

**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)
<b>Andhra Pradesh</b>					
Addanki	NR	B P T	4050	4100	4080
Divi	0.1	B P T	3500	3600	3500
Gannavaram	NR	B P T	3500	4000	3750
Kandukur	0.1	B P T	3600	3800	3700
Kondapi	0.1	B P T	3800	4000	3900
Machilipatnam	NR	B P T	3600	3700	3650
		Coarse	2200	2400	2300
Markapur	0.1	B P T	3900	4000	3950
Nandyal	0.1	Sona Fine	3200	3300	3250
Ongole	0.1	B P T	4100	4200	4130
Parchur	NR	B P T	4100	4200	4150
Tadepalligudem	NR	Sona	3600	3800	3700
Visakhapatnam	0.1	B P T	3600	3800	3700
<b>Assam</b>					
Cachar	50	Common	2400	2900	2700
		Fine	3000	3600	3200
		Other	2000	2500	2300
Dhekiajuli	25	Common	1900	2100	2000
		Fine	2300	2700	2500
Dhing	85	Common	1700	2000	1800
		Fine	3500	4000	3800
Gauripur	42	Fine	3500	5500	4500
		Other	1800	3000	2700
Hailakandi	4	Common	2400	2900	2700
		Fine	3000	3600	3200
		Other	2000	2500	2300

Karimganj	NR	Common	2200	2300	2250
Lanka	40	Common	1700	1750	1725
Nalbari	96	Common	1900	2100	2000
		Fine	2700	3100	2900
		Super Fine	3400	3800	3600
North Lakhimpur	13	Common	1800	2000	1900
		Fine	2600	2800	2700
		Super Fine	3000	4000	3500
P.O. Uparhali Guwahati	67	Common	1800	2400	2100
		Fine	2100	3500	2800
		Super Fine	3400	14000	8700
Silapathar	35	Fine	2500	3500	3000
		Medium	2100	2300	2200
Tinsukia	15	Medium	2300	2500	2400
<b>Bihar</b>					
Kishanganj	NR	Other	2600	3000	2800
Nawada	NR	Other	2000	2200	2100
<b>Gujarat</b>					
Dahod	28.7	Coarse	3400	3800	3700
Jambusar	NR	Other	2750	4750	3750
Jambusar(Kaavi)	NR	Other	2750	4500	3750
<b>Jammu and Kashmir</b>					
Jammu (Grain Mandi)	NR	Basmatibar (Raw/Old)	7500	8000	7750
<b>Jharkhand</b>					
Daltenganj	NR	Other	2210	2400	2310
Godda	NR	Medium	2200	2600	2400
		Other	1800	2000	1900
Latehar	NR	Boiled Rice	1900	2000	1950
		Fine	3100	3300	3200
		Medium	2500	2700	2600
Lohardaga	NR	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
<b>Karnataka</b>					
Chamaraj Nagar	2	Other	3000	3300	3200

<b>Kerala</b>					
Mannar	10	IR-8	2800	3000	2900
		Jaya	4500	4700	4600
		Other	6500	6700	6600
Thodupuzha	70	IR-8	2300	2600	2600
		Mataa Parboiled	3000	3400	3200
<b>Maharashtra</b>					
Kolhapur(Laxmipuri)	25	1009 Kar	2000	5000	3500
<b>Manipur</b>					
Bishenpur	1.1	Other	2900	2900	2900
Imphal	8.4	Other	NR	2900	2900
Lamlong Bazaar	1.2	Other	NR	2900	2900
<b>Orissa</b>					
Balugaon	20	Sona Mansoori Non Basmati	3000	3200	3100
Bhawanipatna	7.4	Other	2500	2500	2500
Bonai	0.5	Other	2200	2200	2200
Deogarh	9	Other	2000	3000	2500
Jajpur	NR	Other	2000	3000	2500
Karanjia	6	Common	2800	3000	2900
		Other	2600	2800	2700
Nilagiri	15	Other	2300	2500	2400
Nimapara	4.5	Other	2000	2400	2200
Rahama	3.55	Other	2000	3500	2300
<b>Punjab</b>					
Jagraon	387	Other	1450	2340	2100
<b>Tripura</b>					
Bishalgarh	2.2	Fine	2800	3000	2900
		Masuri	2400	2600	2500
<b>Uttar Pradesh</b>					
Achalda	45	III	NR	NR	2270
Agra	41	III	NR	NR	2220
Ajuha	10.5	Other	NR	NR	2100
Allahabad	67.5	Other	NR	NR	2200
Auraiya	55	III	NR	NR	2240
Baberu	9	Other	1975	2150	2100
Badayoun	1	Other	2225	2325	2275
Bahraich	125	III	2060	2100	2085

