

**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:**

**The Thailand government plans to call bids for another 2.6 million tonnes of high-quality rice** from state stocks between June and August while transferring low-quality and substandard grains to the industrial sector. Duangporn Rodphaya, director-general of the Foreign Trade Department, said with new output from the main crop coming after August, the June-August period was the right time for the government to call two or three bids for its rice stocks, starting with 1 million tonnes this month. Since Prime Minister Prayut Chan-o-cha took office, the Commerce Ministry has called six bids to speed up disposal of 18 million tonnes of state stocks accumulated from previous rice pledging schemes. The ministry has sold 2.1 million tonnes, fetching 22.4 billion baht so far. Remaining stocks include 2.6 million tonnes of high-quality rice ready to sell and 13-14 million tonnes of substandard grade grains. In a related development, the Commerce Ministry reported Thailand exported 3.6 million tonnes of rice in the first five months of this year, down by 8.51% year-on-year, worth 59.8 billion baht, down by 7.83%.

**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.

#### Rice Prices in Various Markets:

June-15-2015	White Rice 5% Broken	White Rice 25% Broken
Gujrat	2474.40	2377.99
Andhra Pradesh	2454.15	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)
<b>Andhra Pradesh</b>					
Addanki	NR	B P T	3750	3800	3780
Chirala	0.1	B P T	3500	3600	3550
Divi	0.1	B P T	3100	3200	3100
Kondapi	0.1	B P T	3600	3800	3700
Machilipatnam	NR	B P T	3000	3200	3100
		Coarse	2200	2300	2250
Repalli	0.1	B P T	3700	3900	3800
Tiruvuru	NR	Fine	3300	3500	3400
Visakhapatnam	0.1	B P T	3400	3600	3500
<b>Assam</b>					
Cachar	60	Common	2400	2900	2700
		Fine	3000	3600	3200

		Other	2000	2500	2300
Dhekiajuli	27.6	Common	1900	2200	2070
		Fine	2400	2800	2600
Dibrugarh	NR	Other	2200	2800	2500
Hailakandi	4	Common	2400	2900	2700
		Fine	3000	3600	3200
		Other	2000	2500	2300
Howly	29.5	Broken Rice	1600	1700	1650
		Common	1900	2050	2000
		Fine	2400	2900	2600
		Super Fine	4100	4600	4300
Karimganj	60	Common	2200	2400	2300
North Lakhimpur	NR	Common	1800	2000	1900
		Fine	2600	2800	2700
		Super Fine	3000	4000	3500
<b>Bihar</b>					
Kishanganj	NR	Other	2400	2600	2500
Saharsa	NR	Other	2000	3600	2800
<b>Gujarat</b>					
Dahod	87	Coarse	3400	4100	3800
<b>Jammu and Kashmir</b>					
Jammu (Grain Mandi)	NR	Basmatibar (Raw/Old)	10000	10400	10200
<b>Jharkhand</b>					
Chakulia	NR	Fine	2160	2350	2260
		Medium	1970	2070	2020
Jamshedpur	NR	Fine	3450	3550	3500
		Medium	2250	2280	2260
Latehar	NR	Boiled Rice	1850	2000	1900
		Fine	2800	3000	2900
		Medium	2300	2500	2400
Lohardaga	24	Common	2000	2200	2100

		Fine	2500	2800	2600
		Medium	2200	2400	2300
<b>Karnataka</b>					
Chintamani	42	Broken Rice	1950	2050	2000
		Hansa	2300	2500	2450
		Sona	3210	5210	4210
<b>Kerala</b>					
Chengannur	8	IR-8	2400	2800	2500
		Jaya	3200	3500	3400
Cherthala	12	IR-8	2475	2550	2500
		Jaya	3325	3500	3400
		Other	3650	3750	3700
Kondotty	20	Mataa Parboiled	2400	2600	2500
		Other	2900	3100	3000
Kottayam	10	Other	2700	3200	3100
Thodupuzha	60	IR-8	2700	2900	2900
		Mataa Parboiled	3000	3200	3200
<b>Manipur</b>					
Imphal	3.6	Other	NR	2900	2900
<b>Meghalaya</b>					
Nongpoh (R-Bhoi)	0.7	Other	3000	3500	3200
Shillong	0.6	Other	3400	3600	3500
<b>Orissa</b>					
Betnoti	0.02	Sanna Bhatta	1800	2200	2000
Bonai	1	Other	2000	2400	2200
Jajpur	NR	Other	2000	3000	2500
<b>Tripura</b>					
Melaghar	3	Coarse	2300	2400	2350
		Fine	2800	2900	2850
		Masuri	2500	2600	2550
<b>Uttar Pradesh</b>					
Agra	75	III	1970	2040	2010
Ajuha	16.5	Other	NR	NR	2080
Akbarpur	87	III	2025	2075	2050
Aligarh	90	III	1860	1950	1910
Atarra	14.5	III	1950	2100	2000

