

Domestic Market Highlights:

India's rice stocks in the central pool as of December 1, 2015 stood at around 11.315 million tons down about 48% from around 21.57 million tons recorded during the same period last year, according to data from the Food Corporation of India (FCI). India's rice stocks in the central pool are down about 8% from around 12.27 million tons recorded on November 1, 2015. The current rice stocks are about one million tons more than the required strategic reserve norms of around 10.25 million tons for this time of the year, according to the FCI.

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 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-10-2015	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	Arrival s	Variety	Minimum Price	Maximum Price	Modal Price
	(Tonne s)		(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	3100	3200	3100
Gannavaram	NR	B P T	3600	4200	3900
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
Ongole	0.1	B P T	4000	4100	4020
Pamaru	NR	Fine	2600	2800	2700
Proddatur	NR	Masuri	3900	4100	4000
Repalli	0.1	B P T	4200	4400	4300
Visakhapatnam	1.8	Basmati Golden Sela Old	7300	7600	7472
Assam					
Bohorihat	23	Coarse	2100	2200	2150
		Fine	2700	3300	3000
Cachar	40	Common	2400	2900	2700
		Fine	3000	3600	3200
		Other	2000	2500	2300
Dibrugarh	10	Other	2200	2900	2550
Howly	111	Broken Rice	1400	1500	1400
		Common	1700	2400	1900
		Fine	2500	2700	2600
		Super Fine	4500	4800	4550
Jorhat	38	Common	2000	3000	2800
Lanka	50	Common	1700	1750	1725
North Lakhimpur	13	Common	1800	2000	1900
		Fine	2600	2800	2700

		Super Fine	3000	4000	3500
P.O. Uparhali Guwahati	69	Common	1800	2400	2100
		Fine	2100	3500	2800
		Super Fine	3400	14000	8700
Bihar					
Bhagalpur	NR	Other	3600	3800	3700
Bihariganj	NR	Other	3000	5000	4000
Kishanganj	NR	Other	2600	3000	2800
Nawada	NR	Other	1900	2100	2000
Gujarat					
Jambusar	NR	Other	3000	4000	3500
Jambusar(Kaavi)	NR	Other	3000	4000	3500
Jharkhand					
Chakulia	NR	Fine	2130	2360	2250
		Medium	1860	1980	1930
Hazaribagh	9.9	Other	2995	3150	3015
Jamshedpur	NR	Fine	4000	4200	4100
		Medium	3600	3800	3700
		Other	2000	2100	2050
Khunti	NR	Coarse	1750	1850	1800
		Fine	2550	2950	2750
		Medium	2350	2450	2400
		Other	1800	2200	2000
Pakur	5	Fine	3067	3260	3155
Simdega	10	Boiled Rice	2055	2200	2100
		Broken Rice	1245	1400	1300
		Fine	2275	2400	2350
		Motta (Coarse) Boiled	1770	1900	1850
Karnataka					
Bangalore	2664	Medium	4000	4400	4200
Bangarpet	415	Broken Rice	1520	1800	1650
		Sarbati Raw	2360	2860	2550
Chintamani	97	Broken Rice	1750	2000	1900
		Hansa	2300	2600	2500
		Sona	3500	4950	4500
Holenarsipura	1	Sarbati Raw	2500	2500	2500
Hoskote	11	Coarse	5250	5250	5250
Kerala					
Aroor	3	Basumathi	7600	7800	7700
		IR-8	2400	2600	2500
		Jaya	2700	2900	2800
		Other	2800	3000	2900
Chala	7	Other	2500	2790	2500
Chengannur	7	IR-8	2450	2800	2500
		Jaya	3200	3600	3300
Cherthala	10	IR-8	2650	2800	2700
		Jaya	3200	3400	3300

