

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.

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 Coast, 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 ascribes 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
Chirala	0.1	B P T	3900	4000	3950
Divi	0.1	B P T	3500	3600	3500
Kandukur	0.1	B P T	3800	4000	3900
Kondapi	0.1	B P T	3800	4000	3900
Ongole	0.1	B P T	4030	4100	4050
Pamaruru	NR	Basmati Paddy	2300	2365	2350
Proddatur	NR	Masuri	3600	4000	3900
Repalli	0.1	B P T	4200	4400	4300
Assam					
Cachar	40	Common	2400	2900	2700
		Fine	3000	3600	3200
		Other	2000	2500	2300
Dhing	76	Common	1700	2000	1800
		Fine	3200	3600	3500
Dibrugarh	NR	Other	2200	2900	2550
Gauripur	36	Fine	3500	5500	4500
		Other	1800	3000	2600
Lanka	60	Common	1700	1750	1725
P.O. Uparhali Guwahati	71	Common	1800	2400	2100
		Fine	2100	3500	2800
		Super Fine	3400	14000	8700
Srirampur	225	Common	2950	3200	2980
Tinsukia	10	Super Fine	2500	3000	2700
Bihar					
Nawada	NR	Other	1800	2000	1900
Gujarat					
Dahod	56.4	Coarse	3600	4000	3900
Jambusar	NR	Other	2800	4000	3500
Jambusar(Kaavi)	NR	Other	2800	4000	3500
Savli	NR	Other	3251	3325	3305
Jammu and Kashmir					
Jammu (Grain Mandi)	NR	Basmatibar (Raw/Old)	7500	8000	7750

Jharkhand					
Chakulia	NR	Fine	2140	2350	2250
Daltenganj	NR	Other	2250	2400	2390
Godda	NR	Medium	2200	2600	2400
		Other	1800	2000	1900
Saraikela	NR	Medium	2440	2600	2580
		Other	1870	2000	1940
Kerala					
Aroor	3	Basumathi	7400	7600	7500
		IR-8	2500	2700	2600
		Jaya	2800	3000	2900
		Other	2900	3100	3000
Chala	8	Other	2600	3200	3000
Chengannur	7	IR-8	2450	2800	2450
		Jaya	3200	3600	3300
Ernakulam	1.5	Jaya	3300	3500	3400
Mannar	5	IR-8	2500	2700	2600
		Jaya	3500	3700	3600
		Other	6500	6600	6500
Thodupuzha	70	IR-8	2300	2600	2600
		Mataa Parboiled	3500	4000	3800
Maharashtra					
Alibagh	4	Other	3000	4000	3500
Mangaon	1	Other	1800	3500	2800
Murud	3	Other	2500	3000	2750
Manipur					
Bishenpur	4.9	Other	2400	2400	2400
Imphal	5	Other	NR	2700	2700
Lamlong Bazaar	1.6	Other	NR	2700	2700
Thoubal	4.6	Other	2500	2500	2500
Meghalaya					
Shillong	1.5	Other	3400	3600	3500
Orissa					
Bolangir	6	Other	2200	2300	2200
Bonai	0.5	Other	2200	2400	2200
Deogarh	9.5	Other	2000	3000	2500
Jajpur	16	Other	1800	2400	2200
Jeypore	NR	Common	300	330	325
		Other	3000	3300	3250
Jeypore(Kotpad)	NR	Common	3000	3300	3250

Junagarh	61.93	Other	2100	2200	2100
Kalahandi(Dharamagarh)	17.72	Other	2100	2200	2100
Nilagiri	15	Other	2300	2500	2400
Tileibani	3	Other	2000	3000	2500
Tusura	5.5	Other	2200	2300	2200
Udala	48	Other	1800	4500	2800
Punjab					
Bariwala	180	Basmati Paddy	1500	2365	2300
Malout	150	Basmati Paddy	2145	2351	2235
Muktsar	203.5	Basmati Paddy	2400	2500	2450
Tripura					
Melaghar	4	Coarse	2350	2450	2400
		Fine	2850	2950	2900
		Masuri	2450	2550	2500
Uttar Pradesh					
Allahabad	200	Other	NR	NR	2150
Baberu	5	Other	2050	2125	2100
Bahraich	145	III	2060	2095	2080
Ballia	250	III	1950	2100	2000
Balrampur	36	Other	2075	2110	2095
Bareilly	158.5	Coarse	NR	NR	2200
Bindki	80	Other	NR	NR	2275
Buland Shahr	11	III	NR	NR	2045
Chhibramau(Kannuj)	22	III	NR	NR	2190
Dadri	28	III	NR	NR	2070
Faizabad	110	III	2050	2100	2085
Farukhabad	20.5	III	NR	NR	2215
Fatehpur	3	III	NR	NR	2250
Haathras	65	Coarse	2115	2215	2160
Kanpur(Grain)	225	III	NR	NR	2185
Khair	5	III	2130	2190	2160
Khairagarh	8	III	NR	NR	2080
Lakhimpur	13	Other	2030	2200	2125
Lucknow	118	Coarse	2020	2100	2060
Meerut	26	III	NR	NR	2060
Mirzapur	8	Other	1960	2045	1985
Muzzafarnagar	30	Common	NR	NR	2050

