

Domestic Market Highlights:

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs, chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, has given its approval for the Minimum Support Prices (MSPs) for Kharif Crops of 2015-16 Seasons. The decision is based on recommendations of Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices (CACP) for the Price Policy for Kharif Crops for the Marketing Season 2015-16. MSP for paddy grade A and common grade hiked by Rs.50/quintal from last year and current MSP is Rs. 1450 and Rs. 1410/quintal respectively.

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 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.

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

Rice Prices in Various Markets

Market	Arrivals	Variety	Minimum Price	Maximum Price	Modal Price
Andhra Pradesh					
Addanki	NR	B P T	3700	3750	3720
Denduluru	NR	Sona	2300	2500	2400
Divi	0.1	B P T	3100	3200	3100
Kandukur	0.1	B P T	3600	3700	3650

Kondapi	0.1	B P T	3600	3800	3700
Narasaraopet	0.1	B P T	4000	4200	4100
Repalli	0.1	B P T	3700	3900	3800
Tiruvuru	NR	Fine	3300	3500	3400
Visakhapatnam	0.1	B P T	3400	3600	3500
Assam					
Cachar	20	Common	2400	2900	2700
		Fine	3000	3600	3200
		Other	2000	2500	2300
Dhekiajuli	30	Common	2100	2250	2200
		Fine	2300	2600	2450
Dhing	110	Common	1900	2000	1950
		Fine	3000	3200	3150
Gauripur	30	Other	2200	3000	2600
Goalpara	140	Fine	3000	3800	3200
Hailakandi	4	Common	3000	3600	3200
		Fine	2400	2900	2700
		Other	2000	2500	2300
Lanka	35	Fine	2600	2800	2700
		Medium	1850	1900	1875
Sivasagar	NR	Broken Rice	1510	1610	1560
		Common	1860	2000	1930
		Fine	2370	2530	2450
		Medium	2065	2135	2100
		Super Fine	5400	5650	5525
Bihar					
Bhagalpur	NR	Other	2700	2950	2850
Kishanganj	NR	Other	2400	2600	2500
Motihari	NR	Other	2500	3500	2800
Saharsa	NR	Other	2100	3400	2750
Gujarat					
Dahod	0.7	Coarse	3400	4100	3800
Jammu and Kashmir					
Jammu (Grain Mandi)	NR	Basmatibar (Raw/Old)	10000	10400	10200
Jharkhand					
Chakulia	NR	Fine	2160	2350	2250
		Medium	1950	2070	2020
Daltenganj	NR	Other	2410	2700	2690
Dumka	NR	Coarse	1900	2300	2200
		Medium	2300	2500	2400

Gumla	NR	Other	3000	3400	3200
Khunti	NR	Coarse	1750	1850	1800
		Fine	2500	2900	2700
		Medium	2350	2450	2400
Koderma	37	Fine	3300	3500	3400
		Medium	2300	2500	2400
		Motta (Coarse) Boiled	1600	1800	1700
Lohardaga	22	Common	2000	2200	2150
		Fine	2650	2800	2750
		Medium	2200	2400	2350
Ramgarh	16	Other	2400	2800	2600
Saraikela	NR	Medium	2390	2600	2510
		Other	1720	2000	1910
Karnataka					
Gangavathi	10	Other	2550	2550	2550
Kolar	44	Fine	3800	4500	4028
Kerala					
Aroor	NR	Basumathi	7100	7300	7200
		IR-8	2500	2800	2600
		Jaya	3200	3400	3300
Chengannur	8	IR-8	2400	2800	2500
		Jaya	3200	3600	3500
Cherthala	12	IR-8	2500	2600	2550
		Jaya	3450	3550	3500
		Other	3650	3800	3700
Ernakulam	2.5	Jaya	3800	3850	3850
Mannar	10	IR-8	3500	3700	3600
		Jaya	4000	4200	4100
Thodupuzha	60	IR-8	2700	2900	2900
		Mataa Parboiled	3000	3200	3200
Maharashtra					
Alibagh	3	Other	3100	3500	3300
Devala	NR	Other	1500	1500	1500
Karjat	10	Other	2000	4400	3000
Palghar	39	1009 Kar	2055	2865	2381
Manipur					
Bishenpur	NR	Other	2800	2800	2800
Imphal	3.6	Other	NR	2900	2900
Lamlong Bazaar	1	Other	NR	2900	2900

