

**Domestic Market Highlights:**

**Aromatic rice monthly average prices in the month of August were weak by 3-13% in all major markets of Amritsar, Karnal and Delhi, due to frail demand from bulk buyers.**

**Wholesale Prices for India as an average for fourth week of August firmed by 3.37% and** are currently hovering at Rs.2785-2790/quintal. Demand from local and foreign buyers was the main reason for firmness in the period.

**As per initial surveys taken by All India Rice Exporters' Association, Basmati acreage in India** for the 2015-16 Kharif season is likely to remain the same as last year even as prices had dropped considerably to Rs.2,000-2,900/quintal in 2014-15 from as much as Rs.4,000 the year before. Area under basmati cultivation touched 2.1 million hectares (mh) last year and sufficient rainfall across Haryana and Punjab – which account for as much as 70 per cent of basmati output – through most of the ongoing monsoon season has resulted in consistent planting. India produced 8.3 million tonnes of basmati rice last year. In 2014-15, Pusa-1121 was planted on around one million hectare while Pusa-1509 was covered between 0.5 and 0.7 mh. There has been a slight change this year and 1121 will cover 1.3-1.35 mh while 1509 may slide to between 0.35 and 0.4 mh.

**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.

**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:**

**According to data from the Vietnam Food Association (VFA), Vietnam exported about 3.492 million tons** of rice in January 1 - August 20, 2015, down about 18% from about 4.26 million tons of rice exported in first eight months of 2014. The average rice export price so far in this year stands at about \$414 per ton (FOB), down about 4% per ton from about \$431 per ton recorded during same last year.

**nonofficial preliminary rice exports from Thailand (excluding premium white and fragrant rice)** for August 10-16, 2015 totaled 97,698 metric tons, down 24,012 metric tons from the previous week but up 9,378 metric tons from the four-week moving average of 88,321 metric tons. Rice exports (excluding premium white and fragrant rice) from January 1 – August 16, 2015, totaled 2,475,348 metric tons, down 20 percent from the same period last year. Total rice exports from January to June 2015 totaled 4,457,927 metric tons, down 4.7 percent from the same period last year.

**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.

**Rice Prices in Various Markets:**

August 31-2015	White Rice 5% Broken	White Rice 25% Broken
Gujarat	2458.65	2292.53
Andhra Pradesh	2438.40	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	3900	3950	3920
Chirala	0.1	B P T	3900	4000	3950
Denduluru	NR	Sona	2300	2500	2400
Divi	0.1	B P T	3100	3200	3100
Ichapuram	48	Rice Floor	2500	3000	2800
Kandukur	0.1	B P T	3600	3700	3650
Kondapi	0.1	B P T	3600	3800	3700
Machilipatnam	NR	B P T	3800	4000	3900
		Coarse	2200	2300	2250
Markapur	0.1	B P T	3100	3200	3150
Nandyal	0.1	Sona Fine	3800	3900	3850
Narasaraopet	0.1	B P T	4000	4200	4100
Ongole	0.1	B P T	3400	3500	3460

Repalli	0.1	B P T	4000	4200	4100
Tiruvuru	NR	Fine	3300	3500	3400
<b>Assam</b>					
Dhekiajuli	15	Common	1960	2100	2050
		Fine	2340	2600	2500
Dibrugarh	NR	Other	2200	2800	2500
Lanka	30	Medium	1700	1800	1750
North Lakhimpur	1.5	Common	1800	2000	1900
		Fine	2600	2800	2700
		Super Fine	3000	4000	3500
Srirampur	145	Other	2950	3200	2980
<b>Gujarat</b>					
Dahod	16.2	Coarse	3400	4000	3800
Jambusar	NR	Other	2550	5650	3250
<b>Jharkhand</b>					
Bokaro (Chas)	NR	Other	2510	2860	2670
Daltenganj	NR	Other	2230	2400	2330
Jamshedpur	NR	Fine	3560	3650	3600
		Medium	2400	2500	2450
Lohardaga	NR	Common	2000	2200	2150
		Fine	3000	3200	3100
		Medium	2200	2400	2300
Pakur	4.5	Fine	3040	3260	3157
Ranchi	NR	Coarse	1825	2280	2100
		Fine	3000	6100	3200
		Medium	2350	2675	2400
Saraikela	NR	Medium	2470	2600	2560
		Other	1870	2000	1970
<b>Karnataka</b>					
Bangalore	2463	Medium	4000	4500	4300
Kolar	1	Fine	4500	5000	4620
<b>Maharashtra</b>					

