

**Domestic Market Highlights:**

**Wholesale Prices for India as an average for fourth week of December traded firmed by 8.09% and are** currently hovering at Rs.2970-2980/quintal. We expect non-basmati rice market to move range bound with firm tone in coming week. Wholesale basmati rice prices in Delhi moved weak in fourth week of December and currently hover in the range of Rs.4400-4500 1121 sella and Rs.52-5300 for steam. Overall basmati rice is expected to trade in the range bound in coming weeks.

**Rice procurement, by the Food Corporation of India (FCI) and state government agencies,** for the kharif marketing season (KMS) 2015-16 (October 1, 2015 - September 30, 2016), has increased sharply over last year despite a likely lower output this year due to low price in open market. The FCI and the government agencies together have procured over 18 million tons of rice (milled equivalent of paddy) as of December 29, 2015, up about 31% from around 13.76 million tons procured during the same period last year. Based on the pace of procurement, the Food Ministry officials expressed confidence that the government may surpass the target of 30 million ton for KMS 2015-16. The FCI and government agencies procured 32 million tons of rice in KMS 2014-15.

**The total rabi rice planting of all crops stood at around 52 million hectares as on December 23, 2015,** down about 4% from last year's 54.018 million hectares. India 2015-16 winter/rabi rice (November - May) planting area has reached around 0.1217 million hectares as of December 23, 2015, down about 10.65% from around 0.1362 million hectares planted during the same period in 2014-15.

**The FAO estimates 2016 global rice trade at around 45.3 million tons, up about 1.4% from an** estimated 44.7 million tons last year. The FAO expects most of the importers, especially in Africa and Latin America, to replenish inventories. On the export side, the expansion of trade could be dampened next year by more limited availabilities in several export origins, says the FAO. It expects exports of Vietnam to increase while those of India, Brazil and the U.S. to fall.

**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.

**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:**

**The Philippines may import 400,000 metric tons of rice in the first half of 2015-16 year, and as per** reported 500,000 tons of rice has been already imported from Thailand and Vietnam. On the other hand final assessment will be made in January on how much rice will be imported for 2016. El Nino is expected to intensify in the first half of 2016.

**The government of Turkey has announced the paddy purchasing price for 2015-16 at around TL** (Turkish Lira) 1,580 (around \$534) per tonne. Harvesting of paddy is almost over in the country and paddy as well rice prices is continuous bearish due to fresh arrival in the market. In 2015, Turkey is expected to produce record 920,000 tonnes of paddy this year, up about 11% from around 830,000 tonnes in 2014.

**After Nigeria, Mali is the second largest rice producing country in African continent and this year** (2015-16) Mali is expected to produce 2,451,321 tonnes of rice which is up by around 13% from last year.

**South Korea's state run Agro Fisheries & Food Trade Corporation (KAFTC) has purchased 55,555 tons** of non-glutinous brown rice of China and U.S. origins for delivery between March 31, 2015 and April 30, 2015 in tenders that closed on December 9, 2015.

**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 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-29-2015	White Rice 5% Broken	White Rice 25% Broken
Gujarat	2422.87	2223.73
Andhra Pradesh	2402.62	2203.48

In Rs. /Quintal

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Market	Arrivals	Variety	Minimum Price	Maximum Price	Modal Price
	(Tonnes)		(Rs./Quintal)	(Rs./Quintal)	(Rs./Quintal)
<b>Andhra Pradesh</b>					
Divi	0.1	B P T	3100	3200	3100
Gannavaram	NR	B P T	3500	4000	3750
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	4250	4350	4300
Ongole	0.2	Arti Mashuri	4000	4100	4040
		B P T	4000	4100	4040
Pamaruru	NR	Fine	2600	2800	2700
Polavaram	NR	Sona	3100	3600	3400
Proddatur	NR	Masuri	4000	4200	4100
Repalli	0.1	B P T	4200	4400	4300
<b>Assam</b>					
Dibrugarh	17	Other	2200	2900	2550
Gauripur	56	Fine	3500	5500	4500
		Other	1900	3000	2600
Lanka	50	Common	1700	1750	1725
North Lakhimpur	8.9	Common	1800	2000	1900
		Fine	2600	2800	2700
		Super Fine	3000	4000	3500
P.O. Uparhali Guwahati	79	Common	1800	2400	2100
		Fine	2100	3500	2800
		Super Fine	3400	14000	8900
Silapathar	2.5	Fine	2500	3500	3000

		Medium	2100	2300	2200
Srirampur	120	Common	2950	3200	2980
<b>Bihar</b>					
Kishanganj	NR	Other	2600	3000	2800
Nawada	NR	Other	1700	1900	1800
<b>Gujarat</b>					
Jambusar	NR	Other	3000	4000	3500
Jambusar(Kaavi)	NR	Other	3300	4000	3700
<b>Jharkhand</b>					
Chaibasa	NR	Coarse	1500	2000	1800
		Fine(Basmati)	2200	2800	2400
		Medium	2100	2600	2300
Daltenganj	NR	Other	2290	2550	2370
Godda	NR	Medium	2000	2400	2200
		Other	1800	2000	1900
Lohardaga	NR	Common	1800	2000	1950
		Fine	2800	3100	3000
		Medium	2250	2455	2365
Saraikela	NR	Medium	2490	2600	2560
		Other	1820	2000	1910
<b>Kerala</b>					
Alappuzha	10	Basmati Paddy	4400	4500	4450
		IR-8	2850	2925	2900
		Jaya	2450	2550	2500
		Other	3650	3775	3700
		Ponni	2850	2950	2900
Aroor	3	Basumathi	6800	7000	6900
		IR-8	2400	2600	2500
		Jaya	2700	3000	2800
		Other	2900	3100	3000
Chengannur	8	IR-8	2400	2800	2450
		Jaya	3200	3600	3300
Mannar	10	IR-8	2600	2800	2700
		Other	6500	6700	6600
<b>Maharashtra</b>					
Kolhapur(Laxmipuri)	25	1009 Kar	2000	4700	3000
<b>Orissa</b>					
Bonai	0.6	Other	2000	2200	2000
<b>Punjab</b>					
Bariwala	15	Basmati Paddy	2100	2135	2100

<b>Uttar Pradesh</b>					
Chandoli	16	Other	1850	1900	1870
Fatehpur	5.5	III	NR	NR	2145
Jaunpur	40	Coarse	1900	2000	1940
Lakhimpur	15	Other	2000	2170	2110
Mirzapur	19	Other	1890	1945	1920
<b>Uttrakhand</b>					
Bazpur	475	Common	1463	1463	1463
Gadarapur	1762	Other	1910	2111	2011
<b>West Bengal</b>					
Balarampur	2.5	Other	2280	2320	2300
Haldibari	120	Fine	2200	2400	2300
Kasimbazar	46	Other	2300	2360	2330
Kasipur	1.1	Other	2300	2300	2300
Mathabhanga	150	Common	2000	2100	2050
Purulia	36	Other	2240	2250	2240
Samsi	500	Fine	2780	2820	2800
		H.Y.V.	1990	2020	2000

**(Arrivals and Prices in Rs/Qtl)**

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