

Domestic Market Highlights:

Wholesale Prices for India as an average for second week of September traded weak by 5.6% and are currently hovering at Rs.2630-2640/quintal. Frail demand in previous week was the main reason for bearishness in rice price, however overall sentiments remain bullish in coming week.

Total rice stock in central pool stock as on September,01st 2015 is 16.31 million tonnes which is down by around 2 million tonnes from last month stock. Out of four zones, south and north zone are major with contribution of 50.49 lakh tonnes and 43.44 lakh tonnes respectively.

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.

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 14-2015	White Rice 5% Broken	White Rice 25% Broken
Gujarat	2554.48	2322.25
Andhra Pradesh	2534.23	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
Gannavaram	0.1	B P T	3500	4000	3750
Kandukur	0.1	B P T	3600	3700	3650
Kondapi	0.1	B P T	3600	3800	3700
Markapur	0.1	B P T	3600	3800	3700
Ongole	0.1	B P T	3700	3800	3720
Repalli	0.1	B P T	4000	4200	4100
Visakhapatnam	0.1	B P T	3500	3800	3700
Assam					
Cachar	40	Common	2400	2900	2700
		Fine	3000	3600	3200
		Other	2000	2500	2300
Dibrugarh	NR	Other	2200	2800	2500

Goalpara	91.2	Fine	3000	3800	3200
Hailakandi	4	Common	2400	2900	2700
		Fine	3000	3600	3200
		Other	2000	2500	2300
Howly	77.5	Broken Rice	1400	1500	1450
		Common	2000	2200	2100
		Fine	2700	2900	2800
		Super Fine	4750	4950	4800
Jorhat	25	Common	1950	3000	2800
Karimganj	20	Common	2100	2300	2200
Lanka	35	Medium	1700	1800	1750
North Lakhimpur	NR	Common	1800	2000	1900
		Fine	2600	2800	2700
		Super Fine	3000	4000	3500
Bihar					
Bhagalpur	NR	Other	3600	3800	3700
Kishanganj	NR	Other	2400	2800	2600
Gujarat					
Dahod	25.2	Coarse	3000	3400	3200
Jharkhand					
Gadhwah	NR	Other	2250	2800	2450
Godda	NR	Medium	3000	3200	3100
		Other	2200	2600	2400
Jamshedpur	NR	Fine	3610	3680	3640
		Medium	2200	2250	2230
Latehar	NR	Boiled Rice	1850	2000	1900
		Fine	2800	3000	2900
		Medium	2400	2600	2500
Lohardaga	18	Common	2000	2200	2150
		Fine	3000	3200	3150
		Medium	2200	2400	2360
Pakur	6	Fine	3043	3265	3157
Ranchi	NR	Coarse	1800	2300	2000
		Fine	3000	6000	3200
		Medium	2300	2800	2350
Karnataka					
Bangarpet	631	Broken Rice	1360	1720	1580
		Sarbati Raw	2580	3240	2620
Kollegal	6	Jaya	1600	1600	1600
Kerala					
Aroor	3	Basumathi	7200	7400	7300
		IR-8	2400	2600	2500
		Jaya	3000	3200	3100
		Other	3100	3300	3200
Chengannur	7	IR-8	2400	2800	2500
		Jaya	3200	3600	3300
Kondotty	25	Mataa Parboiled	2700	2900	2800
		Other	2550	2750	2650
Kottayam	10	Other	2900	3400	3300
Mannar	NR	IR-8	2800	3000	2900

		Jaya	3500	3700	3600
Maharashtra					
Bhivandi	10	1009 Kar	1950	2150	2050
Palghar	20	1009 Kar	2436	2850	2565
Meghalaya					
Shillong	0.5	Other	3400	3600	3500
Orissa					
Bhanjanagar	0.1	Common	2000	2200	2100
Bonai	0.3	Other	2200	2400	2400
Chandabali	85	Common	1400	1800	1600
Jajpur	NR	Other	2000	3000	2500
Jeypore	7.4	Common	300	330	325
Jeypore(Kotpad)	1.8	Common	3000	3300	3250
Junagarh	85.54	Other	2100	2200	2100
Karanjia	5.5	Common	2500	2700	2600
		Other	2400	2500	2450
Nilagiri	12	Other	2100	2500	2300
Udala	38	Other	1700	4400	2700
Tripura					
Taliamura	38	Masuri	2500	2700	2600
Uttar Pradesh					
Azamgarh	160	III	2030	2080	2050
Balrampur	42.5	Other	1995	2025	2010
Bareilly	290	Coarse	NR	NR	2180
Bijnaur	18	III	NR	NR	2190
Buland Shahr	12	III	NR	NR	2050
Dadri	45	III	NR	NR	2135
Divai	14	III	2020	2060	2040
Etawah	150	III	NR	NR	2255
Fatehpur	4.5	III	NR	NR	2225
Gazipur	45	III	1995	2035	2015
Ghaziabad	50	III	NR	NR	2165
Gonda	80	III	2000	2050	2025
Jasvantnagar	400	III	NR	NR	2265
Jaunpur	50	Coarse	1975	2075	2025
Mathura	60	III	NR	NR	2010
Mawana	1	III	NR	NR	2165
Meerut	34	III	NR	NR	2040
Mirzapur	5	Other	1960	2000	1980
Naugarh	16	III	1900	1975	1940
Partaval	30	III	1900	1960	1930
Pratapgarh	45	III	2010	2050	2030
Rampur	25	Other	2160	2175	2165
Saharanpur	55	III	NR	NR	2170
Sardhana	0.8	III	NR	NR	2155
Shahganj	NR	III	1980	2020	2000
Shahjahanpur	178	Other	2025	2080	2050
Sitapur	62	Coarse	2050	2200	2112
Unnao	5.5	III	2140	2200	2170
Varanasi(Grain)	360	Other	1950	2200	2000
Uttrakhand					

Gadarpur	1997	Other	1825	2800	2313
West Bengal					
Beldanga	33	Other	2300	2400	2350
Champadanga	14	Ratnachudi (718 5-749)	2400	2600	2500
Coochbehar	41	Coarse	2025	2200	2150
		Masuri	2950	3100	3025
Darjeeling	2.5	Parimal (New)	2600	2800	2700
Islampur	4	Other	2100	2200	2150
Jalpaiguri Sadar	23	Fine	2850	3080	3000
		Other	2150	2180	2170
		Super Fine	3550	3700	3600
Jangipur	71	Other	2080	2100	2090
Kalipur	108	Other	1900	2000	1950
		Sona Mansoori Non Basmati	1750	1850	1800
Karimpur	2	Other	3100	3200	3150
Karsiyang(Matigara)	1.8	Other	2100	2300	2200
Kasimbazar	32	Other	2300	2400	2350
Mathabhanga	90	Common	1900	2000	1950
Medinipur(West)	15	Other	2270	2300	2300
Pundibari	11	Coarse	2025	2100	2075
Raiganj	12	Other	2875	2930	2900
Samsi	500	Fine	2790	2820	2800
		H.Y.V.	2180	2230	2200
Sheoraphuly	9	Ratnachudi (718 5-749)	2600	2700	2650
Uluberia	15	Other	2400	2600	2500
		Sona Mansoori Non Basmati	2100	2300	2200

(Arrivals and Prices in Rs/Qtl)

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