Domestic Market Highlights:

Sowing of Rabi crop continued to be lower than last year, with preliminary reports from the States placing the total area sown at 370.28 lakh hectares (lh), as on December 4, against 438.77 lh in the same period last year. Sowing/transplanting of rice was done in only 8.70 lakh hectare compared with 11.15 lakh hectare in the same period last year.Rabi rice area down by around 22% from corresponding period last year till 4th December 2015.

In Punjab International Trade Expo(PITEX) SAARC countries delegates have evinced interest in basmati rice and may order for the same in coming weeks.The PITEX is being organized by the PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry.A delegate from Bhutan says that he is in negotiation stage.The quality of rice is good but the price is little higher. If the understanding develops, he can develop long-term partnerships with traders in Amritsar.

Wholesale Prices for India as an average for first week of December traded steady to firm by 0.80% and are currently hovering at Rs.2655-2660/quintal. We expect non-basmati rice market to move range bound with firm tone in coming week. India average wholesale rice prices, which declined in October 2015 with the beginning of the kharif (June-December) rice harvest, have increased in November on concerns of lower output due to El Nino-induced below average monsoon rains in many rice-growing areas.

Total Rice exported from India in the last week of November was 175045.09 tonnes out of which basmati rice contributes 37.56%, and non-basmati rice is 62.43% in this month with quantity of around 65761 tonnes and 109283 tonnes respectively as per latest data extract from IBIS. Major importers for Indian Basmati rice in this period were Iran, Saudi Arabia and UAE. We expect Middle East countries to remain the major basmati buyers for Indian Basmati from Mundra, kandla and Kainada Port in coming months. On the other hand Ivory Cost, Senegal and Benin were the top importers for Indian non basmati rice in this period.

Indian FOB for 1121 steam in the month of November moved up from last month and currently is in the range of USD 840-845/MT which is up by around 2.36% from last month price. Demand from international market push the price upward in recent weeks. On the other hand Pakistani basmati price have declined for third consecutive month in November 2015 after increasing in August 2015, according to the UN's Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO). Currently Pakistani basmati FOB is hover in the range of USD 621/MT which is down by 6.05% from last month FOB of USD 661/MT. 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. They have been urging the government to intervene in the export market and support them.

Saudi Arabia continues to be the largest importer of rice from India, importing more than Iran during the first six months of 2015-16. Saudi Arabia imported 598,001 tonnes of rice during the April-September period, as against Iran which imported 361,474 tonnes of rice valued at $319.71 million. Besides Saudi Arabia and Iran, other rice importers include the UAE, Iraq and Kuwait.

Wholesale Prices for India as an average for fourth week of November traded steady to firm by 0.75% and are currently hovering at Rs.2650-2655/quintal. We expect non-basmati rice market to move range bound with firm tone in coming week.

Aromatic rice monthly average prices in the fourth week of November were firmed from last week and currently move with Rs.5300/quintal (1121 Sela) and Rs.6200/quintal (Steam). We expect price of 1121 varieties to move range bound with firm tone in coming week.

Throughout the month of November basmati rice prices have seen a robust growth. A month ago 1121 Steam rice price was Rs. 5000/quintal and now it is 24% up from last month and 35% up from last week and currently hovers in the range of Rs.6200/quintal. The major reason is the shift of pulses stockiest from pulses to rice business due to lower rice and higher pulses prices. New entrants in rice market as stockiest remained active during last two months and it encouraged rice price in the open market despite normal domestic and export demand. Overseas and domestic demands are normal and lower stocks too push the price northward.

Total non-basmati Rice export in the month of Oct -15 was 338918.07 tonnes. Mundra Sea, Vizag, and Kolkata Sea were the major ports for non-basmati rice export during this period.Total basmati Rice export in the month of Oct-15 was 294943.40 tonnes. Mundra Sea, Kandla Sea and Loni ICD, were the major port for basmati rice export center during this period.

Price Outlook:-Average Rice price in all India is likely to trade steady with firm tone due to higher demand and tight supply.

International Market Highlight:

Vietnam's rice exports between January and November had year-on-year increase of 3.6 percent in volume, but a 4.9 percent annual decrease in value. Rice exports in the first nine months reached 6.24 million tons, fetching US$2.65 billion in total. Shipments in October and November were sharply increases compared to previous months, citing new contracts signed with the Philippines and Indonesia in October as the main reason. Under the contracts that will expire in March next year, Vietnam is set to export 450,000 tons of rice to the Philippines and one million tons to Indonesia. The contracts may bring the total rice exports in 2015 to 6.8 million tons, while the estimated figure released in September was only 6.02 million tons. The Vietnam Food Association cut the minimum price of exported rice twice, in May and September.

The global price of Hom Mali fragrant rice has dropped to the lowest in six years as growers sell their grain direct to millers-cum-exporters instead of joining a state-run bank's scheme to increase rice prices. Currently Hom Mali rice is hovering at US$720-730 per tonne, compared with its previous peak of USD 1200 per tonne and $810-820 per tonne for Cambodian fragrant rice. High yield from Hom Mali rice could be one major reason for price falling. It is expected that Global price had bottomed out because orders should increase in mid-December to meet demand during the Chinese New Year.