Thoubal	1.9	Other	2800	2800	2800
Meghalaya					
Shillong	0.6	Other	3400	3600	3500
Orissa					
Balugaon	20	Sona Mansoori Non Basmati	2800	3000	2900
Bargarh	1.24	Other	2400	2500	2500
Bhanjanagar	0.1	Common	2000	2200	2100
Bonai	1	Other	2000	2600	2200
Chandabali	85	Common	2400	3000	2800
Deogarh	9	Other	2000	3000	2500
Jagatsinghpur	1.8	Alur Sanna	2200	2600	2400
		Basamti Dawat	3500	5600	4800
Jajpur	NR	Other	2000	3000	2500
Jatni	2.5	Other	2000	2500	2250
Jhumpura	NR	Other	1800	2600	2200
Junagarh	47.39	Other	2100	2200	2200
Kalahandi(Dharamagarh)	44.89	Other	2100	2200	2200
Karanja	5.6	Common	2400	2700	2500
		Other	2200	2500	2400
Nawarangpur	2	Coarse	2500	2500	2500
Nilagiri	10	Other	2200	2400	2300
Nimapara	6.5	Other	1800	2000	1900
Tusura	5	Other	2400	2500	2400
Udala	48	Other	2000	4600	2600
Tripura					
Melaghar	2	Coarse	2400	2500	2450
		Fine	2800	2900	2850
		Masuri	2400	2500	2450
Pabiacherra	0.7	Masuri	2700	3200	3000
Silachhari	0.5	Masuri	2600	2800	2700
Uttar Pradesh					
Achalda	38	III	NR	NR	2270
Agra	70	III	2000	2050	2025
Ajuha	5.5	Other	NR	NR	2055
Aligarh	80	III	1860	1950	1910
Allahabad	200	Other	NR	NR	2160
Atarra	14	III	1960	2150	2050
Auraiya	35	III	2225	2260	2240

Azamgarh	150	III	1980	2000	1990
Badayoun	5	Other	2060	2160	2110
Bahraich	135	III	2065	2095	2080
Ballia	150	III	1960	2050	1995
Balrampur	32.5	Other	1960	1990	1975
Baraut	NR	III	NR	NR	2125
Bareilly	360	Coarse	NR	NR	2100
Basti	99	III	1925	1970	1950
Bharthna	70	III	NR	NR	2270
Bindki	50	Other	2050	2100	2080
Buland Shahr	13	III	1800	2100	2030
Chandoli	6	Other	1860	1900	1880
Chitwadagaon	260	III	1970	2050	1990
Chorichora	20	III	1940	1955	1950
Devariya	60	III	2015	2035	2025
Etawah	140	III	NR	NR	2270
Faizabad	115	Other	2060	2090	2075
Gazipur	38	III	2020	2040	2030
Ghaziabad	50	III	NR	NR	2175
Gonda	350	III	1960	2000	1980
Gorakhpur	420	III	NR	NR	2020
Gulavati	NR	III	2000	2060	2045
Haathras	35	Coarse	NR	NR	1950
Hardoi	78	III	2170	2190	2180
Jafarganj	110	Other	1800	1900	1875
Jahanabad	13	Coarse	NR	NR	2170
Jasra	20	III	NR	NR	2110
Jaunpur	65	Coarse	1975	2050	2015
Kannauj	11.5	III	NR	NR	2190
Kanpur(Grain)	205	III	NR	NR	2215
Kasganj	14	Coarse	2030	2085	2065
Khaga	12	Coarse	NR	NR	2175
Khatauli	2	III	2050	2140	2100
Khurja	6	III	NR	NR	2035
Lakhimpur	10	Other	2150	2220	2195
Lucknow	106	Coarse	2150	2250	2200
Mawana	1.5	III	NR	NR	2150
Mirzapur	8	Other	NR	NR	1975
Moth	0.2	III	1950	NR	NR
		Other	NR	2050	2000
Muradabad	8	III	NR	NR	2070

