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Rice 2026

Global Market Intelligence

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market balance

Global rice is moving from surplus into deficit.

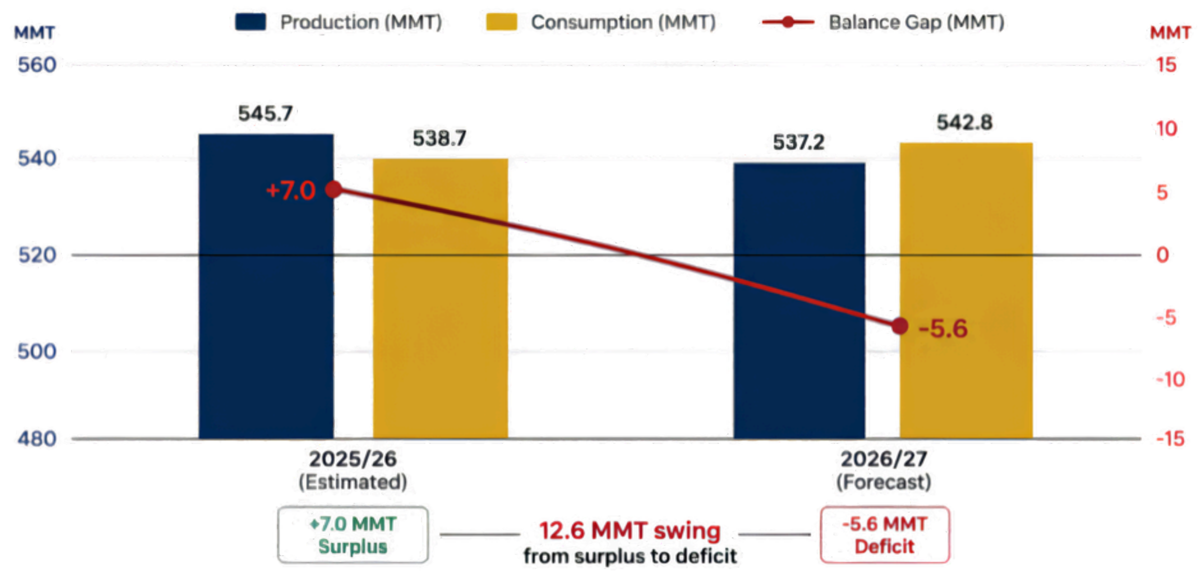
Production is forecast to decline to 537.8 MMT in 2026/27, while consumption rises to a record 541.4 MMT. That reverses the 5.2 MMT surplus estimated for 2025/26 into a 3.6 MMT production deficit.

The market remains well supplied. Ending stocks are still substantial and global trade is forecast at a record 63.1 MMT. But the direction has changed: inventories are no longer simply accumulating they are increasingly helping bridge the gap between annual production and consumption.

Figure 1

Has global rice production fallen behind consumption?

Global Rice Production vs Consumption and Balance Gap
(Million Metric Tons, Milled Basis)