Asian rice markets saw little movement over the past week due to thin demand, while tight supply kept prices high in Vietnam and purchases by China and some Middle East clients failed to move up Thai prices. As per trader's feedback, Vietnamese prices are high and they won't decrease as supply is tight. China, the biggest buyer of Vietnamese rice, imported 199,350 tonnes from its southern neighbor in October, up 81 percent from a year ago, this brought China's total purchases from Vietnam in the first 10 months of 2015 to nearly 1.6 million tonnes, up 42 percent from a year ago. Overall, Vietnam's rice exports in January-November rose 3.6 percent from a year ago to 6.24 million tonnes,

The Philippines' imports of additional volumes of rice in 2016 will be "much lower" than the initial estimate of 1.3 million tonnes due to better-than-expected domestic output. Lesser purchases by the Philippines, one of the world's biggest rice buyers, could knock export prices in Vietnam and Thailand, the country's main suppliers.

The UN's Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO) forecasts that Pakistan 2015 paddy rice production at around 9.9 million tons, down about 6% from around 10.502 million tons in 2014. The FAO aspects the decline to a 5% decline in area planted in response to large stocks and high production costs. The lower production estimates could keep the price in the range bound in coming months.

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:

Dec-05-2015	White Rice 5% Broken	White Rice 25% Broken
Gujarat	2368.56	2201.76
Andhra Pradesh	2348.31	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	4050	4100	4080
Divi	0.1	B P T	3400	3500	3400
Gannavaram	NR	B P T	3500	4000	3750
Ichapuram	16	Rice Floor	2500	3000	2800
Kandukur	0.1	B P T	3800	4000	3900
Kondapi	0.1	B P T	3800	4000	3900
Markapur	0.1	B P T	3900	4000	3950
Nandyal	0.1	Sona Fine	4200	4300	4250
Ongole	0.1	B P T	4000	4100	4020
Polavaram	NR	Sona	3000	3600	3400
Proddatur	NR	Masuri	4000	4100	4050
Repalli	0.1	B P T	4200	4400	4300
Assam					
Bohorihat	12	Coarse	2000	2200	2100
		Fine	2800	3300	3000
Cachar	20	Common	2400	2900	2700
		Fine	3000	3600	3200
		Other	2000	2500	2300
Dhekiajuli	22	Common	1800	2100	1980
		Fine	2340	2600	2500
Dhing	82	Common	1600	2000	1800
		Fine	3200	3600	3500
Dibrugarh	NR	Other	2200	2900	2550
Gauripur	53	Fine	3500	5500	4500
Howly	101	Broken Rice	1400	1500	1450
		Common	1700	2000	1900
		Fine	2600	2800	2700
		Super Fine	4600	5000	4800

Karimganj	40	Common	2000	2100	2050
Lanka	50	Common	1700	1750	1725
North Lakhimpur	17	Common	1800	2000	1900
		Fine	2600	2800	2700
		Super Fine	3000	4000	3500
P.O. Uparhali Guwahati	70.5	Common	1800	2400	2100
		Fine	2100	3500	2800
		Super Fine	3400	14000	8700
Silapathar	30	Fine	2500	3500	3000
Tinsukia	15	Common	2200	2350	2250
		Super Fine	2800	3200	3000
Bihar					
Bihariganj	NR	Other	3000	5000	4000
Nawada	NR	Other	1900	2100	2000
Gujarat					
Jambusar	NR	Other	3200	4000	3800
Jambusar(Kaavi)	NR	Other	3000	4000	3500
Jammu and Kashmir					
Jammu (Grain Mandi)	NR	Basmatibar (Raw/Old)	7500	8000	7750
Jharkhand					
Daltenganj	NR	Other	2260	2400	2310
Gadhwah	NR	Other	2250	2900	2500
Jamshedpur	NR	Fine	4000	4150	4100
		Medium	3600	3800	3700
Lohardaga	NR	Common	1600	1800	1750
		Fine	2800	3200	3000
		Medium	2000	2200	2100
Ramgarh	32	Other	2400	2800	2600
Sahebganj	1.2	Fine	2400	2800	2600
		Medium	1700	2100	1900
Saraikela	NR	Medium	2450	2600	2590
		Other	1880	2000	1950
Karnataka					
Bangalore	2562	Medium	4000	4400	4200
Bangarpet	220	Broken Rice	1520	1850	1680
		Sarbati Raw	2450	2980	2850
Kerala					

