

**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:

**Vietnam exported about 3.818 million tons of rice in first eight months of 2015, down about 10% from about 4.26 million tons of rice exported during same time last year, according to data from the Vietnam Food Association (VFA).** The average rice export price so far in this year stands at about \$417 per ton (FOB), down about 3% per ton from about \$431 per ton recorded during same last year. In August, 2015, Vietnam exported about 517,060 tons of rice, down about 18% from about 627,089 tons rice exported in August 2014, and down about 12% from about 589,323 tons rice exported in July 2015. The average export price in August stands at about \$434 per ton, up about 1% per ton from a year ago and up about 8% per ton from a month ago.

**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.

**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)
<b>Andhra Pradesh</b>					
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	3700	3800	3750
Ongole	0.1	B P T	3700	3800	3740
Visakhapatnam	0.1	B P T	3500	3800	3700
Assam					
Dhekiajuli	27	Common	1960	2200	2100
		Fine	2400	2600	2500
Jharkhand					
Daltenganj	NR	Other	2250	2400	2390
Gadhwah	NR	Other	2300	2900	2600
Godda	NR	Medium	3000	3200	3100
		Other	2200	2600	2400
Jamshedpur	NR	Fine	3640	3660	3650
		Medium	2500	2600	2560
Koderma	43	Fine	3300	3600	3500
		Medium	2400	2600	2500
		Motta (Coarse) Boiled	1500	1700	1600
Latehar	NR	Boiled Rice	1850	2000	1900
		Fine	2800	3000	2900
		Medium	2400	2600	2500
Lohardaga	18	Common	2000	2200	2150
		Fine	2900	3200	3000
		Medium	2200	2400	2350
Pakur	3.62	Fine	3053	3250	3171
Ranchi	NR	Coarse	1800	2300	2000
		Fine	3000	6000	3200
		Medium	2300	2800	2350
Saraikela	NR	Medium	2420	2600	2560
		Other	1850	2000	1940
Karnataka					
Bangalore	2163	Dappa	1500	1600	1550
		Fine	4000	4600	4300
Kolar	24	Fine	3500	4000	3775
Kerala					
Aroor	3	Basumathi	7200	7400	7300
		IR-8	2400	2600	2500
		Jaya	3200	3400	3300
		Other	3000	3200	3100
Chengannur	7	IR-8	2400	2800	2500
		Jaya	3200	3600	3300
Ernakulam	2	Jaya	3200	3250	3250
Mannar	10	IR-8	3000	3200	3100
		Other	4000	4200	4100
Maharashtra					
Mangaon	1	Other	1800	3500	2500

Palghar	57	1009 Kar	2005	2945	2352
Meghalaya					
Shillong	0.8	Other	3400	3600	3500
Orissa					
Bhanjanagar	0.1	Common	2000	2200	2100
Bolangir	5	Other	2200	2300	2200
Bonai	0.5	Other	2200	2400	2200
Deogarh	9	Other	2000	3000	2500
Jajpur	NR	Other	2000	3000	2500
Jeypore	1.6	Common	300	330	325
Jeypore(Kotpad)	1.9	Other	4000	4200	4100
Jharsuguda	3	Other	2800	3600	3000
Nilagiri	12	Other	2200	2500	2300
Tileibani	3	Other	2000	3000	2500
Tusura	5.5	Other	2200	2300	2200
Tripura					
Melaghar	3	Coarse	2400	2500	2450
		Fine	3000	3100	3050
		Masuri	2600	2700	2650
Uttar Pradesh					
Achalda	40	III	NR	NR	2250
Agra	52	III	NR	NR	2035
Aligarh	80	III	2100	2200	2150
Allahabad	180	Other	NR	NR	2250
Bahraich	110	III	2055	2080	2065
<b>Ballia</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>III</b>	<b>1950</b>	<b>2050</b>	<b>1980</b>
Bareilly	280	Coarse	NR	NR	2180
Basti	110	III	1900	2100	1975
Bindki	30	Other	NR	NR	2180
Buland Shahr	10	III	1800	2100	2050
Chorichora	8	III	2050	2075	2060
Dadri	55	III	NR	NR	2130
Devariya	50	III	2000	2050	2025
Etawah	160	III	NR	NR	2255
Farukhabad	5	III	NR	NR	2165
<b>Gazipur</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>III</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>2030</b>	<b>2015</b>
Gonda	90	III	2000	2050	2025
Hamirpur	8	Other	NR	NR	2100
Kasganj	22	Coarse	2040	2080	2060
Khaga	9	Coarse	NR	NR	2210
Khairagarh	14	III	2030	2070	2050
<b>Lakhimpur</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>Other</b>	<b>2100</b>	<b>2210</b>	<b>2150</b>
Lucknow	102	Coarse	2150	2300	2225
<b>Mainpuri</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>Coarse</b>	<b>1950</b>	<b>2080</b>	<b>2020</b>
Mirzapur	6	Other	1960	2000	1985
Partaval	25	III	1900	1960	1930
Pratapgarh	46	III	2010	2050	2030
Saharanpur	62	III	NR	NR	2175

