

Domestic Market Highlights:

There is a gossip in the market that Iran would start buying aromatic rice from India July onward. Notably Iran has banned aromatic rice import from mid November last year to support local growers and lighten the burden of higher stock. Most likely Iran may resume import from Ramdan-Says A.K Gupta, adviser, APEDA. Iran has imported 9.35 lakh tonne basmati from India in 2014-15. Total basmati shipment was registered at 37.8 lakh tonne in 2014-15.

Basmati acreage is expected to increase this year by 4 to 5 percent in comparison to 2.1million ha. last year. The main reason behind it is attributed mainly to lower rainfall, better returns and Punjab govt.'s move to encourage farmers to grow more basmati due to declining ground water level. Common rice need more water.

All India Average rice price in the fourth week of May was moved down by 6.5% from previous week and currently hover in the range of Rs.2490-2500/quintal, however all mandis was not covered in this period.

In the third week of May, aromatic rice prices traded weak by 2-5% from last week due to sluggish buying interest from bulk buyers. Despite sellers interest to sale at prevailing prices buyers remain unmoved as they are well aware of weak sentiments.

As per recent updates from PIB, kharif rice sowing for MY-2015-16 commenced in major growing states and 1.80 lakh hectares has been covered till 20th May 2015 which is up by 0.30 lakh hectare from same period last year.

In the third week of May-2015, total rice export from India was registered at 2.63 lakh tonnes in which non-basmati export registered at approx 1.64 lakh tonnes whereas basmati rice contribution was only 98 thousand T, as per data received from IBIS.

The value of Saudi rice imports to the country from India grew by 58 percent, reaching \$1.19 billion (SR4.46 billion) by the end of 2014, compared to \$752.67 million (SR2.82 billion) in 2013, according to Indian Consul General Bawa Syed Mubarak.

Price Outlook:-Average Rice price in all India is likely to trade steady to firm with lean season in coming days.

International Market Highlight:

According to Reuters, Vietnam the one of the major rice exporter, has increased the floor price (minimum export price, MEP) of its lower quality (25% broken) rice exports by about 3% to around \$350 per ton from around \$340 per ton in advance of the Philippines tender which is on June 5, 2015. The new MEP will reportedly be effective from June 1, 2015.

As per Belarus Alesya Obodkova, the deputy director for logistics of the Belcoopsoyuz's Belcoopvneshtorg plans to rise up shipments of rice, fresh and dried fruits, nuts from Pakistan. Rice is a very popular product in Belarus. Belcoopsoyuz's Belcoopvneshtorg imports 300 tonnes of rice per month. They already took samples of rice in Pakistan and will test them for quality. For the time being country will sign an agreement of intent, statement given by Alesya Obodkova.

As per the latest report by IGC released on 28th May 2015, the Council's first projections for 2015/16, world rice output is seen increasing to a record of 482m t on larger outturns in key Asian producers. With food demand expected to boost total consumption to a peak of 489m t, aggregate end-season carryovers are set to contract by 7%, to a six-year low, including another steep drop in major exporters' inventories. Traded volumes in 2016 are anticipated to be only fractionally below the forecast for the current year as competitively priced supplies likely stimulate above-average shipments to Africa and Asia.

Unofficial preliminary rice exports (excluding premium white and fragrant rice) for April 20-26, 2015 totaled 77,242 metric tons, up 63,275 metric tons from the previous week and up 7,755 metric tons from the four-week moving average of 69,487 metric tons. Rice exports from January 1 – April 26, 2015, totaled 1,154,732 metric tons, down 2 percent from the same period last year.

As of April 28, Thailand had shipped 2.95 million tonnes of rice since the beginning of the year, up by just 2.46 per cent year on year. Meanwhile India's exports rised by 32.11 per cent to 2.87 million tonnes, and Pakistan are increased by 32.09 per cent to 1.73 million tonnes. Vietnam's rice exports were up by 2.71 per cent to 1.71 million tonnes.

Pakistan exported about 472,357 tonnes of rice (including basmati and non-basmati) in March 2015, up about 33% from about 355,747 tonnes exported in February 2015, according to provisional data from the Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS). Pakistan rice millers have also urged the government to announce new rice export policy to help them avoid huge losses due to low rice prices.