Ballia	190	III	1950	2100	1990
Balrampur	36	Other	2080	2125	2100
Barabanki	68	III	2030	2150	2080
Baraut	NR	III	NR	NR	2065
Bareilly	285	Coarse	NR	NR	2225
Basti	220	III	2000	2150	2070
Bharthna	700	III	NR	NR	2230
Bijnaur	NR	III	NR	NR	2240
Bilsi	120	Other	2210	2310	2265
Chhibramau(Kannuj)	17	III	2150	2300	2210
Chorichora	60	III	2050	2075	2060
Dadri	50	III	NR	NR	2050
Etah	16	Other	1950	2050	2000
Etawah	950	III	NR	NR	2250
Farukhabad	22.5	III	NR	NR	2210
Fatehpur	5	III	NR	NR	2250
Firozabad	18	III	NR	NR	2150
Gazipur	34	III	2005	2045	2025
Ghaziabad	80	III	NR	NR	2060
Gonda	82	III	2050	2200	2120
Gulavati	2	III	2000	2100	2080
Haldaur	55	Other	NR	NR	2250
Jahanabad	15	Coarse	NR	NR	2140
Jasra	18	III	NR	NR	2050
Jasvantnagar	1550	III	NR	NR	2230
Kannauj	10	III	NR	NR	2175
Kanpur(Grain)	350	III	NR	NR	2125
Kasganj	12	Coarse	1980	2000	1990
Khatauli	2	Other	1950	2045	2000
Lakhimpur	11	Coarse	2000	2200	2145
Lucknow	182	Coarse	1900	2000	1945
Mathura	320	III	NR	NR	2050
Mawana	1.2	III	NR	NR	2070
Meerut	26	III	NR	NR	2030
Muzzafarnagar	40	Common	NR	NR	2020
Naugarh	14	III	2000	2060	2030
Orai	15	Other	NR	NR	2000
Partaval	30	III	2000	2050	2025
Pilibhit	900	Coarse	2175	2205	2190

Pukhrayan	15	III	NR	NR	2065
Raath	4.5	III	1550	1775	1650
Raibareilly	12	Other	2000	2050	2025
Rampur	21	Other	NR	NR	2160
Rura	6.5	III	NR	NR	2190
Saharanpur	140	III	NR	NR	2000
Shahganj	5	III	1980	2040	2010
Shahjahanpur	2359.4	Other	2100	2125	2110
Shikohabad	9.5	Other	NR	NR	2050
Sirsa	28	III	NR	NR	2015
Sitapur	95	Coarse	2050	2200	2120
Siyana	2.5	III	NR	NR	2035
Sultanpur	400	Other	2050	2150	2100
Varanasi(Grain)	400	Other	1950	2000	1990
Yusufpur	30	III	1930	2000	1965
<b>Uttarakhand</b>					
Ramnagar	16	Common	1871	1871	1871
<b>West Bengal</b>					
Islampur	3	Other	2100	2200	2150
Kalimpong	1.4	Other	2250	2450	2350
Nadia	50	Fine	2900	3000	2950
Samsi	500	Fine	2790	2820	2800
		H.Y.V.	1790	1820	1800
Sealdah Koley Market	62.8	Fine	2100	2200	2200
Sheoraphuly	12	Ratnachudi (718 5-749)	2450	2650	2550

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

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