Chengannur	10	IR-8	2450	2800	2500
		Jaya	3200	3500	3200
Thodupuzha	70	IR-8	2300	2600	2600
		Mataa Parboiled	3500	4000	3800
Maharashtra					
Alibagh	4	Other	3000	4000	3500
Kolhapur(Laxmipuri)	30	1009 Kar	2100	3900	3000
Mangaon	1	Other	1800	3500	2800
Murud	3	Other	2500	3000	2750
Palghar	40	1009 Kar	1825	2700	1950
Pen	1	Other	3550	6050	4080
Manipur					
Bishenpur	4	Other	2400	2400	2400
Imphal	4.9	Other	NR	2700	2700
Lamlong Bazaar	1.6	Other	NR	2700	2700
Thoubal	4.6	Other	2500	2500	2500
Meghalaya					
Jowai	2.4	Other	2500	3000	2700
Shillong	0.8	Other	3400	3600	3500
Orissa					
Bampada	10	Other	2400	3000	2500
Barikpur	10	Common	2300	3000	2400
		Other	2400	3200	2500
Deogarh	9.5	Other	2000	3000	2500
Jajpur	5	Other	1800	2600	2200
Jeypore	1.2	Other	4000	4300	4200
Jeypore(Kotpad)	1	Common	3000	3300	3250
Jhumpura	NR	Other	1800	2400	2000
Junagarh	74.16	Other	2100	2200	2100
Kalahandi(Dharamagarh)	41.94	Other	2100	2200	2100
Nilagiri	15	Other	2300	2500	2400
Nimapara	6.5	Other	2000	2400	2200
Rahama	2.55	Other	2000	3500	2300
Udala	36	Other	1800	4500	2800
Punjab					
Bariwala	90	Basmati Paddy	2000	2365	2320
Uttar Pradesh					
Agra	61	III	NR	NR	2220

Allahabad	220	Other	NR	NR	2100
Azamgarh	203.5	III	2060	2100	2075
Bahraich	139	III	2065	2100	2085
Ballia	220	III	1950	2100	2000
Balrampur	24.5	Other	2080	2110	2095
Baraut	30	III	NR	NR	2040
Bareilly	163.5	Coarse	NR	NR	2180
Bindki	90	Other	NR	NR	2250
Buland Shahr	10	III	NR	NR	2040
Faizabad	100	III	2075	2125	2100
Fatehpur	3.5	III	NR	NR	2220
Firozabad	15	III	NR	NR	2160
Ghaziabad	80	III	NR	NR	2065
Gorakhpur	380	III	NR	NR	2080
Jasra	16	III	NR	NR	2000
Jaunpur	55	Coarse	1925	2025	1970
Jhansi	5	Other	2000	2200	2100
Kasganj	32	Coarse	1830	1870	1850
Khairagarh	12	III	NR	NR	2000
Lakhimpur	14	Other	2050	2200	2120
Lucknow	125	Coarse	2000	2100	2060
Mathura	250	III	NR	NR	2000
Mirzapur	9	Other	1950	2060	1980
Muradabad	18	III	NR	NR	2210
Pilibhit	800	Coarse	2170	2205	2185
Pukhrayan	17	III	NR	NR	2075
Saharanpur	90	III	NR	NR	2050
Sardhana	2.5	III	NR	NR	2050
Shahganj	NR	III	1950	2000	1980
Shahjahanpur	680.3	Other	2125	2180	2150
Sitapur	138	Coarse	2100	2350	2200
Siyana	2.5	III	1950	2150	2050
Varanasi(Grain)	410	Other	1950	2000	1970
Uttrakhand					
Bazpur	669	Common	1436	1710	1570
Gadarpur	1869	Other	1900	2120	2010
Ramnagar	56.1	Common	2100	2100	2100
West Bengal					
Balurghat	32	Other	1850	1950	1900

Bankura Sadar	16	Other	2150	2300	2200
Beldanga	40	Other	2200	2300	2250
Birbhum	132	Common	1855	1875	1865
Champadanga	14	Ratnachudi (718 5-749)	2350	2500	2450
Dinhata	13	Common	2025	2075	2050
Falakata	16.8	Common	1875	1975	1925
Ghatal	30	Common	1830	1900	1860
		Fine	2200	2300	2250
Haldibari	17.5	Fine	2400	2500	2450
Indus(Bankura Sadar)	50	Other	2350	2450	2400
Islampur	3	Other	2100	2200	2150
Jalpaiguri Sadar	25	Fine	2725	2800	2775
		Other	1850	1900	1875
		Super Fine	3725	3900	3775
Kalipur	108	Other	2050	2250	2150
		Sona Mansoori Non Basmati	1700	1850	1800
Kalna	85	Coarse (I.R.20)	1830	1850	1840
		Fine	2090	2110	2100
Karimpur	3	Other	3100	3200	3150
Kasipur	0.8	Other	2500	2500	2500
Kolaghat	10	Common	2200	2350	2300
		Fine	2400	2550	2500
Mathabhanga	120	Common	1800	1900	1850
Mekhliganj	18	Common	1800	1875	1850
		Fine	3000	3100	3050
Nadia	50	Fine	2900	3000	2950
Pandua	54	Ratnachudi (718 5-749)	2200	2300	2250
Purulia	60	Other	2320	2350	2320
Ramkrishanpur(Howrah)	22.3	Other	2400	2600	2500
		Sona Mansoori Non Basmati	2000	2200	2100
Ranaghat	8	Other	2100	2200	2150
Sainthia	63	Other	1830	1850	1840
Samsi	500	Fine	2690	2720	2700

		H.Y.V.	1790	1820	1800
Tamluk (Medinipur E)	10	Common	2200	2350	2300
		Fine	2400	2550	2500

(Arrivals and Prices in Rs/Qtl)