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Italy's Rice Area to Increase in MY 2016-17

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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 preliminarily forecast at 237,500 hectares (Ha), an increase of 4.47 percent compared to MY 2015/16 (227,328 Ha), driven by the higher profitability of the sector compared to corn and soybean.

General Information:**Italy's Rice Area to Increase in MY 2016/17**

Italy is the largest rice producer in the EU-28. Rice cultivation is mostly located in Northern Italy (Piemonte, Lombardia, and Veneto) where water is relatively abundant and the rice crop can be raised in flooded fields. Approximately 70 percent of rice varieties grown in Italy are *Indica* (i.e. *Ariete*, *Drago*, *Arborio*, *Baldo*, *S.Andrea*, and *Carnaroli*), while the remainder are *Japonica* ones. Except for rough (unmilled) rice exports and domestic seed sales, virtually all the Italian rice is marketed as a whole-kernel milled product.

According to the latest figures from the Italian Rice Association (Enterisi), Italy's MY (Marketing Year) 2016/17 rice area is preliminarily forecast at 237,500 hectares (Ha), an increase of 4.47 percent compared to MY 2015/16 (227,328 Ha), driven by the higher profitability of the sector compared to corn and soybean.

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	72,800	27.84
Medium Grain Japonica	9,471	9,800	3.47
Long Grain Japonica	125,867	121,200	-3.71
Long Grain Indica	35,044	33,700	-3.84
Total Area	227,328	237,500	4.47

Source: Enterisi (Italian Rice Association)

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

Paddy Rice Varieties	2016			
	July 26		Aug 2	
	Week 30		Week 31	
	Min.	Max.	Min.	Max.
Volano - Arborio	665.0	690.0	665.0	690.0
Roma	315.0	345.0	315.0	345.0
Baldo	317.0	337.0	317.0	337.0
Augusto	310.0	330.0	310.0	330.0
Loto, Nembo	270.0	300.0	270.0	300.0
Luna CL, Dardo, and similar varieties	265.0	285.0	265.0	285.0
Sant'Andrea	250.0	290.0	250.0	290.0
Thaibonnet and similar varieties	295.0	315.0	295.0	315.0

Padano - Argo	315.0	330.0	315.0	330.0
Lido,Crono,Flipper, and similar varieties	265.0	285.0	265.0	285.0
Balilla,Centauro, and similar varieties	285.0	315.0	285.0	315.0
Sole	298.0	318.0	298.0	318.0

Source: Milan Grain Exchange

Table 3: Italy's Leading Milled Rice Exports

Partner Country	Unit	2013		2014		2015	
		USD	Quantity	USD	Quantity	USD	Quantity
World	T	579,384,265	673,588	598,039,974	631,131	552,219,917	631,632
Germany	T	101,114,900	115,607	122,663,128	117,941	108,573,169	117,725
France	T	124,556,741	138,084	121,345,833	124,177	104,580,200	122,164
United Kingdom	T	54,431,130	62,645	45,530,076	50,223	59,153,432	71,286
Turkey	T	36,513,310	47,408	27,950,262	30,251	38,417,876	37,749
Belgium	T	29,945,380	31,003	33,323,649	32,289	25,247,491	26,185
Austria	T	20,124,582	20,627	20,431,935	19,433	20,009,517	21,373
Czech Republic	T	29,578,235	40,505	18,657,045	25,848	15,367,208	23,294
Hungary	T	16,522,817	24,714	17,643,154	29,073	14,578,684	26,032
United States	T	10,713,503	7,362	13,189,340	7,184	13,496,101	7,291
Switzerland	T	9,792,421	10,821	13,802,645	16,402	11,466,374	13,791
Lebanon	T	9,019,519	10,652	14,907,602	15,744	11,402,578	12,769
Slovakia	T	13,593,381	20,654	10,442,338	16,059	11,222,995	17,595
Poland	T	15,732,703	23,512	13,177,944	18,652	11,044,199	17,093
Netherlands	T	16,516,445	25,943	14,722,523	19,919	10,581,496	14,262
Sweden	T	8,770,112	8,720	9,581,959	8,303	9,012,918	8,225

Source: Global Trade Atlas (GTA)

Table 4: Italy's Leading Milled Rice Imports

Partner Country	Unit	2013		2014		2015	
		USD	Quantity	USD	Quantity	USD	Quantity
World	T	51,376,748	47,890	68,648,801	66,624	67,655,031	84,546
India	T	7,940,288	7,509	11,147,896	8,840	11,463,380	10,606
Thailand	T	11,081,592	9,744	12,742,188	11,955	10,510,246	10,989
Cambodia	T	5,160,165	5,890	7,373,444	9,570	9,351,078	16,791
Pakistan	T	3,081,869	2,770	3,635,669	2,913	5,224,830	5,427
France	T	8,885,802	7,220	9,365,385	5,351	4,866,490	4,826
Belgium	T	1,170,630	701	2,282,631	1,635	4,692,647	4,672
Myanmar	T	0	0	3,283,462	8,074	4,016,605	9,800
Romania	T	1,878,027	2,244	3,449,468	2,589	3,409,063	2,588
United Kingdom	T	3,293,908	2,759	3,411,479	2,616	3,293,810	2,772
Spain	T	1,056,257	802	4,087,534	4,909	2,429,351	3,213
Egypt	T	802,249	2,000	52,153	120	2,002,925	6,245
Netherlands	T	2,185,374	1,239	1,267,286	668	1,390,467	965

Germany	T	816,611	323	2,134,837	1,482	1,372,416	899
Bangladesh	T	832,476	1,204	1,542,945	2,193	1,040,378	1,709
Greece	T	897,701	1,629	702,372	1,151	956,776	1,338
United States	T	129,853	121	87,136	78	294,938	247