Naugarh	14	III	2000	2050	2025
Partaval	40	III	1975	2040	2010
Pilibhit	700	Coarse	2160	2195	2180
Pukhrayan	18	III	NR	NR	2070
Rampur	27	Other	NR	NR	2160
Saharanpur	88	III	NR	NR	2050
Sardhana	2	III	NR	NR	2060
Sehjanwa	87	III	2000	2125	2080
Shahganj	5	III	1950	2050	2000
Shahjahanpur	666.6	Other	2100	2165	2145
Shikohabad	15	Other	NR	NR	2055
Sitapur	136	Coarse	2100	2350	2190
Sultanpur	345	Other	2100	2200	2150
Tilhar	31.9	Other	2150	2180	2170
Varanasi(Grain)	365	Other	1950	2000	1970
Uttrakhand					
Bazpur	848.8	Common	1349	1708	1451
Gadarpur	2703	Other	1442	2200	1821
Ramnagar	78	Common	2100	2200	2150
Roorkee	1125	Other	2000	2100	2000
West Bengal					
Alipurduar	18	Common	2100	2300	2200
		Fine	3100	3300	3200
Bankura Sadar	16	Other	2150	2300	2200
Barasat	65	Masuri	2100	2300	2200
		Other	2400	2500	2450
Birbhum	133.2	Common	1850	1870	1860
Burdwan	315	Common	1780	1820	1800
		Fine	2060	2100	2080
Chakdah	27	Other	2800	2800	2800
Champadanga	10	Ratnachudi (718 5-749)	2350	2500	2450
Egra/contai	51.6	Coarse	1660	1750	1700
		Fine	2350	2460	2400
Falakata	24	Common	1870	1970	1920
Gajol	67.5	Fine	2550	2750	2650
		H.Y.V.	2350	2550	2450
		Other	1850	1950	1900
Guskara(Burdwan)	184	Fine	2160	2200	2180

Islampur	3	Other	2100	2200	2150
Jalpaiguri Sadar	24	Fine	2725	2800	2775
		Other	1850	1900	1875
		Super Fine	3725	3900	3775
Kaliaganj	15	Other	2550	2650	2600
Kalipur	110	Other	2050	2250	2150
		Sona Mansoori Non Basmati	1700	1850	1800
Kalna	82	Coarse (I.R.20)	1830	1850	1840
		Fine	2100	2120	2110
Kalyani	11	Fine	3100	3500	3400
		Other	2700	3100	3000
		Sona	2200	2500	2400
Karimpur	3	Other	3100	3200	3150
Karsiyang(Matigara)	1.5	Other	2200	2400	2300
Kasipur	0.9	Other	2500	2500	2500
Kolaghat	10	Common	2200	2350	2300
		Fine	2400	2550	2500
Mathabhanga	130	Common	1800	1900	1850
Memari	187	Common	1780	1820	1800
		Fine	2060	2100	2080
Nadia	50	Fine	2900	3000	2950
Pandua	54	Ratnachudi (718 5-749)	2200	2300	2250
Raiganj	20	Other	2600	2700	2650
Ramkrishanpur(Howrah)	22.6	Other	2400	2600	2500
		Sona Mansoori Non Basmati	2000	2200	2100
Sainthia	62.3	Other	1840	1860	1850
Samsi	500	Fine	2690	2710	2700
		H.Y.V.	1790	1810	1800
Tamluk (Medinipur E)	10	Common	2200	2350	2300
		Fine	2400	2550	2500

(Arrivals and Prices in Rs/Qtl)

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