Muzzafarnagar	25	Common	NR	NR	2130
Naugarh	10.5	III	1900	1965	1930
Partaval	15	III	1920	1970	1945
Pilibhit	100	Coarse	2165	2200	2185
Pukhrayan	5	III	NR	NR	2240
Rura	4.5	III	NR	NR	2250
Saharanpur	80	III	NR	NR	2150
Sambhal	22	III	2110	2150	2140
Sandila	5	Other	2170	2200	2180
Sardhana	1	III	NR	NR	2130
Shahabad(New Mandi)	8	Other	2150	2250	2200
Shahjahanpur	185	Other	2000	2030	2010
Sirsa	8.5	III	NR	NR	2080
Sitapur	31	Coarse	2010	2180	2087
Siyana	1.5	III	1900	2200	2045
Tilhar	17.8	Other	NR	NR	2100
Unnao	6.5	III	2125	2175	2150
Varanasi(Grain)	374	Other	1980	2010	1990
Yusufpur	50	III	1900	1950	1925
Uttarakhand					
Bazpur	211	Common	2180	2180	2180
Gadarpur	2540	Other	1440	2100	1770
West Bengal					
Alipurduar	59	Common	2150	2250	2200
		Fine	3150	3250	3200
		Super Fine	3600	3700	3650
Balarampur	2	Other	2150	2210	2200
Balurghat	25	Other	1860	1950	1900
Bankura Sadar	20	Other	2150	2300	2200
Barasat	65	Masuri	2350	2450	2400
		Other	2500	2600	2550
Baruipur(Canning)	8	Common	2400	2600	2500
		Super Fine	3400	3600	3500
Baxirhat	36	Masuri	2875	2925	2900
Beldanga	45	Other	2250	2350	2300
Bishnupur(Bankura)	40	Masuri	1850	1950	1900
		Other	2150	2250	2200
Bolpur	192	Fine	2250	2300	2280
		Other	2000	2100	2050
Burdwan	324	Common	1810	1850	1830
		Fine	1830	1870	1850

Coochbehar	40	Coarse	2000	2075	2050
		Masuri	2775	2900	2825
Guskara(Burdwan)	148	Fine	2030	2070	2050
Habra	56	Other	1865	1865	1865
Haldibari	15	Fine	2500	2600	2550
Jalpaiguri Sadar	20	Fine	2750	2830	2800
		Other	2060	2150	2100
		Super Fine	3450	3600	3500
Jangipur	103	Other	2070	2100	2080
Kalimpong	1.4	Other	2300	2500	2400
Karimpur	2	Other	3100	3200	3150
Kasimbazar	40	Other	2250	2350	2300
Kasipur	1.3	Other	2000	2000	2000
Khatra	37	Other	2200	2300	2250
Mathabhanga	120	Common	1900	2000	1950
Mekhliganj	20	Common	1800	1900	1850
		Fine	2925	3050	2950
Memari	176	Common	1810	1850	1830
		Fine	1830	1870	1850
Nadia	50	Fine	2550	2650	2600
Pandua	45	Ratnachudi (718 5-749)	2500	2700	2600
Pundibari	27.5	Coarse	1975	2025	2000
Purulia	48	Other	2360	2400	2380
Ramkrishanpur(Howrah)	23.8	Other	2400	2600	2500
		Sona Mansoori Non Basmati	2200	2400	2300
Sealdah Koley Market	47	Fine	2200	2300	2300
Toofanganj	43	Fine	2875	2925	2900
Uluberia	12.5	Other	2200	2400	2300
		Sona Mansoori Non Basmati	2000	2200	2100

(Arrivals and Prices in Rs/Qtl)

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