

Domestic Market Highlights:

India average wholesale rice prices continued to increase for the third consecutive month in May 2015 and currently hover in the range of Rs.2900-2910/quintal which is up by 2% from last month due to expected lower production from the just being completed Rabi secondary rice crop (November - May). Non basmati rice prices declined in February due to increased supplies and declining export demand.

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 Ramadan-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 2.1 million 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:

Pakistan has surplus stocks of wheat, rice and other agricultural commodities; the government is likely to impose duty ranging from 15 to 30 per cent on the import of these products in the budget 2015-16. The government is likely to review the rate of duty on the import of basmati rice which is second largest export of Pakistan after India. It has been proposed that duty should be increased from 10pc to 30pc in the next budget as import of basmati would forged domestic production. Similarly, it was proposed that duty on the import of broken rice should be enhanced from 10pc in 2014-15 to 30pc during the next fiscal year since rice is a cash crop and Pakistan earns foreign exchange on the export of rice.

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.

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					
Denduluru	NR	Sona	2300	2500	2400
Kondapi	0.1	B P T	3600	3800	3700
Nandyal	0.1	Sona Fine	4100	4200	4150
Repalli	0.1	B P T	3600	3800	3700
Assam					
Gauripur	36	Fine	3500	5000	4500
		Other	2200	3000	2600
Howly	23.5	Broken Rice	1350	1450	1400
		Common	2100	2300	2200
		Fine	2300	2500	2400
		Super Fine	4000	4400	4200
Lanka	20	Medium	1850	1900	1875
Nalbari	82	Common	1900	2100	2000
		Fine	2700	3100	2900
		Super Fine	3400	3800	3600

P.O. Uparhali Guwahati	75	Common	1800	2400	2100
		Fine	2100	3500	2800
		Super Fine	3400	14000	8700
Bihar					
Saharsa	NR	Other	2100	3250	2675
Gujarat					
Dahod	59.8	Coarse	3600	4300	4200
Jharkhand					
Daltenganj	NR	Other	2430	2700	2650
Gumla	32	Other	2700	3000	2800
Hazaribagh	3.6	Other	2695	2985	2850
Koderma	52	Fine	3200	3500	3400
		Medium	2400	2600	2500
		Motta (Coarse) Boiled	1600	1800	1700
Lohardaga	20	Common	1800	2100	2000
		Fine	2500	2800	2600
		Medium	2200	2400	2300
Pakur	5	Fine	3000	3200	3100
Karnataka					
Chintamani	70	Broken Rice	1900	2000	1950
		Hansa	2300	2500	2450
		Sona	3200	5300	4200
Kerala					
Kondotty	10	Mataa Parboiled	2800	3000	2900
		Other	2400	2600	2500
Maharashtra					
Palghar	17	1009 Kar	2380	2380	2380
Manipur					
Imphal	3.6	Other	NR	2900	2900
Lamlong Bazaar	1	Other	NR	2900	2900
Thoubal	1.7	Other	2800	2800	2800
Orissa					
Bampada	10	Other	2400	3000	2500

Barikpur	10	Common	2400	3000	2500
Bonai	1	Other	2000	2200	2200
Chandabali	85	Common	2400	3000	2800
Jagatsinghpur	2	Alur Sanna	2200	2600	2400
		Basamti Dawat	3500	5800	4600
Jajpur	NR	Other	2000	3000	2500
Jatni	1.5	Other	2000	2500	2250
Jeypore(Kotpad)	3.5	Common	3000	3300	3250
Karanjia	4.8	Common	2400	2700	2500
		Other	2200	2500	2400
Nilagiri	10	Other	2200	2400	2300
Nimapara	4	Other	1800	2000	1900
Rahama	3.85	Other	2000	3000	2200
Tripura					
Silachhari	0.4	Masuri	2600	2800	2700
Uttar Pradesh					
Achalda	50	III	2230	2250	2240
Agra	76	III	2000	2040	2015
Ajuha	14	Other	NR	NR	2055
Allahabad	210	Other	NR	NR	2150
Anandnagar	30	Other	1800	2100	1970
Bahraich	140	III	2050	2100	2075
Ballia	180	III	1975	2050	1990
Barabanki	64	III	2000	2030	2025
Baraut	12	III	NR	NR	2050
Bareilly	295	Coarse	NR	NR	2075
Basti	106	III	1850	2000	1915
Bijnaur	15	III	NR	NR	2100
Buland Shahr	12	III	1800	2100	2025
Chandoli	7	Other	1865	1910	1885
Chhibramau(Kannuj)	20	III	NR	NR	2190
Etah	43	Other	2010	2050	2020
Etawah	120	III	NR	NR	2240

Farukhabad	4	III	NR	NR	2185
Gazipur	34	III	2000	2020	2010
Ghaziabad	40	III	NR	NR	2170
Jaunpur	70	Coarse	1975	2075	2020
Kannauj	12.5	III	NR	NR	2200
Kanpur(Grain)	265	III	NR	NR	2240
Khaga	8.5	Coarse	NR	NR	2160
Khurja	5	III	NR	NR	2030
Lalganj	2	III	1975	2000	1990
Mainpuri	80	Coarse	1900	2000	1940
Mirzapur	8.5	Other	NR	NR	1985
Muzzafarnagar	20	Common	NR	NR	2150
Naugarh	8	III	1900	1965	1935
Orai	NR	Other	NR	NR	2000
Partaval	8	III	1920	1980	1950
Payagpur	6	III	2050	2085	2070
Pilibhit	94	Coarse	2150	2190	2170
Pukhrayan	6.5	III	NR	NR	2210
Rampur	15	Other	2080	2100	2090
Rura	4	III	NR	NR	2265
Shahganj	20	III	1870	1940	1900
Shahjahanpur	50	Other	2000	2050	2010
Sirsa	8.5	III	NR	NR	2080
Sitapur	23	Coarse	2000	2180	2082
Siyana	1.5	III	1900	2200	2045
Sultanpur	300	Other	2000	2100	2030
Varanasi(Grain)	374	Other	1975	2020	1995
Yusufpur	10	III	1900	1960	1930
Uttrakhand					
Gadarpur	583	Other	1320	3100	2210
Tanakpur	17.1	Other	2150	2250	2200
West Bengal					
Bishnupur(Bankura)	60	Masuri	1850	1950	1900

		Other	2150	2250	2200
Chakdah	40	Other	3000	3400	3200
Khatra	37	Other	2200	2300	2250
Mathabhanga	140	Common	2000	2100	2050
Raiganj	17	Other	2350	2450	2400

(Arrivals and Prices in Rs/Qtl)

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