Bahraich	138	III	2065	2095	2080
Balrampur	34	Other	1965	1995	1980
Baraut	5	III	NR	NR	2100
Bareilly	320	Coarse	NR	NR	2080
Bharthna	90	III	NR	NR	2260
Bijnaur	17	III	NR	NR	2110
Bindki	30	Other	2050	2100	2075
Buland Shahr	12	III	1800	2100	2030
Chandoli	7	Other	1865	1900	1886
Chorichora	10	III	1945	1955	1950
Dadri	65	III	NR	NR	2135
Devariya	80	III	2015	2035	2025
Divai	13.5	III	1925	1975	1950
Etawah	115	III	NR	NR	2275
Fatehpur	60	III	NR	NR	2170
Ghaziabad	60	III	NR	NR	2160
Gonda	290	III	1960	1995	1980
Gorakhpur	400	III	2000	2035	2015
Gulavati	2.5	III	2000	2080	2040
Hardoi	67	III	2170	2190	2180
Jasra	14.5	III	NR	NR	2115
Jaunpur	60	Coarse	2000	2050	2025
Jhansi	8	Other	1900	2000	1950
Khairagarh	10	III	2020	2060	2040
Khurja	5	III	NR	NR	2040
Lucknow	101	Coarse	2150	2250	2200
Mawana	1.5	III	NR	NR	2140
Mirzapur	7	Other	1965	2000	1980
Moth	0.3	III	1950	2050	2000
Muradabad	9	III	NR	NR	2065
Muzzafarnagar	30	Common	NR	NR	2140
Partaval	25	III	1920	1980	1950
Pilibhit	80	Coarse	2160	2190	2180
Pratapgarh	30	III	2000	2050	2025

Saharanpur	90	III	NR	NR	2140
Sandila	4.5	Other	2190	2210	2200
Sardhana	1.2	III	NR	NR	2125
Shahabad(New Mandi)	9	Other	2150	2250	2200
Sitapur	28	Coarse	2000	2180	2090
Varanasi(Grain)	404	Other	1980	2020	2000
Wansi	13.5	III	1900	1975	1935
Yusufpur	21	III	1900	1960	1925
<b>Uttrakhand</b>					
Bazpur	200	Common	2275	2275	2275
Gadarpur	1129	Other	1900	2100	2000
<b>West Bengal</b>					
Alipurduar	58	Common	2150	2250	2200
		Fine	3150	3250	3200
		Super Fine	3600	3700	3650
Baxirhat	36	Masuri	2875	2925	2900
Beldanga	40	Other	2250	2350	2300
Birbhum	400	Common	1910	1970	1930
Bishnupur(Bankura)	40	Masuri	1850	1950	1900
		Other	2150	2250	2200
Bolpur	192	Fine	2250	2300	2280
		Other	2000	2100	2050
Gajol	65	Fine	2400	2600	2500
		H.Y.V.	2100	2300	2200
		Other	1800	1900	1850
Garbeta(Medinipur)	55	Other	2180	2220	2200
Habra	53	Other	1875	1875	1875
Islampur	4	Other	2100	2200	2150
Jalpaiguri Sadar	17	Fine	2750	2800	2780
		Other	2050	2550	2100
		Super Fine	3450	3600	3500

Jangipur	110	Other	2060	2100	2080
Kaliaganj	13	Other	2400	2500	2450
Kalimpong	0.7	Other	2200	2400	2300
Karimpur	2	Other	3100	3200	3150
Kasimbazar	35	Other	2250	2350	2300
Katwa	8.5	Other	2000	2400	2200
Khatra	39	Other	2200	2300	2250
Medinipur(West)	17	Other	2250	2300	2300
Pandua	46	Ratnachudi (718 5-749)	2500	2700	2600
Purulia	58	Other	2360	2400	2380
Raiganj	14	Other	2500	2600	2550
Ramkrishanpur(Howrah)	24.8	Other	2400	2600	2500
		Sona Mansoori Non Basmati	2200	2400	2300
Sainthia	410.5	Other	1910	2000	1950
Toofanganj	43	Fine	2875	2925	2900
Uluberia	11.2	Other	2200	2400	2300
		Sona Mansoori Non Basmati	2000	2200	2100

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

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