

Domestic Market Highlights:

Wholesale basmati rice prices in Delhi increased by about Rs.300 per quintal recently due to increased demand from stockiest but lower supplies. Prices of common basmati rice increased to around Rs.5, 000-Rs.5, 400 per quintal from around Rs.5, 000-5,100 per quintal. Prices of Pusa 1121 increased to around Rs.4, 200-5,000 per quintal from around Rs.4, 100-4,800 per. Farmers' unwillingness to sell basmati paddy at low prices to millers is understood to be resulting in fewer supplies of milled rice in the markets. As per traders feedback, pulses stockiest shifted from pulses to rice business due to lower rice and higher pulses prices. New entrance in rice market as stockiest remained active during last two months and it encouraged rice price suddenly in the open market despite normal domestic and export demand.

Rice procurement by Food Corporation of India (FCI) and state government-owned agencies in the kharif marketing season 2015-16 has procured 12.22 million tonnes which is up by 25% (9.7 million tonnes in 2014-15) from last year. As per the latest data, out of the total rice equivalent of paddy procurement in Punjab, the agencies have purchased 8.3 mt of rice from the farmers till now against 7.5 mt of rice was purchased during the same period last year. The rice procurement in states like Chhattisgarh, Odisha, West Bengal and Assam would commence at the end of next month.

Rice prices are expected to move up in coming months as stock is depleting and kharif production prospects too look not so sound. As of now prices are ruling lower. However emerging scenario points towards firmness, Kharif rice production is estimated at 90.61 million tonnes in 2015-16 crop years. As major growing states are facing deficit rainfall, estimated production is unlikely to turn into a reality now.

Besides, higher export volume and supply for PDS (Public Distribution System) and other welfare schemes will continue to weigh on availability in the open market. All these developments may lend support to cash market fundamentals.

Wholesale Prices for India as an average for first week of November traded slightly firm by 0.46% and are currently hovering at Rs.2670-2675/quintal. We expect non-basmati rice market to move range bound in coming week. Sluggish trading activities are being expected due to continuous holidays this week. Fresh trade may be expected from next week. No major developments in bench mark markets have been reported.

Aromatic rice monthly average prices in the first week of November were registered at Rs.3700/quintal (1121 Sela) and Rs.4800/quintal (Steam). We expect price of 1121 varieties to move range bound in coming week.

Despite ban imposed by Iran on aromatic rice import Indian basmati rice continued to enter into Iran Market through UAE. Notably, world powers had agreed to lift sanctions on Iran four months ago and after this Dubai has emerged the new stopover for India's basmati rice exports to Iran. According to market experts Indian aromatic rice export volume has suddenly increased from Ave of 15000 T to Around 80,000 T now. Normalcy in trading conditions has given Indian basmati rice exporters the opportunity to use ports in Dubai to ship basmati rice to Iran.

Government procurement of MY 2015/16 rice under the minimum support price is significantly ahead of last year due to the timely harvest of rice unlike last year where harvest was delayed by about two weeks due to October rains. Government procurement through October 25, 2015, is estimated at 6.54 MMT compared to 5.05 MMT during the corresponding period of MY 2014/15. Most of the procurement is currently limited to the northern states, but will gradually spread to other parts of the country from November onwards as harvest progresses. Based on the production and procurement estimates suggested by various states, the government has set the MY 2015/16 kharif rice procurement target of 30 MMT compared to MY 2014/15 kharif rice procurement of 25.3 MMT (target 30.1 MMT).

As per Agriwatch second preliminary estimates after final Kharif sowing ,Indian rice production (including rabi) is expected to down by 4-5% from last year production of 104.5 million tonnes to 99-100 million tonnes in KMS 2015-16 due to lower area and lower rainfall in major growing states. Average rice price is likely to trade steady even with harvesting season starts, due to lower production estimates and lower carryover stock.

Price Outlook:-Average Rice price in all India is likely to reel under pressure with beginning of new arrival.

International Market Highlight:

Unofficial preliminary rice exports (excluding premium white and fragrant rice) for November 2-8, 2015 totaled 49,877 metric tons, down 47,941 metric tons from the previous week, and down 31,621 metric tons from the four-week moving average of 81,498 metric tons. Rice exports (excluding premium white and fragrant rice) from January 1 – November 8, 2015, totaled 3,732,422 metric tons, down 18 percent from the same period last year. Total Thai rice exports from January to September 2015 totaled 6.6 million metric tons, down 13 percent from the same period last year.

According to the Guyana Rice Development Board (GRDB), Guyana has exported around 437,448 tons of rice in the first ten months (January - October) of 2015, up about 6% from around 412,228 tons exported during the same period last year.

Rice exporters in Cambodia are not happy with local export policy as they are paying higher tax per container in comparison to Vietnam & Thailand. They pay \$50 per container higher for export as tax. Higher port and container cost would derail export target of 1 MMT for the country. A group of Analysts opined that the target would be possible only if the country successfully sort out issues like blocking competitiveness, including high costs related to transportation.

