

Domestic Market Highlights:

The lifting of sanctions on Iran by the U.S. and the E.U will not affect India's basmati rice exports though exports of other commodities like soymeal, sugar and corn are likely to be affected. A former President of the All India Rice Exporters Association (AIREA) noted that basmati rice exports to Iran may now increase by about 10% as Iranian traders were limiting their purchases and were preferring other routes, but now they are free to work directly with Indian exporters. He added that Iran may import around one million tons of Indian basmati rice. India exported around 900,000 tons of basmati rice to Iran in FY 2014-15 (April - March) compared to around 1.44 million tons in FY 2013-14 due to a temporary ban imposed by the Middle East nation citing surplus stocks.

Food grains procurement by the West Bengal state government has fallen far short of the target set by the Mamata Banerjee government. The paddy procurement target in Kharif season was 23, 70,000 tonnes. So far, only 13, 15,217 tonnes could be procured. Food minister Jyotipriya Mullick, though, claimed that the target could be achieved by September. However, this year's target achievement is a notch higher than last year's. Last year, the target was 22, 00,000 tonnes and the achievement was only 9, 16,087 tonnes. Higher price offered in open market could be the main reason for lower procurement in 2014-15 seasons.

Total Rice export for MY-2014-15 till June-15 was 91.17 lakh tonnes which was up by around 20% from same period last year export of 75.71 lakh tonnes. Non basmati rice export in the month of June was 5.98 lakh tonnes and basmati exports for MY-2014-15 (Oct14-Sep-15) in the month was 3.43 lakh tonnes.

For remaining three months (July-Sept-2015) we expect that around 7-7.5 lakh tonnes rice will be exported from India which account total rice export expectation comes to approx 9.5-9.8 lakh tonnes for MY- 2014-15.

Planting for India 2015-16 Kharif (main) rice crop (June - December) which began on May 8, 2015 is picking up fast and stands at about 54.03 lakh hectares as of July 07, 2015; up about 0.8% from about 53.56 lakh hectares planted during the same period last year, according to preliminary data released by the Indian Agriculture Ministry. Paddy sowing status in Haryana and Punjab is 1.49 lakh hectare and 6.67 lakh hectare which is down about 1.97% and 27% respectively from last year.

Basmati rice imports by the European Union (EU) nations declined to around 223,549 tons during September 1, 2014 - June 18, 2015, down about 27% from around 305,469 tons imported during the same period last year. Netherlands remains the largest

buyer of basmati rice with 45,783 tons (about 20% of total basmati imports during the stated period) followed by the U.K with 38,307 tons (about 17% of total basmati imports during the period). Basmati rice imports by the other EU nations during September 1, 2014 - June 18, 2015 is as follows: Belgium (37,126 tons; 16.6%); France (35,484 tons; 15.8%); Italy (25,385 tons; 11.3%) and Spain (24,813 tons; 11%). While basmati rice imports by the Netherlands increased about 17% from around 39,249 tons last year, those by the U.K declined about 68% from around 121,429 tons last year.

Government of basmati producing states (Punjab and Haryana) have been advised to plant Pusa basmati 1509 variety after July 15 to avoid incidence of breakage. About 300,000 hectares in Punjab and about 250,000 hectares in Haryana were used to plant basmati 1509 variety 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:

Total rice stocks in the Philippines as of June 1, 2015 reached around 3.02 million tons, down about 5% from around 3.17 million tons recorded in May 2015, and up about 31% from around 2.31 million tons recorded during the same period last year. The BAS says that the Philippines' rice stocks as of June 1, 2015 are enough to last for 89 days (household stocks are enough for 34 days, commercial warehouses stocks are enough for 33 days and stocks with NFA are enough for 22 days).

Brazil has exported around 532,625 tons of rice in the first six months (January – June) of 2015, according to data released by the Rice Institute of Rio Grande do Sul (IRGA). In June 2015, Brazil exported around 49, 773 tons of rice, down about 71% from around 171,567 tons exported in May 2015.

Sierra Leone remained the largest importer of Brazilian rice in June 2015 with around 18,951 tons, or about 38% of Brazil's total rice exports during the month. Peru accounted for around 9,522 tons (about 19% of Brazil's total exports during the month). Bolivia accounted for around 4,345 tons (about 8.7% of Brazil's exports during the month). Saudi Arabia accounted for 3,305 tons (about 6.6% of Brazil's total exports during the month), and the U.S. accounted for around 2,600 tons (about 5% of Brazil's total exports during the month). Brazil exported around 1. 24 million tons of rice in 2014, up about 2.4% from around 1.209 million tons exported in 2013, according to data from IRGA.

The FAO estimates 2015-16 global rice utilization at around 508.6 million tons, up about 1.8% from an estimated 499.7 million tons in 2014-15, and slightly up from last

month's estimates of around 508.3 million tons. The FAO anticipates the average per capita rice consumption in 2015-16 at around 57 kilograms.

