	13,791	13,045,440	16,361
United States	T	13,189,340	7,184	13,496,101	7,291	12,288,641	7,203
Poland	T	13,177,944	18,652	11,039,490	17,089	11,984,484	18,514
Hungary	T	17,643,154	29,073	14,577,539	26,032	11,225,805	19,158
Netherlands	T	14,722,523	19,919	10,448,878	14,146	10,731,025	15,142
Slovakia	T	10,442,338	16,059	11,222,995	17,595	10,168,506	15,714
Lebanon	T	14,907,602	15,744	11,391,826	12,763	9,879,900	14,049
Sweden	T						

		9,581,959	8,303	8,991,315	8,204	8,972,012	8,490
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Source: Global Trade Atlas (GTA)

**Table 4: Italy's leading milled rice imports**

Partner Country	Unit	2014		2015		2016	
		USD	Quantity	USD	Quantity	USD	Quantity
World	T	68,648,801	66,624	67,675,125	84,552	66,581,255	81,933
Thailand	T	12,742,188	11,955	10,510,246	10,989	11,114,961	13,561
Cambodia	T	7,373,444	9,570	9,351,078	16,791	10,729,548	17,974
India	T	11,147,896	8,840	11,463,380	10,606	9,492,516	10,136
Pakistan	T	3,635,669	2,913	5,224,830	5,427	4,849,640	6,064
Romania	T	3,449,468	2,589	3,409,063	2,588	4,689,432	3,588
France	T	9,365,385	5,351	4,866,062	4,826	4,497,625	4,579
Belgium	T	2,282,631	1,635	4,692,647	4,672	3,913,258	5,779
Germany	T	2,134,837	1,482	1,378,450	895	2,563,747	1,887
Denmark	T	212,357	250	254,147	348	2,447,049	2,603
United Kingdom	T	3,411,479	2,616	3,295,300	2,774	2,061,343	2,137
Netherlands	T	1,267,286	668	1,395,051	965	1,767,751	1,494
Greece	T	702,372	1,151	956,776	1,338	1,565,355	2,053
Spain	T	4,087,534	4,909	2,429,508	3,213	1,461,937	1,788
Turkey	T	4,994	2	68,469	100	1,031,630	1,450
Bangladesh	T	1,542,945	2,193	1,040,378	1,709	670,160	1,173

Source: GTA

**Table 5: Italy's leading husked rice exports**

Partner Country	Unit	2014		2015		2016	
		USD	Quantity	USD	Quantity	USD	Quantity

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World	T	62,943,377	63,200	69,942,252	73,237	72,132,651	78,946
Belgium	T	17,153,303	20,577	17,870,897	22,721	16,882,500	21,672
Germany	T	10,122,758	7,971	12,726,230	9,547	11,626,373	8,302
Netherlands	T	9,493,591	10,728	9,682,472	12,177	10,113,505	12,082
Poland	T	4,285,619	6,154	4,304,398	6,431	7,621,824	12,091
France	T	5,818,358	3,497	6,535,977	4,432	6,971,702	5,271
Switzerland	T	6,127,569	5,521	7,199,762	7,164	5,469,927	6,431
United Kingdom	T	1,928,427	1,418	2,165,824	1,563	2,276,896	1,596
Spain	T	1,299,116	840	1,618,798	1,215	2,236,993	1,630
Czech Republic	T	977,215	1,266	1,942,514	2,597	1,741,101	2,054
Greece	T	123,212	81	122,933	79	1,579,829	2,559
Israel	T	846,043	855	619,448	675	966,477	1,189
Finland	T	811,833	914	710,621	927	730,129	902
Sweden	T	1,056,278	855	832,010	710	645,933	443
Denmark	T	452,153	382	376,214	285	480,530	303
United States	T	225,708	85	578,825	253	464,702	195

Source: GTA

**Table 6: Italy's leading husked rice imports**

Partner Country	Unit	2014		2015		2016	
		USD	Quantity	USD	Quantity	USD	Quantity
World	T	76,298,820	61,274	38,798,203	45,056	47,006,756	78,285
India	T	48,526,551	37,312	16,762,409	20,699	18,206,850	27,102

