

Domestic Market Highlights:

All India Average rice price in the fourth week of April was moved weak by 3.41% from previous week and currently hover in the range of Rs.2600-2625/quintal. We expect market is likely to move in the range bound to firm in coming weeks due to weak monsoon prediction by IMD and also there is report on damage of some area under paddy in Telangana.

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Pondicherry govt announced free 10 kg rice and 5 kg wheat per month under the PDS to eligible families replacing the 2-month old system of disbursing Rs 300 per family through banks, as he presented Rs 6,450-crore tax free state budget for 2015-16. The state Government had modified the scheme discontinuing supply of 10 kg rice to the families and started disbursing Rs 300 per month to them through banks since March this year. Consumer would start getting 10 kg single boiled rice and 5 kg wheat from Next month (May).

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All-India progressive procurement of Rice as on 10.04.2015 for the marketing season 2014-15 was 249.31 lakh tonnes against the procurement of 247.83 lakh tonnes up to the corresponding period of last year. Punjab, Chhattisgarh and Haryana are the major contributor for rice procurement with contribution of 77.81 lakh tonnes, 33.55 Lakh T and 20.01 Lakh T respectively, However in MY-2014-15 contribution by Punjab is lower by 4% from last year same period of 88.06 lakh tonnes due to lower production estimates for MY-2014-15 and comparatively high open market price.

A government advisory body the Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices (CACP) on crop pricing has recommended a modest increase of Rs 50 per quintal in the minimum support price for paddy farmers. In its MSP proposals made to Agriculture Ministry for various kharif (summer-sown) crops for 2015-16, the paddy MSP has been



suggested to be increased to Rs 1,410 a quintal from Rs. 1,360 for common variety and Rs. 1450 from Rs 1,400 for 'A grade' variety paddy. For the 2014-15 kharif seasons, the previous government had also raised the support price of paddy by Rs 50 per quintal to Rs 1,360 for common variety and to Rs 1,400 for 'A grade' variety paddy.

China is likely to begin rice import from India in July this year, as domestic consumption is increased in 2014-15 by 1.43% from last year as per by USDA. China previously restricted the import of Indian basmati rice due to Khapra beetle.

Price Outlook:-Average Rice price in all India is likely to trade steady to slightly Firm in 01st Week of May.

International Market Highlight:

As per Agriculture ministry of Cambodia, Country produced 9.32 million tons of paddy rice in 2014, slightly down from 9.38 million tons it produced in 2013. Based on last year's amount of production, besides local consumption, the country will have around 4.7 million tons of un- husked rice, or more than 3 million tons of milled rice, left for exports this year. In 2010, Cambodia set a goal of exporting 1 million tons of milled rice by the end of 2015; however, Commerce Minister Sun Chanthol admitted in February this year that the country was unlikely to achieve the target due to lack of milling capacity and funding. Last year, country had exported only 387,000 tons of milled rice, so it is difficult for us to achieve the target. Currently, some 61 companies have exported Cambodian rice to 40 countries and regions around the world, according to the report. Five main buyers of Cambodian rice are China, France, Malaysia, the Netherlands, and Poland.

The FAO has lowered its 2014 estimated global paddy production by 3.3 million tonnes since December, to 741.3 million tonnes (494.4 million tonnes of it milled), a level only 0.5 per cent below the record 2013 performance. The largest downward revision related to Thailand, one of the world's leading rice exporters, where unseasonable dryness leading to severe constraints in water availability for irrigation took a heavy toll on secondary crop production, the April 2015 issue of the "FAO Rice Market Monitor" states.

Thailand's rice production (paddy) declined by 2.7 per cent in 2014 to 34.3 million tonnes (22.7 million tonnes of milled rice), due mainly to a decline of secondary crop outputs



affected by cuts in planted areas. However, in 2015, Thailand is expected to increase production by 2.1 per cent.

The Commerce Ministry is monitoring the price of rice in the world market day by day to see when it can reopen bidding this year for government stocks, since it is afraid of hurting the rice price in the local market. With the sluggishness in global rice trading, local exporters are focusing more on government-to-government contracts, which they see as helping drive shipments for the whole year. Factors affecting sales of rice abroad are global currency volatility, a stronger baht, droughts and monsoons in many producing and importing countries, lower oil prices and the global economic slowdown. With the global rice market cooling down, the ministry has had to delay the year's third rice auction from this month. According to the Thai Rice Exporters Association, rice exports are projected at about 8 million to 8.5 million tonnes this year. The government needs to be more careful about dumping huge quantities of rice on the market in order to prevent prices from dropping.

The FAO has estimated Pakistan will export about 3.8 million tons of rice in 2015, slightly up from 2014 due to expected increased production this year. The FAO estimates Pakistan's 2014 paddy rice production at about 10.1 million tons (about 6.85 million tons, basis milled), down about 1% from about 10.19 million tons (about 6.93 million tons, basis milled) produced in 2013, due to localized crop damages in some eastern parts of Punjab, Gilgit Baltistan and Azad Jammu and Kashmir (AJK), following floods in September and drought in south-eastern parts of Sindh province.

Iran's likely resumption of import is unlikely to drive market up suddenly as stock is ample owing to bumper crop this year. However, higher expected demand from EU may support cash market at current level and resultantly aromatic rice market may get firmer by 2 to 3 percent in the short to medium term. Commerce ministry expects 8 to 10 lakh tonne import by Iran in 2014-15.Usually Iran imports 12 to 13 lakh tonne basmati rice from India.

Colombian rough/paddy rice production is expected to increase 130,000 MT to 1.98 million MT in MY2015/16. In 2014, the area planted fell by about 60,000 hectares (148,000 acres). As a result, rice production declined 132,000 MT. Reduced supplies at the end of CY 2014 put upward pressure on rice prices, increasing 53% since December 2014.

The MY 2015/16 (October to September) Mexico rice production is forecast at 240,000 MT, with harvested area estimated at 41,000 ha. This year's rough rice production level



converts to 165,000 MT of milled rice. The Post/New total rice production estimate for MY 2014/15 has been revised slightly upward from USDA/Official estimates to 230,000 MT (rough production) reflecting the most recent data from SAGARPA (Secretariat of Agriculture, Livestock, Rural Development, Fisheries and Food). The increase in rough rice production is equivalent to 158,000 MT of milled rice.

Rice Prices in Various Markets:

April-27-2015	White Rice 5% Broken	White Rice 25% Broken
Gujarat	2413	2254.25
Andhra Pradesh	2393	2209.25

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Market	Arrivals	Variety	Minimum Price	Maximum Price	Modal Price
	(Tonnes)		(Rs./Quintal)	(Rs./Quintal)	(Rs./Quintal)
Andhra Pradesh					
Addanki	NR	BPT	3600	3650	3620
Denduluru	NR	Sona	2300	2500	2400
Divi	0.1	BPT	3100	3200	3100
Gannavaram	0.1	BPT	3600	4200	3900
Kandukur	0.1	BPT	3500	3700	3600
Kondapi	0.1	BPT	3400	3600	3500
Machilipatnam	NR	BPT	3600	3800	3700
		Coarse	2400	2500	2450
Ongole	0.1	BPT	3550	3600	3570
Repalli	0.1	BPT	3800	4000	3900
Karnataka					
H.B. Halli	2	Broken Rice	1450	1450	1450
Maharashtra					
Alibagh	3	Other	1500	1700	1600
Bhivandi	8	1009 Kar	1600	1800	1700
Orissa					
Bonai	10	Other	1900	2100	2000

(Arrivals and Prices in Rs/Qtl)



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