Source: GTA

Table 5: Italy's Leading Husked Rice Exports

Partner Country	Unit	2013		2014		2015	
		USD	Quantity	USD	Quantity	USD	Quantity
World	T	56,349,249	63,450	62,943,377	63,200	70,021,864	73,295
Belgium	T	16,095,766	18,958	17,153,303	20,577	17,870,897	22,721
Germany	T	8,478,505	7,859	10,122,758	7,971	12,735,781	9,557
Netherlands	T	9,406,192	12,074	9,493,591	10,728	9,682,472	12,177
Switzerland	T	5,676,387	7,445	6,127,569	5,521	7,199,762	7,164
France	T	4,520,250	3,356	5,818,358	3,497	6,584,233	4,463
Poland	T	3,805,767	5,611	4,285,619	6,154	4,304,398	6,431
United Kingdom	T	1,907,527	1,751	1,928,427	1,418	2,187,628	1,579
Czech Republic	T	945,938	1,154	977,215	1,266	1,942,514	2,597
Spain	T	821,460	734	1,299,116	840	1,618,798	1,215
Sweden	T	728,465	676	1,056,278	855	832,010	710
Finland	T	700,674	786	811,833	914	710,621	927
Israel	T	686,448	845	846,043	855	619,448	675
United States	T	78,662	21	225,708	85	578,825	253
Brazil	T	166,524	62	226,279	76	378,866	135
Denmark	T	363,419	272	452,153	382	376,214	285

Source: GTA

Table 6: Italy's Leading Husked Rice Imports

Partner Country	Unit	2013		2014		2015	
		USD	Quantity	USD	Quantity	USD	Quantity
World	T	48,379,761	50,252	76,298,820	61,274	38,805,154	45,057
India	T	35,524,461	39,207	48,526,551	37,312	16,762,409	20,699
Pakistan	T	6,757,678	6,064	18,533,078	16,182	14,360,909	16,856
Thailand	T	4,625,349	3,677	4,246,417	3,399	3,642,394	3,242
France	T	261,402	195	936,287	1,096	1,061,996	670
Argentina	T	98,175	129	683,629	760	590,084	616
Uruguay	T	192,828	350	157,354	188	559,369	640
Guyana	T	0	0	0	0	377,941	1,000
Netherlands	T	296,074	145	358,425	157	291,239	175
United Kingdom	T	317,673	222	542,512	374	287,234	308
Spain	T	10,473	12	872,018	568	202,085	216
Belgium	T	49,436	26	108,315	52	150,432	118
Romania	T	5,497	5	714,322	524	139,848	110

Greece	T	80,733	44	369,840	337	132,531	120
Germany	T	10,063	5	6,976	1	79,795	54
Bangladesh	T	105,807	136	35,719	60	67,060	117

Source: GTA

Table 7: Italy's Leading Rice in the Husk Exports

Partner Country	Unit	2013		2014		2015	
		USD	Quantity	USD	Quantity	USD	Quantity
World	T	9,339,472	12,691	11,388,582	14,173	7,959,095	10,889
Portugal	T	1,558,721	1,715	2,509,849	2,310	1,807,964	2,096
France	T	1,664,477	1,813	1,123,595	1,053	1,164,116	1,303
Spain	T	958,642	1,127	2,502,826	3,088	1,150,092	1,796
Romania	T	944,153	1,086	805,960	874	1,146,961	1,507
Netherlands	T	1,713,606	4,220	1,762,256	4,173	740,350	1,833
Greece	T	346,789	407	532,800	474	658,029	688
Morocco	T	929,275	962	463,902	452	424,866	518
Bulgaria	T	349,596	355	670,494	597	244,434	235
Belgium	T	220,430	377	321,536	586	234,235	543
Uruguay	T	3,749	2	34,921	22	80,064	87
Austria	T	28,288	14	14,201	7	65,963	61
Turkey	T	29,532	22	60,014	36	54,086	44
United Kingdom	T	23,599	10	58,785	32	31,675	18
Germany	T	109,023	202	211,054	209	28,191	45
Switzerland	T	51,834	51	31,673	24	21,713	21

Source: GTA

Table 8: Italy's Leading Rice in the Husk Imports

Partner Country	Unit	2013		2014		2015	
		USD	Quantity	USD	Quantity	USD	Quantity
World	T	8,063,058	12,838	10,656,079	17,340	21,361,576	55,680
Guyana	T	0	0	0	0	11,725,380	37,298
France	T	2,628,481	5,854	5,479,041	11,650	4,786,720	12,896
Romania	T	3,240,765	6,025	2,112,128	3,215	1,563,311	1,998
United Kingdom	T	804,127	587	1,199,889	718	853,161	607
Spain	T	89,584	61	986,674	1,499	639,575	1,242
Netherlands	T	29,093	15	158,511	83	632,626	731
Greece	T	17,635	40	0	0	535,679	724
United States	T	891,870	80	417,931	40	319,356	44
Germany	T	297,317	143	238,853	108	240,812	93
Turkey	T	0	0	2,758	2	23,648	18
Portugal	T	0	0	11,541	13	19,480	24
Austria	T	10,934	6	14,391	4	14,447	4
Denmark	T	43,956	26	21,659	2	5,242	0

Uruguay	T	0	0	0	0	2,139	0
Japan	T	0	0	5,310	0	0	0
Source: GTA							

Abbreviations and definitions used in this report

Ha: Hectare - 1 ha = 2.471 acres

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

Marketing Year: September/August

HS Codes:

Milled rice: 100630; 100640

Rice Husked (Brown): 100620

Rice In The Husk (Paddy Or Rough): 100610