Domestic Market Highlights:

As per 4th Advance Estimates for 2014-15, total foodgrains production in the country is estimated at 252.68 million tonnes which is lower by 12.36 million tonnes than the last year's record food grains production of 265.04 million tonnes. Total production of rice is estimated at 104.80 million tonnes which is lower by 1.85 million tonnes than the last year's record production of 106.65 million tonnes. Fourth Advance Estimates are released in July-August and by this time fully firmed up data on area as well as yield of Kharif crops and rabi crops are expected to be available with the States. As such, Fourth Advance Estimates are considered to be almost as good as Final Estimates released in next February along with Second Advance Estimates for the subsequent agricultural year.

Paddy sowing has increased by 4.50 per cent to 277.89 lakh hectares so far in the ongoing kharif season compared with the last year. The area under paddy last year at the same time was 265.90 lakh hectares.

According to FAO, Pakistan Basmati FOB in the month of July traded steady to slightly weak from the previous month and currently hovers in the range of USD 868/MT. On the other hand, Indian FOB in the month of July moved up from last month and currently is in the range of USD 890-895/MT.

Saudi Arabia has emerged as the top importer for Indian aromatic rice for the fifth consecutive month in July. This month, Iran took the third position replacing Iraq which slipped to 5th position. Lowest FOB quotes were received by Iraq and USA, whereas higher price was offered by Kuwait and Saudi Arabia.

Total Rice export for MY-2014-15 till July-15 was 100 Lakh tonnes which was up by around 19% from last year's export of 88.3 lakh tonnes for the same period. Non-basmati rice export in the month of July was 6.14 lakh tonnes and basmati exports for MY-2014-15(Oct14-Sep-15) in the month was 2.7 lakh tonnes. For the remaining three months (Aug-Sept-2015) we expect around 12-15 lakh tonnes of rice to be exported from India. The total rice export expectation is approx 11-11.5 million tonnes for MY- 2014-15 which will up by 10% from MY 2013-14 export of 10.4 million tonnes.

With good rainfall this monsoon season, Rajasthan is likely to have bumper kharif crop production as the sowing was done in 144 lakh hectare area so far as against a target of 157 lakh hectare in 2015.With the excess rainfall as compared to last year, the sowing targets of kharif crops including Bajra, Sorghum, cereals, rice, and pulses were achieved at an average of 92 per cent so far.

Price Outlook:-Average Rice price in all India is likely to trade steady to firm with lean season in coming days.

International Market Highlight:

As per statement given by Thai commerce ministry, China will buy 1 million tonnes of rice from Thailand, easing pressure on a military government struggling to shift stockpiles of the grain accumulated under a previous farm-subsidy programme. Thai Commerce Minister Chatchai Sirikalya, following a visit to China recently and said that country agreed to buy 1 million tonnes of rice to be delivered at year-end. Thailand, the world's second-largest rice exporter, has about 14.5 million tonne in stockpiles built up under a generous rice subsidy scheme run by a government that was overthrown by the military in May 2014. In December, China would buy 2 million tonnes of rice after the two countries signed a memorandum of understanding during a two-day regional summit in Bangkok. Thailand commerce minister also stated that Iran has expressed interest in buying rice at the end of August.

For marketing year (MY) 2015/16 (May to April), Bangladesh estimate for total rice area and production is unchanged at 11.8 million hectares and 34.8 million tons. For MY 2014/15, the rice import estimate increased to 1.2 million tons on revised customs data.

Pakistani Farmers are engaged in transplanting rice with better than average irrigation water supplies. The Meteorological Department has forecasted that the total amount of rainfall during the upcoming monsoon season (July-September) will remain slightly below normal and glacier melt rate will be slightly more than normal, which means that overall availability of water in the country for the Kharif (summer) crops should be satisfactory.

The Philippines, one of the world's biggest rice importers, could ship in more to boost buffer stocks and keep local prices stable because of an El Nino dry weather pattern now forecast to last until next year, potentially hurting the local harvest. Rice imports this year have reached 750,000 tonnes out of which 550,000 tonnes from Vietnam and the rest from Thailand. The NFA has permission from President Benigno Aquino to import an additional 250,000 tonnes if drought conditions worsen and hurt local rice production. However rice production is likely to up by 4.3% from last year with 12.4 million tonnes in coming season of 2015-16

The price of Thai rice is expected to climb steadily into next year, mainly because of the impact of drought on the world market as well as production in Thailand. However, there are still some factors that could suppress the price including the world economy, the financial problems in some countries, and the oil price, as it affects the purchasing power of some rice-importing nations. The Thai Rice Exporters Association (TREA) latest forecast that Thailand should be able to export between 9.5 million and 10 million tonnes of rice this year, as drought has increased demand in many countries, while Thailand has plenty of rice stocks. The drought will encourage higher rice prices in the world market and domestically amid higher demand amid lower production in Thailand and many countries. In Thailand alone, rice output is expected drop by 15-20 per cent or about 2 million to 3 million tonnes from the drought.