According to the UN's Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), Pakistan basmati rice export prices have declined for second consecutive month after increasing in August 2015. The decline can be attributed to increasing supplies from the current harvest, lack of export demand as well as surging stocks. Pakistan rice exporters reportedly hold around 500,000 tons of basmati rice from last season. In October 2015, Pakistan's basmati rice export prices have declined by about 23% to around \$661 per ton from around \$855 per ton in September 2015, and down about 54% from their year-ago levels of around \$1,435 per ton. Unlikely, Indian FOB in the month of October moved up from last month and currently is in the range of USD 820-825/MT which is up by around 3.86% from last month price.

Iran may do away with ban on aromatic rice import from Pakistan. However, prevailing condition is not in favor of Pakistan. If ban is lifted Pakistan would not be able to grab opportunity again as the decision will remain ineffective until proper currency transfer arrangements between the two countries are made. Pak Rice association chairman says that an effective and trusted formal banking channel of currency transfer and Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP) Certificates by Iran government for Pakistani exporters can revive rice export from Pakistan. Under current condition India is taking advantage of preferential exchange rate due to availability of official channel against Pakistani exporters.

The IGC forecasts 2015-16 global rice trade at around 42 million tons, unchanged from the previous year's 42 million tons as well as its previous estimate of around 42 million tons. Thailand is projected to be the world's leading exporter in 2016.

Rice Prices in Various Markets:

Nov-20-2015	White Rice 5% Broken	White Rice 25% Broken
Gujarat	2340.25	2245.00
Andhra Pradesh	2320.00	2145.50

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	4050	4100	4070
Chirala	0.1	B P T	3900	4000	3950
Divi	0.1	B P T	3500	3600	3500
Kandukur	0.1	B P T	3600	3800	3700
Kondapi	0.1	B P T	3800	4000	3900
Markapur	0.1	B P T	3900	4000	3950
Narasaraopet	0.1	B P T	4000	4200	4100
Ongole	0.1	B P T	3900	4200	4000
Polavaram	NR	Sona	3400	3600	3500
Repalli	0.1	B P T	4200	4400	4300
Assam					
Bohorihat	17	Coarse	2000	2200	2100
		Fine	2700	3150	2925
Dhekiajuli	20	Common	1900	2100	2000
		Fine	2300	2600	2500
Dhing	89	Common	1700	2000	1800
		Fine	3500	4000	3800
Goalpara	46.7	Fine	3000	3800	3200
Hailakandi	4	Common	2400	2900	2700
		Fine	3000	3600	3200
		Other	2000	2500	2300
Karimganj	NR	Common	2200	2300	2250
Lanka	45	Medium	1700	1750	1725
Nalbari	NR	Fine	2700	3100	2900
		Super Fine	3400	3800	3600
North Lakhimpur	10.3	Common	1800	2000	1900

		Fine	2600	2800	2700
		Super Fine	3000	4000	3500
P.O. Uparhali Guwahati	60	Common	1800	2400	2100
		Fine	2100	3500	2800
		Super Fine	3400	14000	8700
Silapathar	4.5	Fine	2500	3500	3000
		Medium	2100	2300	2200
Srirampur	200	Common	2950	3200	2980
Bihar					
Bhagalpur	NR	Other	3600	3800	3700
Kishanganj	NR	Other	2600	2900	2800
Nawada	NR	Other	2000	2200	2100
Gujarat					
Dahod	79.7	Coarse	3400	3800	3600
Jambusar	NR	Other	2750	4750	3750
Jambusar(Kaavi)	NR	Other	2750	4750	3750
Jammu and Kashmir					
Jammu (Grain Mandi)	NR	Basmatibar (Raw/Old)	7500	8000	7750
Jharkhand					
Bokaro (Chas)	NR	Other	2540	2850	2670
Daltenganj	NR	Other	2290	2400	2390
Godda	NR	Medium	2200	2600	2400
		Other	1800	2000	1900
Lohardaga	25	Common	1800	2000	1900
		Fine	2900	3400	3100
		Medium	2100	2400	2200
Ranchi	NR	Coarse	1760	2080	1925
		Fine	2900	6100	3080
		Medium	2100	2825	2200
Saraikela	NR	Medium	2420	2600	2580
		Other	1870	2000	1990
Karnataka					
Bangalore	2354	Medium	4000	4300	4100
Bangarpet	390	Broken Rice	1520	1800	1620
		Sarbati Raw	2560	2980	2820
Chintamani	63	Broken Rice	1750	1950	1850

