

**Domestic Market Highlights:**

**All-India progressive procurement of Rice as on 24.04.2015 for the marketing season 2014-15 was 254.27 lakh tonnes** against the procurement of 255.62 lakh tonnes up to the corresponding period of last year.

**The area under rabi/summer rice as on May 01st 2015 stands at 40.66** as compared to 44.88 lakh hectare in previous year .Total area under rabi rice and summer crops stands at 64.20 lakh hectare as compared to 66.23 lakh hectare in previous year.

**All India Average rice price in the first week of May was moved up by 2.65% from previous** week and currently hover in the range of Rs.2700-2720/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 lower rabi area by 9% from last year under paddy. Domestic buyers are active due to all above reasons and thus prices are expected to move in north direction.

**Sona masuri steam price in Andhra Pradesh** is ruling at Rs.3100-3200/quintal and raw price is around Rs.3500/quintal as per by local traders. PR-11 Steam in Delhi mandi is Rs.2600/quintal. In case of basmati, 1121 steam and sela is at Rs. 5700-600 and 4700-4800/ quintal respectively.

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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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**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 01<sup>st</sup> Week of May.**

#### **International Market Highlight:**

**Due to recent 7.8 Mw earthquake in Nepal, not only affected the economic condition of the country but also agriculture growth of the country. Market participant fear that rice area in the country** may be much lower than expectation in the country in the coming kharif season, it will direct affect the total availability in the local rice market and Nepal could be dependent for rice on neighboring country. As per USDA Nepal produce around 3 million tonnes rice a year and import around 350,000 tonnes for total consumption. We expect that in coming season the import of agricultural produce including rice could increase from the country.

**Lower demand for Vietnam's rice in the global market has compelled Vietnam Food Association** to slash down MEP for 25 % broken rice from \$350 to \$340 per tonne. New floor price (MEP) will be effective from 30th April, 2015. Earlier in the month of March, VFA had reduced the MEP from USD 360-350/MT. Vietnam exported about 1.144 million tons of rice in January 1 - April 13, 2015, down about 35% from about 1.76 million tons of rice exported in first four months of 2014 which also indicates that the demand of the Vietnam rice is lower than last year.

**As per the unofficial data, the preliminary rice exports (excluding premium white and fragrant rice) for April 13-19, 2015 totaled 13,968 metric tons, down 44,319**

**metric tons from** the previous week and down 56,008 metric tons from the four-week moving average of 69,976 metric tonnes. Rice exports from January 1 - April 19, 2015, totaled 1,077,490 metric tons, down 2 percent from the same period last year.

Export prices declined slightly from the previous week as supplies of off-season rice continue coming into the market. This week, farm level prices of 5% grade white rice paddy fell to around 7,720 baht per metric ton (\$239/MT), down 0.5 percent from the previous week. Meanwhile, inquiries from traders are reportedly quiet as they are sourcing relatively cheaper rice from Vietnam. Vietnamese rice is approximately 10 percent lower than Thai rice (new-crop 5% grade white rice) and around 5 percent lower than old-crop white rice from the government stocks.

**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.

**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:

May-05-2015	White Rice 5% Broken	White Rice 25% Broken
Gujarat	2409.58	2251.06
Andhra Pradesh	2389.33	2135.50

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Market	Arrivals	Variety	Minimum Price	Maximum Price	Modal Price
	(Tonnes)		(Rs./Quintal)	(Rs./Quintal)	(Rs./Quintal)
<b>Andhra Pradesh</b>					
Addanki	NR	B P T	3600	3650	3620
Chirala	0.1	B P T	3500	3600	3550
Divi	0.1	B P T	3100	3200	3100
Kondapi	0.1	B P T	3400	3600	3500
Machilipatnam	NR	B P T	2800	3000	2900
		Coarse	2200	2300	2250
Visakhapatnam	0.1	B P T	3500	3700	3600
<b>Assam</b>					
Cachar	30	Common	2400	2900	2700
		Fine	3000	3600	3200
		Other	2000	2500	2300
Howly	21	Broken Rice	1400	1500	1450
		Common	1900	2200	2000
		Fine	2400	2600	2500

