



# Rice Production and Market Challenges in Egypt

**Addressing Quality Control with Trace Rice** 

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# **Introduction to Rice Production in Egypt**

- Rice is a **critical crop** in Egypt, supporting both food security and economey
- Egypt is one of Africa's largest rice producers, mainly in the Nile Delta.

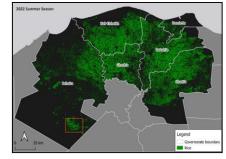
#### **Rice Production Statistics**

- Egypt produces over 5 million tons of rice annually.
- Rice cultivated area is about 500,000 hectares.
- Major producing area is: KafrEl-Sheikh, Beheira, Garbia,

Sharkia and Dakahlia (FAO, 2023).

## **Current Market Challenges: Overview**

Rice is a **key component** of Egypt's agricultural <u>Gross Domestic</u> <u>Product</u> (GDP).It employs **millions** of people <u>directly</u> and <u>indirectly</u>







# **Current Market Challenges:**

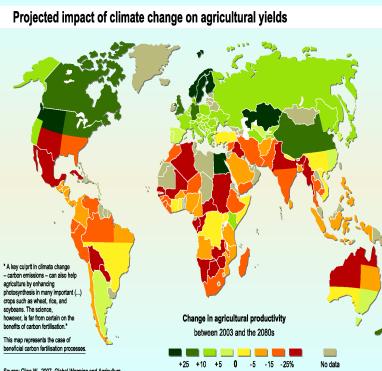
- Market volatility due to **fluctuating demand**.
- Rising competition from global producers.
- Export restrictions limiting international market access.

#### **Climate and Environmental Impact:**

- Water scarcity is a major issue, with rice being a water-intensive crop.
- Climate change impacts on production through increased droughts.
- Economic Pressures
- Rising costs of inputs, including fuel and fertilizer.
- Inflation increases pressure on rice farmers.



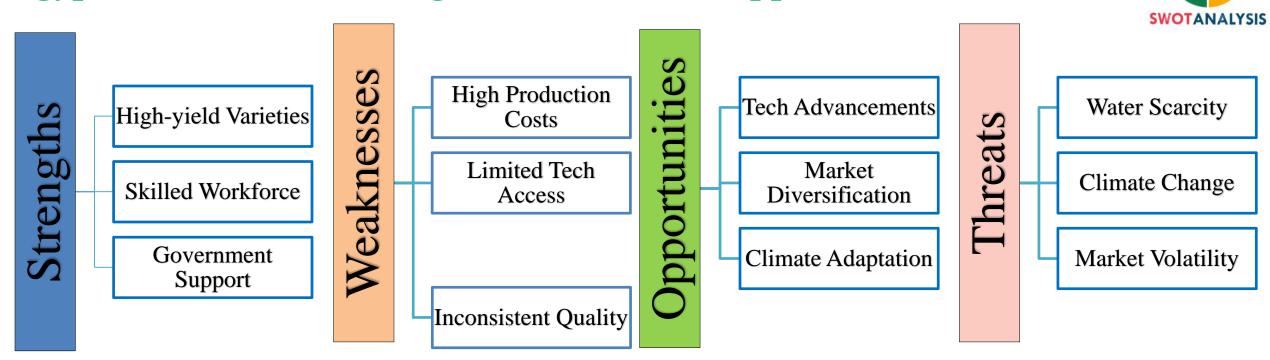




#### **Regulatory Issues**

- <u>Inconsistent policies</u> on rice exports.
- Tariffs and restrictions limit market access.

#### Egypt's Rice Sector: Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats



**Summary of SWOT Report Submitted to The Project Coordinator** 



#### The Need for Tracing Rice Production in Egypt

• Trace Rice tracks every stage in: production, processing, and distribution.

• Enhances transparency and trust in supply chains.

#### **Benefits of Traceability in Egypt**

<u>Improves</u> consistency in quality control.

**Ensures** compliance with international standards.

**Enhances** market trust



#### **Implementing Trace Rice in Egypt**

- Requires government support and investment in infrastructure.
- Farmers need training on the use of traceability technologies.

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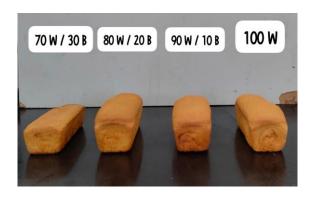
#### **Technological Integration in Egypt**

- Digital platforms and blockchain can support traceability.
- These technologies improve transparency and efficiency.

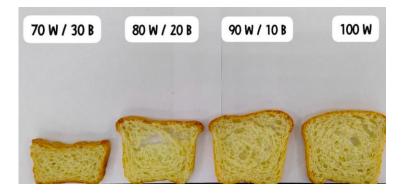




#### Utilization of Rice By product in making Bread and Marconi For Bread:







- 10% Bran Gives bread similar to 100 % wheat bread
- 10 % Broken Rice gives Macaroni similar to 100 Wheat Macaroni
- Increasing percentage of by products reduces the quality of bread and Macaroni

# Rice lab Renovation and Prof. Carla Visit













#### **Renovating Food Processing Lab**

#### **Agricultural Engineering and Biosystems Dept., Faculty of Agriculture**



















# Prof. Carla visit to Egypt



## **Challenges of Implementation**

- Blockchain and Q stamp ?????? Trace rice ???/
- High costs of implementing traceability systems.
- Some resistance to changing traditional farming practices.
- Thanks to TRACE RICE PROJECT. Trace Rice Project spread the word for the need to change in Rice production
  - system in Egypt









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#### **Conclusion and Outcomes**

- Improved access to premium markets.
- Greater efficiency in production and resource use.
- Long-term sustainability in the rice industry.
- Outcomes addressing quality control through traceability is <u>key</u> for Egypt's rice market.
- Investing in trace rice systems can enhance market access and sustainability.
- Stakeholders must collaborate for successful implementation.

