Pakistan	T	18,533,078	16,182	14,360,909	16,856	11,777,882	18,540
Guyana	T	-	-	377,941	1,000	6,954,202	19,509
Thailand	T	4,246,417	3,399	3,642,394	3,242	4,486,494	4,229
Suriname	T	-	-	-	-	1,687,669	4,800
France	T	936,287	1,096	1,061,996	670	977,331	820
Uruguay	T	157,354	188	559,369	640	658,509	757
United Kingdom	T	542,512	374	287,355	308	399,263	432
Argentina	T	683,629	760	590,084	616	329,048	350
Cambodia	T	-	-	23,249	47	311,831	440
Netherlands	T	358,425	157	291,239	175	253,329	136
Vietnam	T	-	-	11,408	24	176,395	310
Belgium	T	108,315	52	150,432	118	152,828	91
Portugal	T	-	-	-	-	125,316	222
Germany	T	6,976	1	79,792	54	114,529	75

Source: GTA

**Table 7: Italy's leading rice in the husk exports**

Partner Country	Unit	2014		2015		2016	
		USD	Quantity	USD	Quantity	USD	Quantity
World	T	11,388,582	14,173	7,959,730	10,737	9,170,919	12,318
Portugal	T	2,509,849	2,310	1,807,964	2,096	1,674,491	1,846
France	T	1,123,595	1,053	1,169,976	1,306	1,391,313	1,268
Spain	T	2,502,826	3,088	1,133,889	1,635	1,355,541	1,676
Netherlands	T	1,762,256	4,173	740,350	1,833	1,353,53	3,346

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Romania	T	805,960	874	1,146,961	1,507	1,293,455	1,714
Morocco	T	463,902	452	424,866	518	689,899	757
Greece	T	532,800	474	658,029	688	430,040	443
Bulgaria	T	670,494	597	244,434	235	267,588	286
Belgium	T	321,536	586	234,235	543	211,436	498
Russia	T	25,056	20	19,062	20	171,018	160
Turkey	T	60,014	36	54,086	44	65,619	47
Macedonia	T	58,237	46	21,568	19	39,841	34
Austria	T	14,201	7	74,518	65	37,576	35
Czech Republic	T	17,832	11	1,968	1	37,571	62
Germany	T	211,054	209	30,403	47	26,089	52

Source: GTA

**Table 8: Italy's leading rice in the husk imports**

Partner Country	Unit	2014		2015		2016	
		USD	Quantity	USD	Quantity	USD	Quantity
World	T	10,656,079	17,340	21,414,558	55,951	32,175,051	91,732
Guyana	T	-	-	11,725,380	37,298	22,708,946	79,029
France	T	5,479,041	11,650	4,786,980	12,896	3,772,355	6,982
Greece	T	-	-	535,679	724	1,957,021	2,505
Romania	T	2,112,128	3,215	1,563,311	1,998	1,016,383	1,142
United Kingdom	T	1,199,889	718	894,920	873	770,968	745
Netherlands	T	158,511	83	632,626	731	721,752	809
United States	T	417,931	40	319,356	44	629,341	88
Spain	T						

		986,674	1,499	639,575	1,244	269,838	315
Germany	T	238,853	108	251,775	95	187,519	75
Bulgaria	T	-	-	-	-	87,529	23
Austria	T	14,391	4	14,447	4	26,258	14
Denmark	T	21,659	2	5,242	-	23,255	2
Uruguay	T	-	-	2,139	-	2,987	1
Luxembourg	T	-	-	-	-	899	1
Portugal	T	11,541	13	19,480	24	-	-
Turkey	T	2,758	2	23,648	18	-	-
Bangladesh	T	5,462	4	-	-	-	-
Brazil	T	1,931	2	-	-	-	-
Japan	T	5,310	-	-	-	-	-

Source: GTA

### Abbreviations and definitions used in this report

#### HS Codes:

Milled rice: 100630; 100640

Rice husked (brown): 100620

Rice in the husk (paddy or rough): 100610

**Marketing Year:** September/August

**Ha:** Hectare - 1 ha = 2.471 acres

**MT:** Metric Ton - 1MT = 1,000 kg