		Super Fine	3700	4000	3800
Karimganj	40	Common	2100	2300	2200
Lanka	60	Medium	1800	1850	1825
Silapathar	6.7	Fine	2500	3500	3000
		Medium	2100	2300	2200
Tinsukia	12	Medium	2200	2400	2300
<b>Gujarat</b>					
Dahod	75.5	Coarse	3600	4300	4000
<b>Jharkhand</b>					
Daltenganj	NR	Other	2470	2700	2650
Saraikela	NR	Medium	2340	2600	2580
		Other	1730	2000	1950
<b>Kerala</b>					
Mannar	10	IR-8	3500	3700	3600
		Jaya	3800	4000	3900
		Other	4500	4700	4600
<b>Manipur</b>					
Imphal	3.6	Other	NR	2900	2900
Thoubal	1.7	Other	2800	2800	2800
<b>Meghalaya</b>					
Shillong	1	Other	3400	3600	3500
Wahiajer	50	Other	3000	4500	3500
<b>Orissa</b>					
Bargarh	0.97	Other	2100	2300	2200
Bonai	5	Other	1900	2200	2000
Chandabali	85	Common	1800	2400	2200
Jagatsinghpur	2	Alur Sanna	2200	2600	2400
		Basanti Dawat	3500	5800	4600
Jeypore(Kotpad)	6.8	Common	3000	3300	3250
Junagarh	41.85	Other	2100	2200	2200
Kalahandi(Dharamagarh)	31.8	Other	2100	2200	2200
Karanjia	5.8	Common	2400	2700	2500
		Other	2200	2500	2400
Nilagiri	9	Other	2100	2300	2200
<b>Tripura</b>					
Kulai	1.6	Masuri	2200	2400	2300
<b>Uttar Pradesh</b>					

Agra	67	III	1950	2050	2005
Ajuha	16.5	Other	NR	NR	2050
Auraiya	33.5	III	2210	2235	2220
Bahraich	130	III	2060	2095	2080
Baraut	9	III	1960	2170	2075
Bareilly	340	Coarse	NR	NR	2050
Basti	54	III	1850	2000	1920
Bindki	60	Other	2050	2100	2090
Chhibramau(Kannuj)	25	III	NR	NR	2170
Faizabad	148	Other	2050	2090	2070
Gazipur	37	III	2000	2020	2010
Jasra	30	III	NR	NR	2075
Jaunpur	75	Coarse	1950	2050	1985
Kasganj	12	Coarse	2015	2070	2035
Khatauli	2	III	2050	2125	2100
Khurja	5	III	1900	2170	2040
Kopaganj	38	III	2015	2035	2025
Lalitpur	40	Other	2100	2200	2165
Mawana	1.5	III	NR	NR	2100
Naugarh	4.5	III	1875	1960	1920
Pilibhit	84	Coarse	2150	2190	2170
Pratapgarh	25	III	1960	2020	1990
Pukhrayan	5.5	III	NR	NR	2180
Rampur	6	Other	2020	2050	2040
Rura	4	III	NR	NR	2155
Saharanpur	70	III	NR	NR	2110
Sardhana	1	III	NR	NR	2095
Sehjanwa	62	III	1880	2050	1974
Sultanpur	900	Other	1950	2050	2000
Varanasi(Grain)	4070	Other	1990	2050	2010
<b>West Bengal</b>					
Balarampur	2	Other	2320	2360	2340
Baxirhat	36	Masuri	2875	2925	2900
Coochbehar	45	Coarse	2100	2175	2125
		Masuri	2750	2900	2800
Diamond Harbour(South 24-pgs)	12.5	Super Fine	3150	3250	3200
Egra/contai	46	Coarse	1970	2050	2000
		Fine	2350	2450	2400
Habra	59	Other	1850	1850	1850
Kaliaganj	27	Other	2400	2500	2450
Kalimpong	1	Other	2400	2600	2500
Karimpur	2	Other	3100	3200	3150

Katwa	7.5	Other	2100	2300	2200
Medinipur(West)	12	Other	2280	2320	2300
Pandua	50	Ratnachudi (718 5-749)	2550	2800	2700
Pundibari	11	Coarse	2050	2150	2100
Raiganj	28	Other	2500	2600	2550
Ramkrishanpur(Howrah)	22.2	Other	2500	2700	2600
		Sona Mansoori Non Basmati	2300	2500	2400
Samsi	80	H.Y.V.	1990	2020	2000
		Other	2990	3020	3000
Tamluk (Medinipur E)	20	Fine	2350	2460	2400
Toofanganj	43	Fine	2875	2925	2900
Uluberia	11.3	Other	2200	2400	2300
		Sona Mansoori Non Basmati	1900	2100	2000

**(Arrivals and Prices in Rs/Qtl)**

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