

Domestic Market Highlights:

According to FAO, Pakistan Basmati FOB in the month of August traded firm by 2.24% from the previous month and currently hovers in the range of USD 888/MT, Similarly, Indian FOB in the month of Aug moved up from last month and currently is in the range of USD 895-896/MT.

All India average wholesale rice prices firmed slightly in August 2015 by 0.67%. Demand from local and foreign buyers were the main reason for firmness in the period.

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. We expect that basmati rice prices in India to decline in the coming months as supplies from the on-going kharif crop would reach the market while there is still no confirmation over the resumption of rice imports from Iran.

Total rice planting to India's main crop (June-December) stood 34.58 million hectare as of Aug-28, 2015 which is up by 0.41 lakh Ha during same period last year.

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 exports for MY-2014-15 till August-15 was 109 Lakh tonnes which was up by around 18% from last year's export of 93.41 lakh tonnes for the same period. Non-basmati rice exports in the month of August was 5.6 lakh tonnes and basmati exports in the month was 2.68 lakh 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:

The Thailand Ministry of Commerce is set to initiate the 6th rice bidding to release 732,806 tons of the government's in-stock rice, and anticipates a good reception from the private sector.

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.

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:

Sept 03-2015	White Rice 5% Broken	White Rice 25% Broken
Gujarat	2458.65	2292.53
Andhra Pradesh	2438.40	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	3950	4000	3980
Chirala	0.1	B P T	3900	4000	3950
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
Markapur	0.1	B P T	3900	4000	3950
Nandyal	0.1	Sona Fine	3900	4000	3950
Ongole	0.1	B P T	3720	3800	3730
Repalli	0.1	B P T	4000	4200	4100
Tiruvuru	NR	Fine	3400	3600	3500
Assam					
Cachar	80	Common	2400	2900	2700
		Fine	3000	3600	3200
		Other	2000	2500	2300
Dhekiajuli	28	Common	1900	2100	2000

		Fine	2300	2650	2500
Dhing	110	Common	1800	2100	1950
		Fine	3500	4000	3800
Gauripur	26	Fine	3500	5000	4500
		Other	1800	3000	2600
Goalpara	81.6	Fine	3000	3800	3200
Hailakandi	4	Common	2400	2900	2700
		Fine	3000	3600	3200
		Other	2000	2500	2300
Howly	65	Broken Rice	1400	1500	1450
		Common	2000	2100	2050
		Fine	2700	2900	2800
		Super Fine	4500	4900	4800
Lanka	30	Medium	1700	1800	1750
P.O. Uparhali Guwahati	76	Common	1800	2400	2100
		Fine	2100	3500	2800
		Super Fine	3400	14000	8700
Tinsukia	10	Common	2200	2350	2250
		Medium	2100	2300	2150
Bihar					
Kishanganj	NR	Other	2400	2800	2600
Motihari	NR	Other	2700	3500	3100
Gujarat					
Dahod	38.9	Coarse	3400	4000	3800
Jambusar	NR	Other	2700	5500	3700
Jharkhand					
Bokaro (Chas)	NR	Other	2400	2600	2500
Daltenganj	NR	Other	2260	2400	2360
Dumka	NR	Coarse	1700	1800	1780
		Medium	2100	2200	2150
Gadhwah	NR	Other	2000	2800	2400
Giridih	2.32	Fine	3300	3500	3500
		Medium	2300	2500	2500

		Motta (Coarse) Boiled	2100	2200	2200
Gumla	NR	Other	2600	2700	2650
Jamshedpur	NR	Fine	3560	3640	3600
		Medium	2400	2500	2450
Lohardaga	20	Common	2000	2200	2160
		Fine	2800	3200	3050
		Medium	2200	2400	2350
Pakur	3	Fine	3055	3260	3145
Saraikela	NR	Medium	2480	2600	2590
		Other	1860	2000	1960
Karnataka					
Bangalore	2708	Medium	4000	4500	4300
Chikkamagalore	3	Other	1900	1900	1900
Thirthahalli	2	Coarse	2458	2458	2458
Kerala					
Aroor	0.7	Basumathi	7000	7200	7100
		IR-8	2400	2600	2500
		Jaya	3200	3400	3300
		Other	3000	3200	3100
Chala	7	Other	2550	2900	2550
Manjeri	290	Other	2800	3800	3300
Mannar	10	IR-8	2800	3000	2900
		Other	3800	4000	3900
Perinthalmanna	2.5	Jaya	3000	3200	3100
		Other	2600	2800	2700
Meghalaya					
Shillong	0.4	Other	3400	3600	3500
Orissa					
Balugaon	20	Sona Mansoori Non Basmati	3000	3200	3100
Bhanjanagar	0.1	Common	2000	2200	2100
Bolangir	5.5	Other	2200	2300	2200
Bonai	0.3	Other	2200	2400	2400
Deogarh	9.5	Other	2000	3000	2500
Jajpur	NR	Other	2000	2800	2400