Vietnam rice exported stood about 2.92 million tonnes from January 01, 2015 – 23 July 2015 which is down by 19% from last seven months export figure of 3.63 million tones as per data received from Vietnam Food Association. The average FOB for rice in this year is approx USD 414/MT, down by 4% from last year same period price of USD 431/MT.

Overall rice exports from Pakistan have declined sharply in July-March 2015 because Pakistani basmati cannot compete with Indian Basmati on marketing grounds. More especially Pakistani basmati export to the UAE has declined 26.4 percent yoy in July-February 2015. Due to a slump in global prices non-basmati rice came down in value terms but not in quantity. However, the report warns Pakistani exporters to remain vigilant as Thailand is gradually firming up its export orders.

Thai rice exports for 2015 are expected to reach 9.5 million tonnes, according to the Thai Rice Exporters Association's estimate. Its previous forecast was 10 million tonnes. In the first half of this year, 4.5 million tonnes of Thai rice have been sold already. Thailand is expected to sell 800,000 tonnes per month on average as foreign demand remains rapid from Indonesia and the Philippines. According to TREA President Chareon Laothamatas the situation would improve in the second half.

Rice Prices in Various Markets:

August 18-2015	White Rice 5% Broken	White Rice 25% Broken
Gujrat	2517.13	2320.99
Andhra Pradesh	2496.88	2135.50

In Rs./Quintal

Rice Prices in Various Markets

Market	Arrivals	Variety	Minimum Price	Maximum Price	Modal Price
	(Tonnes)		(Rs./Quintal)	(Rs./Quintal)	(Rs./Quintal)
Andhra Pradesh					
Addanki	NR	B P T	3850	3900	3880
Chirala	0.1	B P T	3100	3200	3150
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
Nandyal	0.1	Sona Fine	3900	4000	3950
Ongole	0.1	B P T	3300	3400	3350
Parvathipuram	3	Sona Medium	2850	2900	2857
Assam					
Bohorihat	15	Coarse	2100	2200	2150
		Fine	2700	3200	2950
Cachar	40	Common	2400	2900	2700
		Fine	3000	3600	3200
		Other	2000	2500	2300
Dhing	106	Common	1800	2100	1950
		Fine	3400	3800	3500
Gauripur	20	Fine	3500	5000	4500
		Other	1800	2800	2600
Lanka	30	Medium	1700	1800	1750
Bihar					
Motihari	NR	Other	2600	3100	2800

Gujarat					
Dahod	12.1	Coarse	3400	4000	3800
Jharkhand					
Dumka	NR	Coarse	1800	2100	2000
		Medium	2800	3200	3100
Lohardaga	22.5	Common	2000	2200	2100
		Fine	2800	3200	3000
		Medium	2200	2400	2300
Ranchi	NR	Fine	3000	6100	3300
		Medium	2350	2675	2400
		Other	1825	2280	2100
Karnataka					
Bangalore	2065	Medium	4000	4500	4300
Bangarpet	291	Broken Rice	1360	1720	1580
		Sarbati Raw	2580	3240	2620
Madikeri	7	Other	1500	1500	1500
Kerala					
Alappuzha	10	Basmati Paddy	3700	3800	3750
		IR-8	2650	2725	2700
		Jaya	2700	2850	2750
		Other	3350	3475	3400
		Ponni	2600	2700	2650
Aroor	NR	Basumathi	6800	7000	6900
		IR-8	2600	2800	2700
		Other	3000	3200	3100
Chengannur	8	IR-8	2500	2800	2500
		Jaya	3200	3600	3300
Maharashtra					
Bhivandi	8	1009 Kar	2000	2500	2200
Meghalaya					
Jowai	1.8	Other	2500	2800	2700
Shillong	0.4	Other	3400	3600	3500
Orissa					
Bolangir	6	Other	2200	2300	2200
Bonai	0.3	Other	2200	2400	2400
Jajpur	NR	Other	2000	2800	2500

