

Domestic Market Highlights:

India's rice stocks in the central pool as of June 1, 2015 stood at around 22.485 million tons (including a milled equivalent of about 9.234million tons of paddy), down about 20% from around 28.03 million tons recorded during the same period last year, according to data from the Food Corporation of India (FCI).

Aromatic rice market traded against all expectations and decreased by 2-10% in the month of May. Previously market expected increase in price due to higher import expectation from Iran and increased consumption in domestic market, however forecast for lower rainfall went against common expectation of the market. Generally area increases under basmati in weaker monsoon season. Lower rainfall in major aromatic growing states like Punjab, Haryana and U.P is expected to increase by 5-10% this year too which has impacted the cash market fundamental negatively. Currently 1121 steam price in Delhi market is hover in the range of Rs.5000-5100/quintal and Basmati raw is around Rs.6000-6200/quintal.

Pakistan Basmati FOB in the month of May was down from the Indian basmati rice FOB by 15 US Dollar and currently hover in the range of USD 890-895/MT. Pakistan basmati rice price have declined slightly in May after increasing continuously for two months. The decrease is due to better rice growing prospects as per FAO.

Agriwatch revised the rice export in the second week of May after updating of rice export by APEDA. Total Rice export for MY-2014-15 till May-15 was 81.76 lakh tonnes which was up by around 22% from same period last year export of 67.02 lakh tonnes. Non basmati rice export in the month of May was 4.92 lakh tonnes and basmati exports for MY-2014-15(Oct14-Sep-15) in the month was 4.04 lakh tonnes.

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 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 2.1 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.

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.

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 risen 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-11-2015	White Rice 5% Broken	White Rice 25% Broken
Gujarat	2459.38	2363.56
Andhra Pradesh	2439.13	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					
Chirala	0.1	B P T	3500	3600	3550
Nandyal	0.1	Sona Fine	3900	4000	3950
Repalli	0.1	B P T	3700	3900	3800
Tiruvuru	NR	Fine	3300	3500	3400
Assam					

Cachar	40	Common	2400	2900	2700
		Fine	3000	3600	3200
		Other	2000	2500	2300
Dhekiajuli	30	Common	1900	2100	2000
		Fine	2300	2650	2500
Golaghat	40	Common	2400	2500	2450
Karimganj	20	Common	2200	2400	2300
Lanka	20	Medium	1850	1900	1875
Nalbari	72	Common	1900	2100	2000
		Fine	2700	3100	2900
		Super Fine	3400	3800	3600
P.O. Uparhali Guwahati	89	Common	1800	2400	2100
		Fine	2100	3500	2800
		Super Fine	3400	14000	8700
Bihar					
Kishanganj	NR	Other	2400	2600	2500
Motihari	NR	Other	3200	3500	3300
Saharsa	NR	Other	2100	3300	2700
Jammu and Kashmir					
Jammu (Grain Mandi)	NR	Basmatibar (Raw/Old)	10000	10400	10200
Jharkhand					
Daltenganj	NR	Other	2460	2600	2550
Hazaribagh	13.2	Other	2850	3010	2975
Jamshedpur	NR	Fine	3560	3620	3600
		Medium	2250	2350	2300
Khunti	NR	Coarse	1750	1850	1800
		Fine	2500	2900	2700
		Medium	2350	2450	2400
Lohardaga	28	Common	1800	2200	2000
		Fine	2500	2800	2600
		Medium	2200	2400	2300
Pakur	7	Fine	3100	3300	3200
Saraikela	NR	Medium	2350	2600	2560
		Other	1770	2000	1960
Karnataka					
Bangarpet	298	Broken Rice	1380	1950	1800
		Sona Fine	2480	3260	2900
Chintamani	89	Broken Rice	1900	2000	1950
		Hansa	2300	2500	2450
		Sona	3250	5320	4210
Kerala					
Aroor	6	Basumathi	6800	7000	6900
		IR-8	2300	2500	2400
		Jaya	3200	3400	3300