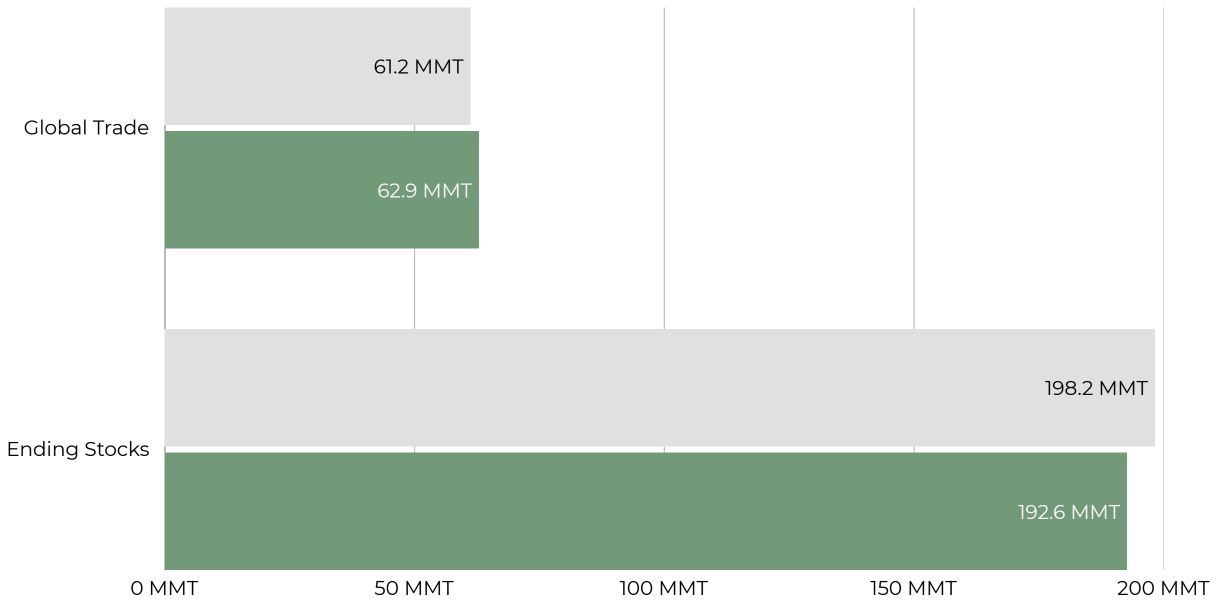


The market balance has turned. Production is no longer adding surplus supply; inventories are beginning to absorb the gap as consumption moves ahead of output.

Figure 2

Can global trade still absorb the tighter balance?

Global Rice Trade and Ending Stocks
(Million Metric Tons, Milled Basis)



Trade continues to expand even as inventories decline, increasing the market's reliance on active export flows to maintain balance.

The Market

CAN ABSORB THE CURRENT GAP

But it has less flexibility to absorb the next supply, policy, or trade disruption.

Global rice trade is becoming more dependent on a concentrated set of origins

Production is easing across several major suppliers while import demand remains firm across Asia, Africa and the Middle East. As the global balance tightens, trade is increasingly carrying the burden of moving available supply from surplus origins into deficit markets.

supply and demand shift

> **GLOBAL RICE STOCKS LOOK SAFE**
> **TRADABLE SUPPLY DOESN'T**

market concentration

Figure 3

How concentrated is the global rice buffer?

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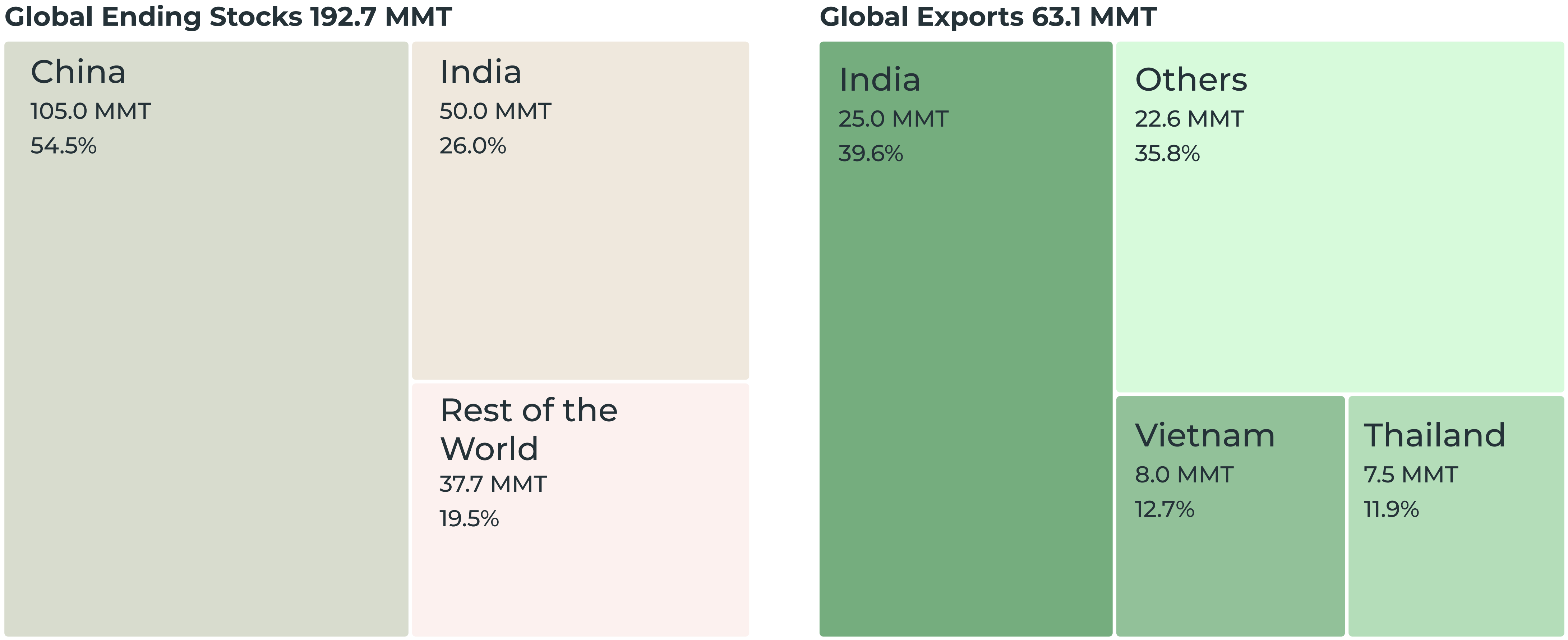

Illusion of Safety: Most of the Global Stock Buffer Sits in Two Countries

Global rice reserves remain substantial, but the headline number masks how concentrated that buffer is.