Rice Prices in Various Markets:

June-02-2015	White Rice 5% Broken	White Rice 25% Broken
Gujarat	2427.44	2267.74
Andhra Pradesh	2407.19	2135.50

In Rs./Quintal

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Market	Arrivals	Variety	Minimum Price	Maximum Price	Modal Price
	(Tonnes)		(Rs./Quintal)	(Rs./Quintal)	(Rs./Quintal)
Andhra Pradesh					
Addanki	NR	B P T	3650	3700	3670
Denduluru	NR	Sona	2300	2500	2400
Nandyal	0.1	Sona Fine	4400	4500	4450
Repalli	0.1	B P T	3600	3800	3700
Jharkhand					
Chakulia	NR	Fine	2160	2350	2260
		Medium	1960	2060	2020
Daltenganj	NR	Other	2490	2700	2620
Giridih	15.84	Fine	3300	3560	3560
		Medium	2300	2510	2510
		Motta (Coarse) Boiled	2100	2200	2200
Gumla	30	Other	2700	3000	2850
Saraikela	NR	Medium	2390	2600	2540
		Other	1750	2000	1970
Karnataka					
Bangarpet	290	Broken Rice	1380	1950	1850
		Sona Fine	2480	3260	2950
Holenarsipura	30	Broken Rice	1300	1300	1300
		Coarse	1900	3000	3000
Hoskote	4	Coarse	2500	2500	2500
Tarikere	1	Dappa	3000	3000	3000
Kerala					
Chengannur	8	IR-8	2400	2800	2500
		Jaya	3200	3500	3300
Maharashtra					
Nagpur	1	Other	2200	2400	2300

Orissa					
Bonai	3	Other	2000	2200	2000
Jajpur	NR	Other	2000	3000	2500
Jatni	2	Other	1360	1450	1400
Jhumpura	NR	Other	1800	2700	2200
Nilagiri	10	Other	2200	2400	2300
Tusura	5	Other	2400	2500	2400
Udala	27	Other	2000	4700	2500
Tripura					
Pabiacherra	0.8	Masuri	2710	3200	3000
Uttar Pradesh					
Agra	75	III	2000	2060	2030
Akbarpur	105	III	1990	2040	2015
Allahabad	200	Other	NR	NR	2145
Anandnagar	30	Other	1850	2050	1950
Azamgarh	200	III	1950	2025	1985
Ballia	170	III	1975	2050	2000
Bareilly	364	Coarse	NR	NR	2060
Buland Shahr	7	III	1800	2100	2040
Chandoli	7	Other	1860	1900	1885
Chorichora	25	III	1950	1975	1960
Devariya	70	III	2005	2025	2015
Etah	30	Other	2010	2050	2030
Faizabad	126	Other	2050	2085	2070
Farukhabad	3.5	III	NR	NR	2180
Gazipur	30	III	2000	2020	2010
Ghaziabad	50	III	NR	NR	2175
Gorakhpur	450	III	1950	2020	1980
Jaunpur	86	Coarse	2000	2075	2030
Jhansi	7	Other	1900	2000	1950
Kasganj	11.5	Coarse	2030	2075	2050
Lalganj	2	III	1975	2000	1985
Mathura	54	III	1970	2020	1990
Mirzapur	7.5	Other	NR	NR	1980
Naugarh	10.5	III	1900	1980	1930
Payagpur	5.5	III	2050	2085	2070
Pilibhit	80	Coarse	2165	2190	2175
Pratapgarh	25	III	1990	2050	2020
Raibareilly	4	Other	2000	2050	2030
Sardhana	NR	III	NR	NR	2115
Sehjanwa	106	III	1800	2100	1980
Shahjahanpur	43.7	Other	1950	2025	2000
Sitapur	24	Coarse	2000	2175	2075
Tamkuhi Road	17	Other	NR	NR	1975
Tilhar	2	Other	NR	NR	2050
Varanasi(Grain)	395	Other	1970	2015	1990
Yusufpur	22.5	III	1900	1975	1935
Uttarakhand					
Gadarpur	2781	Other	1820	2131	1976

West Bengal					
Beldanga	40	Other	2250	2350	2300
Kaliaganj	15	Other	2350	2450	2400
Kalimpong	1.4	Other	2200	2400	2300
Kasimbazar	41	Other	2250	2350	2300
Khatra	37	Other	2200	2300	2250
Raiganj	17	Other	2450	2550	2500
Sheoraphuly	8	Ratnachudi (718 5-749)	2750	2850	2800

(Arrivals and Prices in Rs/Qtl)

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