Domestic Market Highlights:

India 2015-16 winter rice (November - May) planting area has reached around 0.1094 million hectare, down about 15% from around 0.1285 million hectare planted during the same period in 2014-15.

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.

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.

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.

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	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	3100	3200	3100
Kandukur	0.1	B P T	3800	4000	3900
Nandyal	0.1	Sona Fine	4200	4300	4250
Ongole	0.1	B P T	4000	4100	4030
Pamarru	NR	Fine	2600	2800	2700
Polavaram	NR	Sona	3200	3600	3400
Proddatur	NR	Masuri	3950	4100	4000
Repalli	0.1	B P T	4200	4400	4300
Assam					
Cachar	60	Common	2400	2900	2700
		Fine	3000	3600	3200
		Other	2000	2500	2300
Dibrugarh	10	Other	2200	2900	2550
Lanka	65	Common	1700	1750	1725
North Lakhimpur	14	Common	1800	2000	1900
		Fine	2600	2800	2700
		Super Fine	3000	4000	3500
Bihar					
Bihariganj	NR	Other	3000	5000	4000
Kishanganj	NR	Other	2600	3000	2800

Nawada	NR	Other	1800	2000	1900
Gujarat					
Jambusar	NR	Other	3000	4200	3600
Jambusar(Kaavi)	NR	Other	3000	4200	3500
Jammu and Kashmir					
Jammu (Grain Mandi)	NR	Basmatibar (Raw/Old)	7500	8000	7750
Jharkhand					
Chakulia	NR	Fine	2120	2330	2240
		Medium	1860	1980	1920
Daltenganj	NR	Other	2230	2400	2360
Godda	NR	Medium	2200	2600	2400
		Other	1800	2000	1900
Khunti	NR	Coarse	1750	1850	1800
		Fine	2550	2950	2750
		Medium	2350	2450	2400
		Other	1800	2200	2000
Lohardaga	NR	Common	1800	2000	1950
		Fine	3000	3400	3250
		Medium	2100	2500	2350
Saraikela	NR	Medium	2430	2600	2580
		Other	1860	2000	1930
Karnataka					
Bangalore	5778	Medium	4000	4300	4150
Chintamani	29	Broken Rice	1800	2000	1900
		Hansa	2350	2600	2500
		Sona	3600	4950	4500
Tarikere	1	Dappa	3333	3333	3333
Kerala					
Aroor	0.3	Basumathi	7300	7500	7400
		IR-8	2400	2600	2500
		Jaya	2800	3000	2900
		Other	2900	3100	3000
Chengannur	7	IR-8	2400	2700	2500
		Jaya	3200	3500	3300
Kottayam	10	Other	3000	3400	3300
Maharashtra					
Alibagh	3	Other	3500	4000	3750
Kolhapur(Laxmipuri)	25	1009 Kar	2100	3900	3000
Mangaon	1	Other	1800	3500	2800
Murud	3	Other	2500	3000	2750

Manipur					
Imphal	4.9	Other	NR	2700	2700
Lamlong Bazaar	1.6	Other	NR	2500	2500
Thoubal	4	Other	2500	2500	2500
Meghalaya					
Shillong	0.6	Other	3400	3600	3500
Orissa					
Balugaon	20	Sona Mansoori Non Basmati	2900	3000	3000
Bonai	0.5	Other	2200	2400	2200
Chandabali	85	Common	1800	2200	2200
Jeypore	1.6	Other	4000	4200	4150
Jeypore(Kotpad)	1.5	Common	3000	3300	3250
Karanjia	5	Common	2800	3000	2900
		Other	2600	2800	2700
Tripura					
Santir Bazar	1.6	Coarse	2550	2650	2600
		Medium	2700	2800	2750
Uttar Pradesh					
Baraut	28	III	NR	NR	2075
Mirzapur	8	Other	1940	1985	1960
Muradabad	9	III	NR	NR	2200
Naugarh	12	III	2000	2055	2030
Partaval	30	III	1990	2055	2025
Pilibhit	700	Coarse	2180	2210	2195
Sardhana	2	III	NR	NR	2050
Shahjahanpur	996.8	Other	2130	2180	2150
Uttrakhand					
Gadarpur	480	Other	1980	2200	2090
Vikasnagar	33.3	Other	1680	1700	1700
West Bengal					
Barasat	90	Masuri	2100	2300	2200
		Other	2400	2550	2500
Champadanga	15	Ratnachudi (718 5-749)	2350	2500	2450
Islampur	4	Other	2100	2200	2150
Kalipur	106	Other	2050	2250	2150
		Sona Mansoori Non Basmati	1700	1850	1800
Karsiyang(Matigara)	1.2	Other	2400	2800	2500
Kolaghat	10	Common	2200	2350	2300

		Fine	2400	2550	2500
Purulia	42	Other	2300	2320	2300
Sheoraphuly	10	Ratnachudi (718 5-749)	2400	2600	2500
Siliguri	25	Other	2300	2800	2500

(Arrivals and Prices in Rs/Qtl)