Jatni	1	Masuri	2000	2500	2250
Jeypore	7.5	Common	300	330	325
Jeypore(Kotpad)	7.5	Common	3000	3300	3250
Jhumpura	NR	Other	1900	2700	2300
Karanjia	5.5	Common	2500	2700	2600
		Other	2400	2500	2450
Nilagiri	10	Other	2300	2500	2400
Tusura	5.5	Other	2200	2300	2200
Udala	43	Other	1800	2600	2600
Telangana					
Amangal	NR	B P T	3100	3200	3150
Kallur	17	B P T	3100	3200	3150
Tripura					
Melaghar	2	Coarse	2400	2500	2450
		Fine	3000	3100	3050
		Masuri	2500	2600	2550
Uttar Pradesh					
Achalda	45	III	NR	NR	2260
Agra	44	III	NR	NR	2035
Akbarpur	35	III	2020	2080	2050
Aligarh	70	III	2050	2160	2120
Allahabad	110	Other	NR	NR	2250
Anandnagar	40	Other	1900	2250	2010
Azamgarh	135	III	2100	2150	2125
Balrampur	43.5	Other	2010	2050	2025
Baraut	12	III	NR	NR	2130
Basti	115	III	1850	2000	1925
Bindki	45	Other	NR	NR	2160
Buland Shahr	12	Other	NR	NR	2030
Devariya	80	III	2000	2030	2015
Etah	45	Other	2000	2080	2050
Gazipur	37	III	1990	2030	2010

Ghaziabad	50	III	NR	NR	2175
Gonda	67	III	1960	2000	1980
Haathras	45	Coarse	1980	2080	2030
Hardoi	74	III	2170	2190	2180
Jaunpur	40	Coarse	1950	2050	1990
Jhansi	7	Other	1900	2000	1950
Kanpur(Grain)	260	III	NR	NR	2175
Kasganj	8	Coarse	2000	2020	2010
Khaga	9	Coarse	NR	NR	2210
Khairagarh	14	III	2000	2060	2030
Khatauli	2	III	NR	NR	2130
Khurja	4	III	NR	NR	2060
Lakhimpur	12	Other	2100	2200	2150
Lalganj	4	III	1985	2050	2000
Lucknow	104	Coarse	2120	2200	2160
Meerut	22	III	NR	NR	2180
Mirzapur	7	Other	1960	1990	1975
Muzzafarnagar	15	Common	NR	NR	2150
Naugarh	8	III	1900	1960	1930
Orai	NR	Other	NR	NR	2000
Partaval	50	III	1900	1940	1915
Payagpur	7.5	III	2040	2085	2060
Pilibhit	78	Coarse	2175	2210	2195
Pratapgarh	52.5	III	2030	2080	2055
Pukhrayan	8.5	III	NR	NR	2165
Raibareilly	8	Other	2060	2100	2080
Rura	5	III	NR	NR	2255
Saharanpur	76	III	NR	NR	2165
Sambhal	11	III	NR	NR	2125
Sardhana	1.5	III	NR	NR	2140

Sehjanwa	69	III	1900	2100	2020
Shahganj	NR	III	1900	1980	1920
Shahjahanpur	52.5	Other	2000	2050	2025
Sirsa	8	III	NR	NR	2155
Sitapur	46	Coarse	2060	2200	2110
Siyana	1.5	III	NR	NR	2020
Tilhar	1.5	Other	NR	NR	2110
Uttrakhand					
Gadarpur	2002	Other	1900	2060	1980
West Bengal					
Bankura Sadar	18	Other	2100	2250	2150
Beldanga	28.5	Other	2300	2400	2350
Champadanga	14	Ratnachudi (718 5-749)	2450	2650	2550
Coochbehar	42.5	Coarse	2000	2100	2050
		Masuri	2850	2900	2875
Darjeeling	2	Parimal (New)	2600	2800	2700
Haldibari	10	Fine	2600	2700	2650
Jalpaiguri Sadar	22	Fine	2800	3000	2880
		Other	2200	2300	2250
		Super Fine	3500	3650	3525
Kalimpong	1.2	Parimal (New)	2200	2400	2300
Kalipur	112	Other	1900	2000	1950
		Sona Mansoori Non Basmati	1800	1900	1850
Karsiyang(Matigara)	1.8	Parimal (New)	2200	2400	2300
Kasimbazar	29	Other	2300	2400	2350
Katwa	6	Other	2000	2400	2200

Kolaghat	15	Common	2300	2450	2400
		Fine	2600	2750	2700
Medinipur(West)	16	Other	2280	2300	2300
Mekhliganj	18	Common	1850	1950	1900
		Fine	3075	3150	3100
Pandua	50	Ratnachudi (718 5-749)	2350	2550	2450
Pundibari	23	Coarse	1975	2075	2025
Raiganj	12	Other	2575	2650	2600
Ramkrishanpur(Howrah)	20.7	Other	2400	2600	2500
		Sona Mansoori Non Basmati	2100	2300	2200
Tamluk (Medinipur E)	14	Common	2200	2350	2300
		Fine	2500	2650	2600

(Arrivals and Prices in Rs/Qtl)

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