Bhivandi	12	1009 Kar	1870	2070	1970
<b>Orissa</b>					
Bonai	0.4	Other	2200	2400	2400
Deogarh	9	Other	2000	3000	2500
Jajpur	NR	Other	2000	3000	2500
Jeypore(Kotpad)	3.6	Common	3000	3300	3250
Jhumpura	NR	Other	2000	2800	2500
<b>Uttar Pradesh</b>					
Achalda	35	III	NR	NR	2230
Allahabad	170	Other	NR	NR	2245
Anandnagar	30	Other	1850	2300	2000
Azamgarh	132.5	III	2050	2100	2085
Baraut	8	III	NR	NR	2150
Basti	108	III	1850	2000	1940
Bindki	37	Other	NR	NR	2190
Buland Shahr	12	III	1800	2100	2040
Chorichora	13	III	1980	2005	1990
Etawah	160	III	NR	NR	2220
Farukhabad	4.5	III	NR	NR	2200
Fatehpur	4	III	NR	NR	2230
Gazipur	46	III	2015	2035	2025
Ghaziabad	50	III	NR	NR	2160
Gorakhpur	210	III	2050	2200	2130
Haathras	25	Coarse	2130	2230	2180
Hapur	75	III	NR	NR	2130
Jahanabad	11.5	Coarse	NR	NR	2140
Jasra	16	III	NR	NR	2075
Jaunpur	55	Coarse	1975	2050	2010
Lakhimpur	12	Other	2100	2220	2150
Lalganj	6.5	III	2000	2025	2015

Lucknow	107	Coarse	2130	2225	2180
Mainpuri	65	Coarse	1875	2040	1980
Mawana	1	III	NR	NR	2190
Mirzapur	6	Other	1950	1990	1975
Muzzafarnagar	NR	Common	NR	NR	2150
Nautnava	1740	III	1850	2300	2000
Pilibhit	78	Coarse	2175	2210	2190
Pukhrayan	4	III	NR	NR	2175
Raibareilly	6	Other	2090	2125	2110
Saharanpur	72	III	NR	NR	2160
Shahganj	8	III	1980	2040	2010
Shahjahanpur	140.5	Other	2000	2060	2030
Sitapur	52	Coarse	2060	2250	2110
Siyana	1.5	III	NR	NR	2040
Tilhar	16	Other	2130	2160	2140
Varanasi(Grain)	385	Other	2020	2080	2050
Yusufpur	7	III	1970	2030	1990
<b>Uttarakhand</b>					
Gadarpur	1217	Other	1900	2035	1968
<b>West Bengal</b>					
Bishnupur(Bankura)	90	Masuri	1980	2050	2020
		Other	2200	2250	2230
Burdwan	208	Fine	1930	1970	1950
Champadanga	6	Ratnachudi (718 5-749)	2450	2650	2550
Darjeeling	2.8	Parimal (New)	2600	2800	2700
Durgapur	140	Fine	2250	2300	2270

Garbeta(Medinipur)	22	Other	2280	2330	2300
Guskara(Burdwan)	116	Fine	2080	2120	2100
Islampur	2	Other	2100	2200	2150
Jalpaiguri Sadar	10	Fine	2800	3075	3000
		Other	2200	2250	2225
		Super Fine	3525	3700	3550
Kalimpong	1.4	Other	2100	2300	2200
Kalipur	110	Other	1900	2000	1950
		Sona Mansoori Non Basmati	1750	1850	1800
Kasipur	0.2	Other	2140	2140	2140
Katwa	8	Other	2000	2200	2100
Khatra	37	Other	2200	2320	2280
Kolaghat	14	Fine	2600	2750	2700
Medinipur(West)	12	Other	2280	2300	2300
Memari	123	Fine	1930	1970	1950
Pandua	42	Ratnachudi (718 5-749)	2350	2550	2450
Purulia	NR	Other	2300	2300	2300
Ramkrishanpur(Howrah)	13.4	Other	2400	2600	2500
		Sona Mansoori Non Basmati	2100	2300	2200
Samsi	150	Fine	2680	2720	2700
		H.Y.V.	1780	1820	1800
Sheoraphuly	12	Ratnachudi (718 5-749)	2600	2700	2650
Tamluk (Medinipur E)	15	Fine	2500	2650	2600
Uluberia	6	Other	2300	2500	2400

		Sona Mansoori Non Basmati	2100	2300	2200
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**(Arrivals and Prices in Rs/Qtl)**

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