

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 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-10-2015	White Rice 5% Broken	White Rice 25% Broken
Gujarat	2368.56	2201.76
Andhra Pradesh	2348.31	2135.50

In Rs. /Quintal

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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
Divi	0.1	B P T	3100	3200	3100
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
Proddatur	NR	Masuri	4000	4100	4050
Assam					
Dibrugarh	9	Other	2200	2900	2550
North Lakhimpur	13.9	Common	1800	2000	1900
		Fine	2600	2800	2700
		Super Fine	3000	4000	3500
Silapathar	33	Fine	2500	3500	3000
		Medium	2100	2300	2200
Srirampur	190	Common	2950	3200	2980
Bihar					
Bihariganj	NR	Other	3000	5000	4000
Nawada	NR	Other	1800	2000	1900
Gujarat					
Dahod	62.6	Coarse	3800	4200	4100
Jambusar	NR	Other	3000	4000	3500
Jambusar(Kaavi)	NR	Other	3000	4000	3500
Jharkhand					
Gadhwah	NR	Other	2250	2900	2500

Godda	NR	Medium	2200	2600	2400
		Other	1800	2000	1900
Gumla	NR	Other	2200	2500	2350
Hazaribagh	12.1	Other	2950	3100	3080
Ranchi	NR	Coarse	1650	2100	1980
		Fine	3000	6100	3200
		Medium	2275	2825	2450
Maharashtra					
Kolhapur(Laxmipuri)	20	1009 Kar	2100	3900	3000
Orissa					
Bampada	10	Other	2300	3000	2400
Betnoti	0.04	Sanna Bhatta	1800	2200	2000
Bonai	0.5	Other	2200	2400	2200
Jeypore	2.2	Common	300	330	325
Jeypore(Kotpad)	1.9	Common	3000	3300	3250
Junagarh	66.5	Other	2100	2200	2100
Udala	40	Other	1700	4400	2800
Tripura					
Melaghar	2.5	Coarse	2300	2400	2350
		Fine	2850	2950	2900
		Masuri	2450	2550	2500
Uttar Pradesh					
Dibiapur	8	III	NR	NR	2260
Mirzapur	7	Other	1940	2010	1970
Muzzafarnagar	60	Common	NR	NR	2050
West Bengal					
Barasat	55	Masuri	2100	2300	2200
		Other	2400	2550	2500
Bethuadahari	8	Fine	2900	3000	2950
Haldibari	20	Fine	2450	2550	2500
Islampur	3.2	Other	2100	2200	2150
Kasipur	1.2	Other	2500	2500	2500
Pandua	51	Ratnachudi (718 5-749)	2200	2300	2250
Ranaghat	8	Other	2100	2200	2150
Samsi	500	Fine	2790	2820	2800
		H.Y.V.	1990	2020	2000
Sealdah Koley Market	68.8	Fine	2350	2400	2400

Sheoraphuly	11	Ratnachudi (718 5-749)	2400	2600	2500
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(Arrivals and Prices in Rs/Qtl)**Disclaimer**

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