Sardhana	0.8	III	NR	NR	2135
<b>Shahganj</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>III</b>	<b>1970</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>1990</b>
Sitapur	62	Coarse	2050	2200	2110
Siyana	2	III	1950	2150	2035
Soharatgarh	9.5	III	1900	1965	1930
Sultanpur	300	Other	2050	2100	2065
Vilthararoad	180	III	1950	2050	1970
Yusufpur	35	III	1950	2030	1990
<b>Uttrakhand</b>					
Gadarpur	823	Other	1431	1874	1653
Roorkee	30	Other	1575	1860	1575
<b>West Bengal</b>					
Bethuadahari	6	Fine	3100	3200	3150
<b>Champadanga</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>Ratnachudi (718 5-749)</b>	<b>2400</b>	<b>2600</b>	<b>2500</b>
Coochbehar	42.5	Coarse	2050	2200	2150
		<b>Masuri</b>	<b>2950</b>	<b>3100</b>	<b>3025</b>
Darjeeling	2.4	Parimal (New)	2600	2800	2700
Durgapur	136	Fine	2240	2280	2260
Garbeta(Medinipur)	28	Other	2280	2330	2300
Guskara(Burdwan)	159	Fine	2040	2080	2060
Haldibari	14	Fine	2600	2700	2650
Islampur	3.5	Other	2100	2200	2150
<b>Jalpaiguri Sadar</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>Fine</b>	<b>2875</b>	<b>3075</b>	<b>3000</b>
		Other	2150	2180	2170
		Super Fine	3550	3700	3600
Kalipur	110	Other	1900	2000	1950
		Sona Mansoori Non Basmati	1750	1850	1800
Karsiyang(Matigara)	1.6	Other	2100	2300	2200
Katwa	9	Other	2000	2200	2100
Kolaghat	13	Common	2300	2450	2400
		Fine	2600	2750	2700
Mathabhanga	80	Common	1900	2000	1950
<b>Medinipur(West)</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>Other</b>	<b>2250</b>	<b>2300</b>	<b>2300</b>
Memari	154	Common	1740	1780	1760
		Fine	1850	1890	1870
Nadia	50	Fine	2950	3050	3000
Pandua	52	Ratnachudi (718 5-749)	2350	2550	2450
Pundibari	9	Coarse	2025	2150	2075
Raiganj	12	Other	2875	2930	2900
Ramkrishanpur(Howrah)	20.1	Other	2400	2600	2500
		Sona Mansoori Non Basmati	2200	2400	2300

Ranaghat	5	Other	2300	2400	2350
Samsi	500	Fine	2780	2820	2800
		H.Y.V.	2180	2220	2200
Sheoraphuly	10	Ratnachudi (718 5-749)	2600	2700	2650
Tamluk (Medinipur E)	14	Common	2300	2450	2400
		Fine	2500	2650	2600
Uluberia	17	Other	2400	2600	2500
		Sona Mansoori Non Basmati	2100	2300	2200

**(Arrivals and Prices in Rs/Qtl)**
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