		Hansa	2400	2700	2600
		Sona	3250	4850	4400
Kerala					
Aroor	4	Basumathi	6800	7000	6900
		IR-8	2400	2600	2500
		Jaya	2900	3100	3000
		Other	2800	3000	2900
Chengannur	NR	IR-8	2400	2800	2600
		Jaya	3200	3600	3300
Cherthala	12	IR-8	2250	2400	2300
		Jaya	3250	3400	3300
		Other	3650	3800	3700
Mannar	10	IR-8	3000	3200	3100
		Jaya	4500	4700	4600
		Other	6000	6200	6100
Maharashtra					
Kolhapur(Laxmipuri)	20	1009 Kar	2000	5000	3500
Solapur	5	Other	2100	5150	3575
Manipur					
Bishenpur	1	Other	2900	2900	2900
Imphal	8.5	Other	NR	2900	2900
Lamlong Bazaar	1	Other	NR	2900	2900
Thoubal	1.3	Other	2600	2600	2600
Meghalaya					
Shillong	1	Other	3400	3600	3500
Orissa					
Balugaon	20	Sona Mansoori Non Basmati	3000	3200	3100
Bhanjanagar	0.1	Common	2000	2200	2100
Bolangir	6	Other	2200	2300	2200
Bonai	0.5	Other	2200	2200	2200
Karanjia	5	Common	2800	3000	2900
		Other	2600	2800	2700
Nimapara	4.5	Other	2000	2400	2200
Tusura	7	Other	2200	2300	2200
Punjab					
Malout	450	Basmati	1850	2361	2200

		Paddy			
Muktsar	7	Basmati Paddy	4000	6000	5000
Tripura					
Taliamura	30	Masuri	2600	2800	2700
Uttar Pradesh					
Ballia	250	III	1960	2100	1985
Balrampur	28.5	Other	2070	2120	2100
Banda	23	III	NR	NR	2190
Baraut	16	III	NR	NR	2065
Basti	190	III	2000	2150	2070
Bijnaur	15	III	NR	NR	2240
Buland Shahr	10	III	NR	NR	2035
Chhibramau(Kannuj)	20	III	2100	2300	2200
Chorichora	50	III	2050	2085	2070
Dadri	45	III	NR	NR	2060
Farukhabad	18	III	NR	NR	2225
Fatehpur	6	III	NR	NR	2240
Firozabad	20	III	NR	NR	2140
Gazipur	32	III	2015	2035	2025
Gonda	79	III	2000	2200	2120
Gulavati	3	III	2000	2140	2080
Jahanabad	16	Coarse	NR	NR	2150
Khairagarh	13	III	NR	NR	2030
Khatauli	NR	III	1950	2040	2000
Lakhimpur	10	Other	2050	2250	2150
Lucknow	168	Coarse	1900	2000	1960
Mawana	1	III	NR	NR	2025
Mirzapur	6.5	Other	1960	2030	1995
Muzzafarnagar	2.7	Common	NR	NR	4250
Saharanpur	132	III	NR	NR	2000
Sardhana	1	III	NR	NR	2060
Shahganj	NR	III	1970	2030	2000
Shahjahanpur	7787.3	Other	2100	2125	2110
Sirsa	27.5	III	NR	NR	2000
Siyana	2	III	NR	NR	2040
Tilhar	101.6	Other	2120	2170	2150

Yusufpur	12	III	1930	2000	1965
Uttrakhand					
Gadarpur	2934	Other	1700	2100	1900
Ramnagar	133	Common	1540	2000	1770
West Bengal					
Alipurduar	17.5	Common	2150	2250	2200
		Fine	3150	3250	3200
Balarampur	2	Other	2130	2150	2140
Balurghat	23	Other	1850	1950	1900
Beldanga	37.5	Other	2100	2200	2150
Bishnupur(Bankura)	115	Masuri	1870	1930	1900
		Other	2250	2350	2300
Bolpur	200	Fine	2050	2150	2100
		Other	1800	1900	1850
Chakdah	28	Other	2950	2950	2950
Champadanga	18	Ratnachudi (718 5-749)	2450	2600	2500
Darjeeling	2	Parimal (New)	2700	2900	2800
Haldibari	12	Fine	2400	2500	2450
Islampur	3.1	Other	2100	2200	2150
Jalpaiguri Sadar	24	Fine	2750	2850	2825
		Other	1875	1950	1925
		Super Fine	3675	3875	3730
Kaliaganj	14	Other	2570	2650	2600
Kalipur	110	Other	1950	2050	2000
		Sona Mansoori Non Basmati	1700	1850	1800
Karimpur	3	Other	3100	3200	3150
Kasipur	0.8	Other	2240	2240	2240
Khatra	38	Other	2250	2350	2300
Mathabhanga	160	Common	1800	1900	1850
Medinipur(West)	14	Other	2270	2280	2280
Purulia	52	Other	2120	2140	2130
Raiganj	16	Other	2650	2740	2700
Ramkrishanpur(Howrah)	18.3	Other	2300	2500	2400

		Sona Mansoori Non Basmati	1800	2000	1900
Samsi	500	Fine	2790	2820	2800
		H.Y.V.	1790	1820	1800
Uluberia	20	Other	2400	2600	2500
		Sona Mansoori Non Basmati	2100	2300	2200

(Arrivals and Prices in Rs/Qtl)

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