		Other	3300	3500	3400
Chengannur	7	IR-8	2400	2800	2500
		Jaya	3200	3600	3500
Cherthala	8.5	IR-8	2450	2600	2500
		Jaya	3350	3500	3400
		Other	3650	3800	3700
Manjeri	290	Other	2800	3800	3300
Mannar	10	IR-8	2800	3000	2900
Maharashtra					
Nagpur	NR	Other	2000	2300	2150
Manipur					
Imphal	3.7	Other	NR	2900	2900
Lamlong Bazaar	1.2	Other	NR	2900	2900
Thoubal	2	Other	2800	2800	2800
Meghalaya					
Shillong	0.4	Other	3400	3600	3500
Orissa					
Bampada	10	Other	2400	3000	2500
Barikpur	10	Common	2400	3000	2500
Bolangir	5	Other	2200	2300	2200
Bonai	1	Other	2000	2200	2000
Chandabali	85	Common	2400	3000	2800
Deogarh	9	Other	2000	3000	2500
Jagatsinghpur	1.5	Alur Sanna	2200	2600	2400
		Basanti Dawat	3500	5800	4600
Jajpur	NR	Other	2000	3000	2500
Jatni	1.5	Other	2000	2500	2250
Jeypore(Kotpad)	1.9	Common	3000	3300	3250
Kalahandi(Dharamagarh)	29.96	Other	2100	2200	2200
Karanjia	5.8	Common	2400	2700	2500
		Other	2200	2500	2400
Nilagiri	11	Other	2200	2400	2300
Nimapara	4.5	Other	1800	2000	1900
Tusura	6	Other	2200	2300	2200
Udala	44	Other	2000	4600	2600
Uttar Pradesh					
Azamgarh	180	III	1965	1995	1980
Bahraich	137	III	2065	2095	2080
Ballia	170	III	1950	2050	1990
Balrampur	38	Other	1970	2000	1985
Banda	30	Other	2130	2200	2165
Baraut	6	III	NR	NR	2085
Bareilly	310	Coarse	NR	NR	2080
Basti	105	III	1850	2050	1950
Bharthna	60	III	NR	NR	2270

Bindki	55	Other	2080	2130	2100
Buland Shahr	15	III	1800	2100	2020
Chandoli	8	Other	1875	1910	1890
Chhibramau(Kannuj)	21	III	NR	NR	2190
Chorichora	15	III	1945	1960	1950
Dadri	75	III	2060	2200	2125
Devariya	70	III	2010	2030	2020
Etah	46	Other	2020	2040	2030
Etawah	140	III	NR	NR	2270
Faizabad	120	Other	2055	2095	2075
Farukhabad	4	III	NR	NR	2190
Fatehpur	20	III	NR	NR	2185
Gazipur	31	III	2010	2030	2020
Ghaziabad	50	III	NR	NR	2165
Gorakhpur	430	III	1985	2050	2010
Gulavati	2.5	III	2000	2080	2045
Jahanabad	12.5	Coarse	NR	NR	2170
Jasra	15	III	NR	NR	2100
Jaunpur	60	Coarse	1975	2075	2010
Jayas	36	III	1980	2050	2000
Kanpur(Grain)	245	III	NR	NR	2175
Kasganj	18.5	Coarse	2030	2075	2060
Khaga	9	Coarse	NR	NR	2180
Khatauli	3	III	2050	2160	2100
Khurja	6	III	NR	NR	2040
Lakhimpur	12	Other	2120	2250	2170
Lucknow	80	Coarse	2150	2250	2200
Mawana	1	III	NR	NR	2130
Meerut	25	III	NR	NR	2165
Mirzapur	8	Other	NR	NR	1975
Muradabad	12	III	NR	NR	2070
Muzzafarnagar	60	Common	NR	NR	2140
Naugarh	11	III	1900	1975	1935
Pukhrayan	6	III	NR	NR	2220
Raibareilly	4	Other	2000	2030	2010
Rura	5	III	NR	NR	2245
Saharanpur	84	III	NR	NR	2140
Sandila	5	Other	2170	2210	2190
Sardhana	NR	III	NR	NR	2120
Sehjanwa	123	III	1800	2100	1980
Shahganj	NR	III	1870	1930	1900
Shahjahanpur	160.3	Other	1980	2025	2005
Sitapur	23	Coarse	2000	2150	2083
Siyana	1.5	III	1900	2200	2050
Unnao	4	III	2160	2200	2180
Varanasi(Grain)	415	Other	1980	2020	2000

Yusufpur	20	III	1890	1975	1920
Uttrakhand					
Bazpur	180	Common	2030	2030	2030
Gadarpur	1321	Other	1861	2000	1931
West Bengal					
Beldanga	55	Other	2250	2350	2300
Birbhum	422	Common	1880	1925	1900
Coochbehar	43	Coarse	2000	2050	2025
		Masuri	2750	2900	2825
Habra	52.5	Other	1875	1875	1875
Islampur	3	Other	2050	2150	2100
Jalpaiguri Sadar	20	Fine	2750	2800	2780
		Other	2050	2150	2100
		Super Fine	3450	3600	3480
Jangipur	120	Other	2030	2050	2040
Kaliaganj	14	Other	2350	2450	2400
Kalimpong	0.8	Other	2200	2400	2300
Kasimbazar	52.5	Other	2250	2350	2300
Kasipur	1.2	Other	2000	2000	2000
Khatra	38	Other	2200	2300	2250
Medinipur(West)	15	Other	2270	2300	2300
Pundibari	7	Coarse	1975	2025	2000
Purulia	48	Other	2360	2400	2380
Raiganj	15	Other	2400	2500	2450
Ramkrishanpur(Howrah)	24.2	Other	2400	2600	2500
		Sona Mansoori Non Basmati	2200	2400	2300
Sainthia	434.1	Other	1870	1910	1890
Uluberia	10.9	Other	2200	2400	2300
		Sona Mansoori Non Basmati	2000	2200	2100

(Arrivals and Prices in Rs/Qtl)

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