Jeypore	3.6	Common	300	330	325
Jeypore(Kotpad)	1.7	Common	3000	3300	3250
Jharsuguda	2	Other	2500	3500	3000
Nilagiri	11	Other	2200	2400	2300
Nimapara	4.5	Other	2000	2400	2200
Tileibani	3	Other	2000	3000	2500
Tusura	6	Other	2200	2300	2200
Tripura					
Bishalgarh	1.8	Fine	2800	3000	2900
		Masuri	2600	2800	2700
Melaghar	3.5	Coarse	2400	2550	2500
		Fine	3000	3100	3050
		Masuri	2600	2800	2700
Uttar Pradesh					
Achalda	37	III	NR	NR	2240
Ajuha	11	Other	NR	NR	2030
Allahabad	170	Other	NR	NR	2240
Auraiya	75	III	2240	2275	2260
Azamgarh	140	III	2040	2100	2080
Bahraich	110	III	2045	2075	2060
Balrampur	46	Other	1980	2020	2000
Barabanki	54	III	2000	2080	2060
Bareilly	268	Coarse	NR	NR	2210
Bharthna	70	III	NR	NR	2230
Bijnaur	8	III	NR	NR	2180
Bindki	43	Other	NR	NR	2225
Buland Shahr	11	III	1800	2100	2040
Chorichora	12	III	2025	2050	2035
Dadri	65	III	NR	NR	2135
Etawah	140	III	NR	NR	2250
Farukhabad	4	III	NR	NR	2180
Fatehpur	4	III	NR	NR	2210
Gazipur	34	III	2010	2030	2020

Gonda	65	III	2000	2050	2020
Jahanabad	11.5	Coarse	NR	NR	2120
Jasra	15	III	NR	NR	2080
Jaunpur	50	Coarse	1975	2075	2020
Kanpur(Grain)	300	III	NR	NR	2175
Kasganj	8	Coarse	2040	2070	2060
Lakhimpur	14	Other	2100	2200	2145
Lucknow	103	Coarse	2100	2250	2200
Mainpuri	66	Coarse	1880	2040	1990
Mawana	1	III	NR	NR	2150
Mirzapur	5	Other	1950	1990	1970
Muzzafarnagar	15	Common	NR	NR	2160
Naugarh	11.5	III	1920	1960	1940
Partaval	34	III	1870	1960	1910
Pratapgarh	37	III	2020	2070	2045
Pukhrayan	10	III	NR	NR	2185
Rura	4	III	NR	NR	2270
Saharanpur	58	III	NR	NR	2160
Sardhana	1.2	III	NR	NR	2155
Shahganj	NR	III	2000	2030	2010
Shahjahanpur	43	Other	2010	2050	2030
Siyana	2	III	1950	2150	2050
Sultanpur	300	Other	2000	2150	2060
Tilhar	1	Other	2080	2120	2100
Yusufpur	35	III	1950	2010	1985
Uttarakhand					
Gadarpur	1493	Other	2000	2100	2050
Vikasnagar	18.9	Other	1400	4500	4500
West Bengal					
Balarampur	2	Other	2120	2140	2130
Balurghat	26	Other	1960	2050	2000

Bankura Sadar	16	Other	2150	2300	2200
Bethuadahari	6	Fine	3100	3200	3150
Burdwan	268	Common	1760	1800	1780
		Fine	1880	1920	1900
Champadanga	10	Ratnachudi (718 5-749)	2450	2650	2550
Coochbehar	40	Coarse	2050	2200	2150
		Masuri	2950	3100	3050
Falakata	22	Common	1930	2030	1980
Guskara(Burdwan)	154	Fine	2060	2100	2080
Indus(Bankura Sadar)	50	Other	2200	2260	2230
Islampur	3	Other	2100	2200	2150
Kalimpong	1.3	Other	2100	2300	2200
Kalipur	114	Other	1900	2000	1950
		Sona Mansoori Non Basmati	1750	1850	1800
Kalna	85	Coarse (I.R.20)	1740	1760	1750
		Fine	1870	1890	1880
Karsiyang(Matigara)	1.6	Other	2100	2300	2200
Katwa	9	Other	2000	2200	2100
Mathabhanga	90	Common	1900	2000	1950
Medinipur(West)	14	Other	2280	2300	2300
Mekhliganj	23	Common	1850	1950	1875
		Fine	3100	3200	3150
Memari	155	Common	1760	1800	1780
		Fine	1880	1920	1900
Nadia	50	Fine	2950	3050	3000

Pandua	46	Ratnachudi (718 5-749)	2350	2550	2450
Pundibari	7	Coarse	2025	2125	2075
Purulia	48	Other	2100	2120	2100
Ramkrishanpur(Howrah)	20.8	Other	2400	2600	2500
		Sona Mansoori Non Basmati	2200	2400	2300
Ranaghat	6	Other	2300	2400	2350
Sheoraphuly	11	Ratnachudi (718 5-749)	2600	2700	2650
Uluberia	15	Other	2400	2600	2500
		Sona Mansoori Non Basmati	2200	2400	2300

(Arrivals and Prices in Rs/Qtl)
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