		Other	3800	4000	3900
Manjeri	290	Other	2800	3800	3000
Maharashtra					
Alibagh	4	Other	3500	4000	3750
Kolhapur(Laxmipuri)	25	1009 Kar	2100	3900	3000
Murud	3	Other	3000	3500	3250
Manipur					
Bishenpur	4	Other	2400	2400	2400
Imphal	5	Other	NR	2700	2700
Lamlong Bazaar	1.4	Other	NR	2500	2500
Thoubal	4.2	Other	2500	2500	2500
Meghalaya					
Khliehriat	1.4	Other	2400	3000	2700
Shillong	1	Other	3400	3600	3500
Orissa					
Bolangir	6.5	Other	2200	2300	2200
Bonai	0.6	Other	2200	2400	2200
Jajpur	36	Other	2200	2600	2400
Jeypore	1.8	Other	3000	3300	3250
Jeypore(Kotpad)	4.5	Common	3000	3300	3250
Junagarh	60.33	Other	2100	2200	2100
Kalahandi(Dharamagarh)	61.43	Other	2100	2200	2100
Karanja	5.5	Common	2800	3000	2900
		Other	2600	2800	2700
Nilagiri	10	Other	2200	2400	2300
Rahama	3.2	Other	2000	3500	2200
Tusura	7	Other	2200	2300	2200
Tripura					
Melaghar	3	Coarse	2300	2400	2350
		Fine	2800	2900	2850
		Masuri	2450	2550	2500
Taliamura	40	Masuri	2600	2700	2650
Uttar Pradesh					
Allahabad	200	Other	NR	NR	2100
Baberu	8	Other	2050	2130	2100
Ballia	200	III	1975	2100	2025
Balrampur	23.5	Other	2095	2130	2110
Bareilly	147	Coarse	NR	NR	2200
Basti	140	III	2000	2200	2090
Bijnaur	18	III	NR	NR	2190
Bindki	100	Other	NR	NR	2235
Buland Shahr	9	III	NR	NR	2045
Chhibramau(Kannuj)	24	III	NR	NR	2190
Dadri	25	III	NR	NR	2060
Etawah	880	III	NR	NR	2250
Farukhabad	14	III	NR	NR	2225
Fatehpur	4.5	III	NR	NR	2180

Firozabad	15	III	NR	NR	2160
Ghaziabad	80	III	NR	NR	2060
Gorakhpur	320	III	2000	2150	2070
Gulavati	2.5	III	1970	2100	2050
Haathras	50	Coarse	2060	2160	2120
Jhansi	8	Other	2000	2200	2100
Kannauj	12	III	NR	NR	2185
Kanpur(Grain)	300	III	NR	NR	2100
Mirzapur	7.5	Other	1940	2020	1970
Muradabad	14	III	NR	NR	2225
Muzzafarnagar	20	Common	NR	NR	2060
Pilibhit	800	Coarse	2165	2205	2185
Raibareilly	13	Other	2000	2075	2030
Rura	6.5	III	NR	NR	2060
Saharanpur	106	III	NR	NR	2060
Sardhana	1.5	III	NR	NR	2055
Sehjanwa	104	III	2000	2130	2080
Shahganj	NR	III	1950	2000	1970
Shahjahanpur	4788.6	Other	2100	2200	2160
Shikohabad	20	Other	NR	NR	2065
Sirsa	34	III	NR	NR	2050
Siyana	2	III	1950	2150	2050
Tilhar	91	Other	2150	2200	2165
Varanasi(Grain)	400	Other	1940	2000	1970
Uttrakhand					
Bazpur	1595	Common	2100	2190	2122
Gadarpur	2650	Other	1960	2210	2085
Tanakpur	13.5	Other	2000	2200	2100
West Bengal					
Alipurduar	18	Common	2100	2250	2200
		Fine	3100	3200	3150
Balarampur	1.9	Other	2350	2400	2400
Balurghat	29	Other	1850	1950	1900
Bankura Sadar	16	Other	2150	2300	2200
Baruipur(Canning)	2.9	Common	2800	3000	2900
		Super Fine	3800	4000	3900
Birbhum	130.5	Common	1850	1870	1860
Bishnupur(Bankura)	90	Masuri	1950	2050	2000
		Other	2350	2450	2400
Burdwan	315	Common	1780	1820	1800
		Fine	2130	2170	2150
Chakdah	26.5	Other	2800	2800	2800
Guskara(Burdwan)	190	Fine	2210	2250	2230
Haldibari	20	Fine	2400	2500	2450
Indus(Bankura Sadar)	45	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
Kaliaganj	15	Other	2550	2650	2600
Kalna	87	Coarse (I.R.20)	1870	1890	1880
		Fine	2120	2140	2130
Kalyani	5.4	Fine	3100	3500	3400
		Other	2700	3100	3000
		Sona	2200	2500	2400
Karsiyang(Matigara)	1.5	Other	2300	2700	2400
Katwa	9	Other	1800	2200	2000
Khatra	38	Other	2150	2300	2200
Kolaghat	10	Common	2200	2350	2300
		Fine	2400	2550	2500
Medinipur(West)	15	Other	2300	2350	2350
Mekhliganj	18	Common	1800	1900	1850
		Fine	3000	3100	3050
Memari	198	Common	1780	1820	1800
		Fine	2130	2170	2150
Purulia	42	Other	2320	2350	2320
Raiganj	20	Other	2600	2700	2650
Ramkrishanpur(Howrah)	21.9	Other	2400	2600	2500
		Sona Mansoori Non Basmati	2000	2200	2100
Sainthia	65.7	Other	1830	1855	1845
Sheoraphuly	10	Ratnachudi (718 5-749)	2400	2600	2500
Siliguri	20	Other	2300	2700	2500
Tamluk (Medinipur E)	10	Common	2200	2350	2300
		Fine	2400	2550	2500

(Arrivals and Prices in Rs/Qtl)

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