

Economy, policy and value chain at farm level

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Global rice production

Global rice production is forecast to recover by 1.3 percent in 2023/24 to **523.5 million tonnes** (milled basis). Much of the increase on a monthly basis comes from United States and South Korea, offsetting a reduction for Costa Rica.

According to American analysts, Italy will record the most pronounced percentage increase (+18.5%) after the drought-stricken 2022/23 campaign







Europen rice production

The EU produces <u>(Italy, France, Greece,</u> <u>Bulgaria, Hungary, Portugal, Romania, Spain</u>) around **2.8 million tonnes** of **paddy rice** (Japonica and Indica) per year. That translates into around 1.7 million tonnes of milled equivalent rice.

The EU is traditionally a **net importer** (around 1.2 million tonnes milled equivalent is imported).

Rice in the EU is mainly used for food, whereas broken rice has more industrial applications.





(1) Round grain paddy rice
(2) Medium grain paddy rice
(3) Long grain A paddy rice
(4) Long grain B paddy rice

Rice production (europa.eu)

Italian rice production

- 218.420,96 hectares (-3,8% sul 2021)
- 3.557 number of producers *(Ente risi)*
- The Italian production guarantees **50% of the entire rice production of the EU**, for which it is the leading supplier, with a range of varieties and a level of quality unique in the world.
- Italians consume on average between 5 and 6 kilos of rice per head.
- In Italy, 9 out of 10 rice fields are concentrated in Piedmont, Lombardy and Veneto.





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Common agricultural Policy



The Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) is the longest serving EU policy with the aim of: providing affordable, safe and ensuring a fair standard of preserving natural resources high-quality food living for farmers and respecting the environment

NEW CAP OBJECTIVES – CAP 2023-2027



NEW DELIVERY SYSTEM



Intervention	Aggregate	GO	
Basic Income Support for Sustainability - BISS (Art.21)			
Complementary Redistributive Income Support for Sustainability CRISS (Art.29)		GO1	
Natural or other area-specific constraints ANC (Art.71)	Income support		
Area-specific disadvantages resulting from certain mandatory requirements (Art.72)			
Risk management tools (Art.76) (ex. sectoral interventions)	Risk management	GO1	
Investments, including investments in irrigation (Art.73&74)	Investments	GO1	
Coupled Income Support CIS (Art.32)	Coupled support	GO1	
Cotton (Art.36-41)			
Wine (Art.57-60)			
Apiculture (Art.54-56)	Sectoral	CO1	
Hop (Art.61-62)	interventions (+ cotton)	GO1	
Olive oil and table olives (Art.63-65)			
Other sectors (Art.66 – 68)			
Eco-scheme (Art.31)	Environmentel		
Environmental, climate-related and other management commitments AECC (Art.70)	Environmental and climate	GO2	
Complementary Income Support for Young Farmers CIS-YF (Art. 30)	Young farmers &	CO 2	
Setting up of young farmers and new farmers and rural business start-up (Art.75)	generational renewal	GO3	
Cooperation, included LEADER (Art.77)	COOP	GO3	
Knowledge exchange and dissemination of information (Art.78)	AKIS	Horiz.	

NEW GREEN ARCHITECTURE



Spotlight on rice – I pillar

The **new basic payment** is much lower than the old basic payment + greening, resulting in a large reduction in support for rice farmers.

In the new CAP, the redistributive payment (10% of the national envelope) and the ecoschemes (25%) are very selective and **not accessible to rice producers**.

Eligibility conditions	CAP 2015-2022	CAP 2023-2027
Area	The whole country	The whole country
Rice ceiling (€ million)	33,320,383	74,085,407
Amount (€/ha)	147.29 (2020)	340 (estimate)
UAA	226,214 (2020)	220,000 (estimate)

maintenance of historical titles, albeit subject to convergence, and a significant increase in coupled support for rice cultivation.

Data from a 100 ha specialised rice farm



Spotlight on rice – II Pillar integrated farming (SRA 01)

Integrated Production' provides support per hectare of UAA to beneficiaries who undertake to adopt the technical provisions set out in the Integrated Production Specifications (IPR) established for the cultivation phase, adhering to the National Quality System Integrated Production (SQNPI).

crop groups	unit amounts (€/ha)
other arable land	115
forage crops	60
fruit trees	350
walnut and chestnut	120
extensive horticulture	200
intensive horticulture	350
Rice	130
wine growing	300

Spotlight on rice – II pillar – Organic farming (SRA 29.1 & 29.2) crop groups unit amounts

The objective of Action SRA29.1 is to increase the area cultivated with organic farming methods through conversion from conventional agriculture.

The objective of **Action SRA29.2** is to contribute to the **maintenance of the organic UAA** in order to in order to consolidate, in the national agricultural production context, the environmental results in terms of increasing biodiversity, improving water quality and soil fertility.The intervention envisages a commitment period of five years.

crop groups	unit amounts (€/ha)		
	SRA 29.1 Conservation	29.2 Maintenance	
other arable land	320	260	
forage crops	380	330	
annual and biennial officinal plants	300	240	
Poliannual officinal plants	380	300	
walnut and chestnut	320	260	
horticulture	650	480	
pastures and meadows pastures	35	25	
pastures and meadows pastures for animals	380	330	
pastures	85	60	
Pastures for animals	380	330	
Rice	480	355	
wine growing	880	600	

Spotlight on rice – II pillar specific commitments rice fields (SRA 22)

The intervention consists of 2 actions that aims to mitigate the negative consequences of the practice of drying on the biodiversity of rice fields and encouraging the ecological endowment of the rice fields to meet the biological needs of the faunal species typical of these environments.

	ACA 22	€/ha/year
Action 1	BASE – I1 sowing in water	100
	BASE - I2.1 digging a ditch (60x40)	150
Astion 2	BASE - I2.1 digging a ditch (60x60)	200
Action 2	BASE - I2.1 digging a ditch (80x100)	350
	BASE – I2.2 paddy-field chambers	1400
Action agg 1	AGG – IA.1 Stubble	50
Action agg 2	AGG – IA.2 Winter submersion	220
Action agg 3	AGG – IA.3 Mechanical embankment control)	110

Main remarks – evidences

- 1. Rice farmers, as like everyone else, access BISS but do not access ecoschemes and suffer a large **reduction in the direct payment**.
- But they recover most of their losses through more than doubled coupled support: from EUR 33 million in 2022 to EUR 74 million in 2023-2027.
- 3. Rice farmers have always **paid close attention to the evolution of the CAP**, as the sector has consistently received significant support from the European Union; in fact, the level of direct payments to rice is on average three times the national average.

Characteristics	Piemonte
OTE	specialised rice farms (1520)
Number of observations (nr)	105
Revenue	398.424
Support	82.922
Variable costs	156.889
Fixed costs	29.291
Farm Net ValueAdded	240.522

Characteristics	UM	Piemonte	Lombardia
Number of observations	nr	126	49
Rice surface area	ha	89,27	69,45
irrigated area	%	100	100
Grain yield	q/ha	70,0	59,0
Price	€/q	42,0	41,0
Total Gross Production	euro/ha	3.025	2.475
Direct Costs	euro/ha	1.048	1.132
Gross Margin	euro/ha	1.977	1.342

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