Domestic Market Highlights:

As per USDA report published in May, Global rice production is projected at a record 482 million tons. Asian countries rice production rises driven by China, India, and Bangladesh. Southeast Asia is projected to harvest a record crop, boosting supplies and reducing import needs in the region. Africa's crop is expected to reach a record. Global ending stocks are projected to decline for the third consecutive year, and are the lowest since 2007/08. Combined ending stocks for Thailand and India, the top 2 exporters, are down 26 percent. At export font, Thailand is projected at 11.0 million tons, maintaining its place as the top exporter. The government continues to lower stocks via government-to-government sales and open tenders. India is forecast at 8.5 million tons, substantially lower than 2015 mainly due to smaller carryover stocks. Vietnam is steady at 6.7 million on continued demand from China and the Philippines. Pakistan is down slightly at 3.8 million tons. The United States is forecast at 3.5 million tons, marginally higher than 2015, on larger supplies and improved price competitiveness.

As per data received by IBIS, Rice export in the month of April was around 7.61 lakh tonnes which include 4.17 lakh tonnes of non basmati and 3.44 lakh tonnes of basmati rice, and it is approx 24% lower than last month. Major basmati importers in the month of April was Saudi Arabia, Iran and U.A.E with the contribution of 1.01 lakh tonnes, 55 thousand T and 33 thousand T respectively.

All India Average rice price in the second week of May was moved down by 1% from previous week and currently hover in the range of Rs.2670-2680/quintal. We expect market is likely to move in the range bound to firm in coming weeks due to lower rabi rice coverage and supported by lean season.

As Agriwatch had predicted to firmness in basmati rice market to move up from last month report, market behave exactly in same manner and again we expect market will trade firm in coming month from current level. Aromatic average rice price in different Mandis of Punjab and Haryana were up by 1-8% from last month average price.

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.

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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 03rd 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.

Rice Prices in Various Markets:

May-12-2015	White Rice 5% Broken	White Rice 25% Broken
Gujarat	2432.38	2272.36
Andhra Pradesh	2412.13	2135.50

Rice Prices in Various Markets

Market	Arrivals	Variety	Minimum Price	Maximum Price	Modal Price
	(Tonnes)		(Rs./Quintal)	(Rs./Quintal)	(Rs./Quintal)
Andhra Pradesh					
Addanki	NR	B P T	3600	3650	3620
Denduluru	NR	Sona	2300	2500	2400
Divi	0.1	B P T	3100	3200	3100
Kondapi	0.1	B P T	3400	3600	3500
Nandyal	0.1	Sona Fine	4400	4500	4450
Repalli	0.1	B P T	3700	3900	3800
Assam					
Dhing	110	Common	1900	2000	1950
		Fine	2700	3000	2800
Dibrugarh	NR	Other	2200	2800	2500
Gauripur	30	Fine	3500	5000	4500
		Other	2200	3000	2600
Golaghat	55	Fine	2650	3000	2850
Hailakandi	3	Common	2400	2900	2700
		Fine	3000	3600	3200
		Other	2000	2500	2300
Howly	40	Broken Rice	1500	1700	1600
		Common	1800	1900	1850
		Fine	2300	2650	2500
		Super Fine	4000	4250	4100
Karimganj	60	Common	2100	2300	2200
Lanka	35	Medium	1800	1850	1825

Sivasagar	NR	Broken Rice	1480	1600	1540
		Common	1890	1940	1915
		Fine	2310	2550	2430
		Medium	1952	2208	2080
Srirampur	300	Other	2400	2950	2650
Gujarat					
Dahod	14.1	Coarse	3600	4300	4000
Jharkhand					
Daltenganj	NR	Other	2460	2700	2640
Gumla	NR	Other	2300	2600	2450
Khunti	NR	Coarse	1750	1850	1800
		Fine	2500	2700	2550
		Medium	2350	2450	2400
Lohardaga	30	Common	1800	2200	2000
		Fine	2600	2800	2700
		Medium	2200	2400	2300
Saraikela	NR	Medium	2330	2600	2570
		Other	1720	2000	1940
Kerala					
Aroor	6	Basumathi	8000	8200	8100
		IR-8	2500	2800	2700
		Jaya	3200	3400	3300
		Other	3100	3300	3200
Chengannur	7	IR-8	2400	2700	2600
		Jaya	3200	3600	3300
Mannar	10	IR-8	2400	2600	2500
		Jaya	3300	3500	3400
Meghalaya					
Shillong	0.8	Other	3400	3600	3500
Orissa					
Bampada	10	Other	2500	3000	2600
Bargarh	1.52	Other	2100	2300	2200
Barikpur	10	Common	2400	3000	2500
Chandabali	85	Common	2400	2800	2800
Deogarh	9	Other	2000	3000	2500
Jagatsinghpur	1.8	Alur Sanna	2300	2600	2500