China and India together hold most global ending stocks, while the international market relies on a similarly narrow group of exporters to keep rice moving across deficit regions. India, Vietnam and Thailand account for roughly two-thirds of global exports.

This concentration matters because global availability depends not only on how much rice exists, but on where stocks are held and which countries are able and willing to release supplies into international trade.

Around 80% of global ending stocks are concentrated in China and India, while India, Vietnam, and Thailand account for about 64% of global exports. The global market looks well supplied in aggregate, but both inventories and export capacity are concentrated in a small number of countries.

market trasmission

One global market. Different price realities.

The tightening global rice balance is not translating into a uniform price response. Across major Asian export origins, benchmark prices have strengthened through 2026, but at different speeds.

Thailand 5% rose from about $399/MT in Q1 to $467/MT in July, while Vietnam 5% moved from roughly $349/MT to $396/MT. The widening spread shows that price discovery is becoming increasingly origin-, grade- and market-specific.

Figure 4

Where is price pressure appearing first?

International benchmarks and domestic price signals | 2026

A. International Export Benchmarks (USD/MT)

PRICE BENCHMARK	2025 AVG.	Q1 2026	Q2 2026	MAY 2026	JUN 2026	JUL 2026	Q1 + JUL SHIFT	% CHANGE	MARKET SIGNAL
Thailand 5%	$407.8	$399.3	$445.7	$440.0	$494.0	$467.0	+$67.7	+17.0%	Strongest premium among major white-rice benchmarks
Thailand 25%	-	$395.0	$437.7	$435.0	$479.0	$453.0	+$58.0	+14.7%	Broad strengthening across Thai grades
Thailand A1 Super	-	$377.8	$424.9	$420.2	$469.4	$454.7	+$76.9	+20.4%	Sharpest percentage increase in the group
Vietnam 5%	$380.0	$348.7	$373.5	$376.3	$391.3	$396.1	+$47.4	+13.6%	Rising, but remains competitively priced against Thailand

B. US Price & Export Signals

Different measurement basis — do not compare directly with Asian FOB prices

INDICATOR	2025/26	2026/27	SHIFT	% CHANGE	MARKET SIGNAL
U.S. All-Rice SAFP	$12.10/cwt	$13.50/cwt	+$1.40	+11.6%	Overall producer price strengthens
U.S. Long-Grain SAFP	$10.40/cwt	$12.00/cwt	+$1.60	+15.4%	Strongest upward movement
U.S. Medium/Short-Grain SAFP	$18.50/cwt	$17.90/cwt	-$0.60	-3.2%	Move against long-grain trend
California Medium-Grain SAFP	$20.30/cwt	$20.00/cwt	-$0.30	-1.5%	Relatively stable to softer
U.S. Long=Grain Export Volume	$51.0 M cwt	50.0 M cwt	-1.0 M cwt	-2.0%	Higher price outlook despite slightly lower export volume

outlook and market risks

Figure 5

The next shock determines how far the market moves

MARKET VARIABLE	CURRENT SIGNAL	DIRECTION OF RISK	WHY IT MATTERS
El Niño / Weather	Developing across Asia	High	Drier or more volatile conditions could reduce yields across major producing and importing markets
India Export Availability	Record export capacity	High influence	India remains the largest swing supplier and accounts for a disproportionate share of global trade
Global Stocks	Declining from 2025/26	Tightening	Lower inventories reduce the system's ability to absorb production shortfalls
Trade Concentration	Highly concentrated	Structural	A small number of exporters carry most internationally traded supply
Fertilizer & Input Costs	Elevated / volatile	Upside cost risk	Higher production costs can reduce input application and pressure yields
Middle East / Hormuz Logistics	Disrupted / unstable	Flow risk	Shipping disruption can alter export pace, freight costs and destination economics
Import Demand	Resilient in key Asian markets	Supportive	Staple demand remains relatively inelastic even when domestic prices rise
Export Policy	Currently supportive in India	Event risk	Policy changes can rapidly alter internationally available supply

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