A severe drought may reduce North Korea's rice harvest by 12 percent this year from a year earlier, a report by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the U.N. The recent FAO report put North Korea's rice production at an estimated 2.3 million tons for this year, compared with the country's rice harvest of 2.6 million tons a year earlier.

Rice Prices in Various Markets:

July-16-2015	White Rice 5% Broken	White Rice 25% Broken
Gujarat	2504.30	2282.40
Andhra Pradesh	2484.05	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					
Divi	0.1	B P T	3100	3200	3100
Nandyal	0.1	Sona Fine	3900	4000	3950
Visakhapatnam	0.1	B P T	3300	3500	3400
Assam					
Dhekiajuli	35	Common	1900	2100	2000
		Fine	2300	2600	2500
Bihar					
Kishanganj	NR	Other	2400	2800	2600
Saharsa	NR	Other	2200	3200	2700
Jharkhand					
Giridih	12.57	Fine	3300	3500	3500
		Medium	2300	2500	2500
		Motta (Coarse) Boiled	2100	2200	2200
Jamshedpur	NR	Fine	3450	3560	3500

		Medium	2210	2260	2240
Lohardaga	23	Common	1800	2000	1900
		Fine	2600	2800	2700
		Medium	2100	2300	2200
Pakur	3.6	Fine	3000	3200	3100
Karnataka					
Bangalore	2346	Medium	4000	4500	4300
Bangarpet	306	Broken Rice	1360	1720	1580
		Hansa	2580	3240	2620
Bhadravathi	1	Medium	2500	2500	2500
Doddaballa Pur	159	Broken Rice	1250	1350	1300
Gangavathi	11	Other	3400	3400	3400
Mulabagilu	1	Medium	4000	6000	5000
Kerala					
Alappuzha	10	Basmati Paddy	3750	3850	3800
		IR-8	2450	2575	2500
		Jaya	2800	2925	2875
		Other	3250	3350	3300
		Ponni	2600	2700	2650
Chengannur	7	IR-8	2400	2800	2500
		Jaya	3200	3600	3500
Cherthala	10	IR-8	2475	2600	2500
		Jaya	3350	3450	3400
		Other	3650	3800	3700
Manipur					
Imphal	3.6	Other	NR	2900	2900
Lamlong Bazaar	NR	Other	NR	2900	2900
Thoubal	1.8	Other	2800	2800	2800
Orissa					
Bolangir	5	Other	2300	2400	2300
Bonai	0.2	Other	2200	2400	2400
Jajpur	NR	Other	2000	3000	2500
Jeypore	5.5	Other	4000	4100	4050
Jeypore(Kotpad)	4.4	Common	3000	3300	3250
Karanjia	4	Common	2400	2700	2500
		Other	2200	2500	2400
Nilagiri	10	Other	2300	2500	2400
Tusura	7	Other	2300	2400	2300
Tripura					
Melaghar	3	Coarse	2300	2400	2350
		Fine	2800	2900	2850
		Masuri	2500	2600	2550
Uttar Pradesh					
Chandoli	6	Other	1850	1900	1885
Mirzapur	7	Other	NR	NR	1980
West Bengal					
Alipurduar	60	Common	2150	2250	2200
		Fine	3150	3250	3200

		Super Fine	3600	3700	3650
Beldanga	40	Other	2250	2350	2300
Bolpur	194	Fine	2100	2200	2150
		Other	1950	2050	1980
Champadanga	16	Ratnachudi (718 5-749)	2400	2600	2500
Coochbehar	42.5	Coarse	2000	2100	2050
		Masuri	2750	2900	2850
Darjeeling	1.5	Parimal (New)	2600	2800	2700
Habra	50	Other	1870	1870	1870
Islampur	3	Other	2100	2200	2150
Jiaganj	15.5	Other	2200	2300	2250
Kaliaganj	13	Other	2480	2560	2525
Kalimpong	0.7	Other	2300	2500	2400
Kalipur	115	Other	1900	2000	1950
		Sona Mansoori Non Basmati	1800	1900	1850
Kasimbazar	40	Other	2250	2350	2300
Kasipur	1.4	Other	2200	2200	2200
Mathabhanga	150	Common	1900	2000	1950
Mekhliganj	17	Common	1800	1900	1850
		Fine	2950	3100	3050
Pundibari	9	Coarse	2000	2100	2025
Purulia	42	Other	2340	2360	2360
Raiganj	15	Other	2600	2700	2650
Samsi	100	H.Y.V.	1990	2020	2000
		Other	2680	2720	2700
Sheoraphuly	9	Ratnachudi (718 5-749)	2750	2850	2800

(Arrivals and Prices in Rs/Qtl)

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