		Basamti Dawat	3600	6000	4700
Jajpur	NR	Other	2000	3000	2500
Jatni	2	Other	2000	2400	2200
Jeypore(Kotpad)	3.5	Common	3000	3300	3250
Junagarh	51.75	Other	2100	2200	2200
Kalahandi(Dharamagarh)	41.16	Other	2100	2200	2200
Karanjia	5.5	Common	2400	2700	2500
		Other	2200	2500	2400
Kesinga	56	Other	2400	2600	2600
Tusura	5	Other	2400	2500	2400
Tripura					
Kalyanpur	5	Other	2400	2600	2500
Uttar Pradesh					
Achalda	37.5	III	2220	2250	2240
Ajuha	13.5	Other	NR	NR	2050
Allahabad	190	Other	NR	NR	2150
Anandnagar	40	Other	NR	NR	1950
Badayoun	2.5	Other	2070	2190	2135
Bahraich	139	III	2060	2090	2075
Baraut	20	III	1940	2125	2025
Bareilly	226.5	Coarse	NR	NR	2080
Basti	70	III	1825	2000	1910
Bijnaur	NR	III	NR	NR	2090
Bindki	30	Other	2050	2100	2080
Buland Shahr	20	III	1800	2100	2035
Dadri	60	III	NR	NR	2120
Devariya	60	III	1975	1995	1985
Firozabad	12	III	2020	2060	2040
Gazipur	37	III	1990	2010	2000
Ghaziabad	40	III	NR	NR	2185
Gorakhpur	400	III	1985	2040	2000
Jasra	13	III	NR	NR	2100
Jasvantnagar	35	III	NR	NR	2235

Jaunpur	65	Coarse	1950	2050	1985
Kannauj	11.5	III	NR	NR	2180
Khurja	8	III	NR	NR	2030
Lakhimpur	14	Other	2100	2200	2120
Lalitpur	36	Other	2125	2220	2165
Lucknow	90	Coarse	2060	2175	2120
Mawana	1	III	NR	NR	2100
Muradabad	11	III	NR	NR	2075
Muzzafarnagar	15	Common	NR	NR	2125
Naugarh	7.5	III	1875	1960	1920
Pilibhit	96.5	Coarse	2150	2190	2170
Pratapgarh	25	III	1960	2010	1985
Pukhrayan	7	III	NR	NR	2175
Raibareilly	4.5	Other	2020	2050	2030
Rampur	6	Other	2060	2075	2065
Saharanpur	68	III	NR	NR	2130
Sandila	8	Other	2210	2250	2230
Sardhana	NR	III	NR	NR	2110
Sehjanwa	52	III	1800	2100	1985
Shahjahanpur	72.1	Other	2080	2135	2100
Sitapur	25	Coarse	2000	2125	2060
Siyana	1.5	III	1850	2150	1950
Tilhar	15	Other	NR	NR	2075
Yusufpur	30	III	1900	1960	1930
Uttrakhand					
Gadarpur	500	Other	1380	1900	1640
West Bengal					
Beldanga	62	Other	2300	2400	2350
Bolpur	190	Fine	2400	2500	2450
		Other	2200	2300	2250
Chakdah	30	Other	3000	3400	3250

Diamond Harbour(South 24-pgs)	12	Super Fine	3150	3250	3200
Durgapur	148	Fine	2230	2270	2250
Egra/contai	54	Coarse	1870	1950	1900
		Fine	2250	2350	2300
Habra	57	Other	1850	1850	1850
Islampur	4	Other	2050	2150	2100
Jangipur	82	Other	2370	2400	2380
Kaliaganj	22	Other	2350	2450	2400
Kasimbazar	45	Other	2300	2400	2350
Kasipur	1.1	Other	2300	2300	2300
Kolaghat	10	Fine	2350	2450	2400
Medinipur(West)	13	Other	2250	2300	2300
Pandua	50	Ratnachudi (718 5-749)	2550	2800	2700
Purulia	55	Other	2300	2300	2300
Raiganj	23	Other	2450	2550	2500
Sainthia	439.3	Other	1800	1890	1830
Samsi	NR	H.Y.V.	1890	1920	1900
		Other	2990	3020	3000
Sheoraphuly	6	Ratnachudi (718 5-749)	2900	3000	2950
Tamluk (Medinipur E)	12	Fine	2250	2350	2300
Uluberia	10.8	Other	2200	2400	2300
		Sona Mansoori Non Basmati	2000	2200	2100

(Arrivals and Prices in Rs/Qtl)

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