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### **Italian Rice Overview - Update 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 marketing year (MY) 2017/18 rice area is expected at 229,547 hectares (ha), 1.9 percent less than MY 2016/17. Italy's MY 2017/18 rough rice production is expected at 1.5 million metric tons (MMT), 5.4 percent less than MY 2016/17, due to the summer drought that affected yields (6.6 t/ha compared to 6.8 t/ha in 2016/17).

## Italian Rice Overview – Update 2017

Italy is the largest rice producer in the EU-28. Rice cultivation is mostly located in Northern Italy (Piemonte, Lombardia, and Veneto regions) where water is relatively abundant and the rice crop can be raised in flooded fields. Approximately 80 percent of rice varieties grown in Italy are *Japonica*, while the remainder is *Indica*. Except for rough (unmilled) rice exports and domestic seed sales, virtually all Italian rice is marketed as a whole-kernel milled product.

According to the latest figures from the Italian Rice Association (Enterisi), Italy's marketing year (MY) 2017/18 rice area is expected to be 229,547 hectares (ha), 1.9 percent less than MY 2016/17. The decrease in the *long* and *round grain Japonica* varieties planted area is likely to be offset by increased hectares devoted to the *long grain Indica* variety, in order to, albeit partially, rebalance the Italian rough rice offer.

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

<b>Rice variety</b>	<b>2016/17 area (estimate)</b>	<b>2017/18 area (forecast)</b>	<b>% change 2017/18 - 2016/17</b>
Round Grain Japonica	70,787	64,384	-9
Medium Grain Japonica	9,727	10,508	8
Long Grain Japonica	120,057	108,889	-9.3
Long Grain Indica	33,564	45,766	36.3
<b>Total Area</b>	<b>234,135</b>	<b>229,547</b>	<b>-1.9</b>

Source: Enterisi (Italian Rice Association)

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

Paddy rice varieties	2018			
	April 3		April 10	
	Week 14		Week 15	
	Min.	Max.	Min.	Max.
Volano - Arborio	285	305	285	305
Roma	280	285	280	285
Baldo	390	430	390	430
Carnaroli and similar varieties	290	320	300	330
Augusto	330	350	350	370
Loto, Nembo	350	380	355	385
Luna CL, Dardo, and similar varieties	325	335	345	355
Sant'Andrea	285	305	285	305
Thaibonnet and similar varieties	265	280	275	290
Vialone nano	340	365	340	365
Padano - Argo	270	290	270	290
Lido, Crono, Flipper, and similar varieties	295	305	305	315
Balilla and Centauro	265	305	265	305
Sole	250	270	250	270
Selenio	245	285	245	285

Source: Milan grain exchange

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

Partner Country	Unit	2015		2016		2017	
		USD	Quantity	USD	Quantity	USD	Quantity
World	T	551,462,853	630,988	496,288,000	588,320	491,702,812	619,875
France	T	104,060,520	121,746	98,907,046	117,842	103,441,111	124,292
Germany	T	108,537,100	117,691	91,363,006	101,286	82,597,584	97,570
United Kingdom	T	59,106,861	71,233	56,514,331	69,025	51,203,692	66,833
Turkey	T	38,417,876	37,749	22,434,563	29,652	23,906,128	35,109
Belgium	T	25,247,488	26,185	25,294,950	26,599	21,660,510	27,284
Austria	T	19,991,599	21,354	18,319,803	20,128	18,968,646	20,708
Czech Republic	T	15,436,125	23,373	17,022,173	24,773	16,269,416	25,380
Switzerland	T	11,466,374	13,791	13,045,440	16,361	13,257,266	15,906
Poland	T						

		11,039,490	17,089	11,984,436	18,514	13,230,146	21,129
United States	T	13,496,101	7,291	12,288,641	7,203	12,942,625	8,904
Netherlands	T	10,448,878	14,146	10,731,870	15,142	10,574,365	14,421
Spain	T	5,446,409	6,071	6,702,404	6,932	10,384,084	14,090
Hungary	T	14,577,539	26,032	11,225,830	19,158	10,146,612	18,063
Lebanon	T	11,391,826	12,763	9,879,900	14,049	9,241,732	13,835

Source: Global Trade Atlas (GTA)

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

Partner Country	Unit	2015		2016		2017	
		USD	Quantity	USD	Quantity	USD	Quantity
World	T	67,675,125	84,552	66,777,417	82,085	72,970,395	92,499
India	T	11,463,380	10,606	9,492,516	10,136	12,325,250	11,473
Thailand	T	10,510,246	10,989	11,114,961	13,561	11,082,099	14,795
Cambodia	T	9,351,078	16,791	10,729,548	17,974	8,266,298	13,615
France	T	4,866,062	4,826	4,497,680	4,579	7,514,877	7,138
Pakistan	T	5,224,830	5,427	4,849,640	6,064	6,651,638	7,744
Romania	T	3,409,063	2,588	4,689,432	3,588	4,122,588	3,044
Belgium	T	4,692,647	4,672	3,913,258	5,779	3,242,192	5,633
Myanmar	T	4,016,605	9,800	669,705	1,620	3,027,914	8,775
Netherlands	T	1,395,051	965	1,769,403	1,494	2,633,702	2,261
Germany	T	1,378,450	895	2,626,196	1,922	2,466,528	2,089
United Kingdom	T	3,295,300	2,774	2,109,674	2,185	2,241,010	2,378
Denmark	T	254,147	348	2,491,330	2,647	2,022,323	1,932
Greece	T	956,776	1,338	1,565,355	2,053	2,015,235	4,320
Turkey	T	68,469	100	1,031,630	1,450	1,769,647	2,517

