

# India's Export Ban on White Rice and U.S.

## Rice Imports

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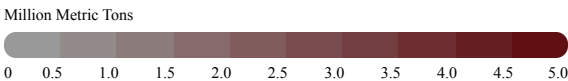
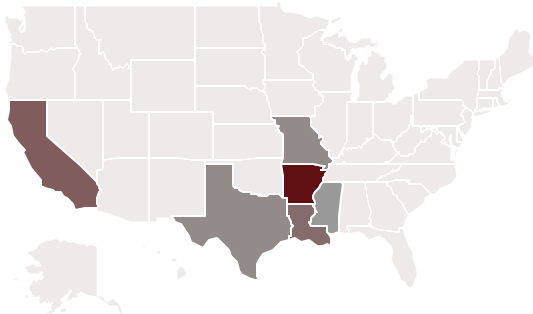
### Indian Rice Production and Exports

India ranks as the world's second largest producer of rice behind only China. In the 2023/24 marketing year (MY), India produced 132 million metric tons (MMT) of milled rice. Together they have grown at least 53 percent of the world's rice since 2018.

India is the world's largest exporter of milled rice totaling 17.5 MMT in the 2023 MY. India's rice exports have totaled 23-40 percent of the rice exported globally since 2017.

On July 20, 2023 the government of India announced an immediate ban of white, non-basmati rice to combat soaring local prices in the country. Which was around a quarter of the rice exports in 2022.

### U.S. Rice Production by State, 2023



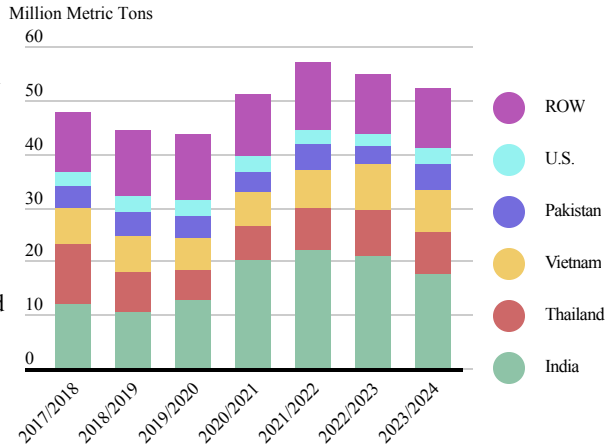
### U.S. Semi-Milled Rice Imports

In 2022, the United States imported 1.18 MMT of rice worth \$1.07 billion dollars. The largest source of rice imported by the U.S. in recent years has been Thailand, which totaled 706 thousand metric tons (TMT) in 2022. India follows with 258 TMT. These two countries account for 79-87 percent of the rice imported by the United States since 2017.

India accounts for 18-22 percent of the semi-milled rice imported by the United States. This should not greatly impact the U.S. however with a large share of the import volume from India being basmati rice.

China, Pakistan, and Vietnam follow, these five countries export 89-93 percent of the total.

### World Milled Rice Exports, MY 2018/19 - 2023/2024



### U.S. Rice Production

Six states account for all of the rice grown in the country: Arkansas, California, Louisiana, Missouri, Texas, and Mississippi. Of the 11.2 MMT grown in 2023, Arkansas is the source of 45-51 percent of U.S. rice production since 2019.

Rice production took a dip in recent years with the total for the country falling from 11.6 MMT in 2020 to 8.15 MMT in 2022. In 2023 though, there was a return to previous levels as California and Arkansas production increased drastically.

### U.S. Semi-Milled Rice Imports, 2013- August 2023