Source: GTA

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

Partner Country	Unit	2015		2016		2017	
		USD	Quantity	USD	Quantity	USD	Quantity
World	T	69,942,252	73,237	72,130,591	78,965	66,493,471	73,913
Belgium	T	17,870,897	22,721	16,882,164	21,672	15,925,363	20,743
Germany	T	12,726,230	9,547	11,626,415	8,302	9,308,348	6,354
Netherlands	T	9,682,472	12,177	10,113,505	12,082	8,783,368	10,224
France	T	6,535,977	4,432	6,971,425	5,271	7,546,475	7,147
Poland	T	4,304,398	6,431	7,621,764	12,091	6,017,308	9,781
Switzerland	T	7,199,762	7,164	5,469,927	6,431	5,424,469	6,782
Spain	T	1,618,798	1,215	2,235,268	1,630	2,901,758	2,311
United Kingdom	T	2,165,824	1,563	2,276,896	1,614	2,514,682	2,174
Czech Republic	T	1,942,514	2,597	1,740,995	2,054	2,057,497	2,465
Finland	T	710,621	927	730,129	902	972,781	1,345
Israel	T	619,448	675	966,477	1,189	866,035	1,186
Sweden	T	832,010	710	645,690	443	644,069	433
Denmark	T	376,214	285	481,180	303	372,381	244
Hungary	T	281,989	488	341,808	585	346,518	617

Source: GTA

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

Partner Country	Unit	2015		2016		2017	
		USD	Quantity	USD	Quantity	USD	Quantity
World	T	38,798,203	45,056	47,006,806	78,274	55,606,939	70,746
India	T	16,762,409	20,699	18,206,850	27,102	28,625,637	33,365
Pakistan	T	14,360,909	16,856	11,777,882	18,540	13,328,123	15,798
Thailand	T	3,642,394	3,242	4,486,494	4,229	4,587,437	3,936

Guyana	T	377,941	1,000	6,954,202	19,509	4,474,541	13,040
Cambodia	T	23,249	47	311,831	440	970,768	1,157
Netherlands	T	291,239	175	253,329	125	611,921	469
Brazil	T	52,147	43	78,133	75	555,321	620
France	T	1,061,996	670	977,331	820	423,637	340
United Kingdom	T	287,355	308	399,263	432	341,986	380
Argentina	T	590,084	616	329,048	350	287,620	309
Denmark	T	714	1	946	1	232,306	192
Spain	T	195,017	214	35,382	15	193,781	153
Germany	T	79,792	54	114,585	75	182,671	95
Uruguay	T	559,369	640	658,509	757	180,543	197

Source: GTA

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

Partner Country	Unit	2015		2016		2017	
		USD	Quantity	USD	Quantity	USD	Quantity
World	T	7,959,730	10,737	9,171,010	12,466	8,551,316	14,568
Netherlands	T	740,350	1,833	1,353,531	3,346	1,762,135	5,638
Romania	T	1,146,961	1,507	1,293,455	1,714	1,391,994	2,351
France	T	1,169,976	1,306	1,391,404	1,416	1,285,466	1,766
Portugal	T	1,807,964	2,096	1,674,491	1,846	1,204,883	1,401
Spain	T	1,133,889	1,635	1,355,541	1,676	1,005,576	1,296
Morocco	T	424,866	518	689,899	757	868,010	931
Greece	T	658,029	688	430,040	443	295,564	350
Bulgaria	T	244,434	235	267,588	285	258,109	274
Turkey	T	54,086	44	65,619	47	199,536	205
Belgium	T	234,235	543	211,436	498	48,607	65
Germany	T	30,403	47	26,089	52	46,547	111
Azerbaijan	T	19,371	20	-	-	44,383	60
Austria	T	74,518	65	37,576	35	34,836	36
Switzerland	T	21,713	21	22,977	22	23,180	21

Source: GTA

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

Partner Country	Unit	2015		2016		2017	
		USD	Quantity	USD	Quantity	USD	Quantity

World	T	21,414,558	55,951	32,175,051	91,702	26,500,479	66,608
Guyana	T	11,725,380	37,298	22,708,946	79,029	14,818,409	50,175
Romania	T	1,563,311	1,998	1,016,383	1,142	3,204,735	3,688
France	T	4,786,980	12,896	3,772,355	6,982	3,178,530	6,448
Greece	T	535,679	724	1,957,021	2,475	2,560,953	3,139
United Kingdom	T	894,920	873	770,968	745	1,046,068	1,453
United States	T	319,356	44	629,341	88	641,657	81
Spain	T	639,575	1,244	269,838	315	509,903	970
Bulgaria	T	-	-	87,529	23	252,644	468
Netherlands	T	632,626	731	721,752	809	181,094	149
Germany	T	251,775	95	187,519	75	88,777	30
Denmark	T	5,242	-	23,255	2	7,215	4
Austria	T	14,447	4	26,258	14	5,330	1
Uruguay	T	2,139	-	2,987	1	5,163	1
Portugal	T	19,480	24	-	-	-	-

Source: GTA

### Abbreviations and definitions used in this report

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

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

**MMT:** Million Metric Tons

**MY: Marketing Year**

September/August

**Harmonized System (HS) Codes**

Milled rice: 100630, 100640

Rice husked (brown): 100620

Rice in the husk (paddy or rough): 100610