

Domestic Market Highlights:

Total Rice exported from India in the fourth week of December was 160787.40 tonnes, down about 10% from last week export of 178763.75 tonnes. Out of total rice exports, basmati rice contributes 46.20%, and non-basmati rice is 53.79% in this period with quantity of around 74296.21 tonnes and 86488.20 tonnes respectively as per latest data extract from IBIS. Major importers of Indian Basmati rice in this period were Iran, Saudi and Korea whereas top importers for non-basmati were Nigeria, Ivory Coast and Benin. We expect Middle East countries to remain the major basmati buyers for Indian Basmati from Mundra, Kandla and Kakinada Port in coming months.

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, 2105.

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

Rice Prices in Various Markets

Market	Arrivals	Variety	Minimum Price	Maximum Price	Modal Price
	(Tonnes)		(Rs./Quintal)	(Rs./Quintal)	(Rs./Quintal)
Andhra Pradesh					
Divi	0.1	B P T	3100	3200	3100
Gannavaram	NR	B P T	3500	4000	3750
Markapur	0.1	B P T	3900	4000	3950
Ongole	0.1	B P T	4000	4100	4040
Pamaru	NR	Medium	2100	2300	2200
Polavaram	NR	Sona	3000	3600	3400
Proddatur	NR	Masuri	4000	4200	4100
Repalli	0.1	B P T	4200	4400	4300
Assam					
Dibrugarh	23	Other	2200	2900	2550
Gauripur	42	Fine	3500	5500	4500
		Other	1900	3000	2600
Karimganj	100	Common	2050	2150	2100
		Fine	2600	3100	2900
North Lakhimpur	77	Common	1800	2000	1900
		Fine	2600	2800	2700

		Super Fine	3000	4000	3500
Silapathar	2.6	Fine	2500	3500	3000
		Medium	2100	2300	2200
Bihar					
Nawada	NR	Other	1700	1900	1800
Gujarat					
Jambusar	NR	Other	3000	4000	3500
Jambusar(Kaavi)	NR	Other	3000	4200	3500
Jharkhand					
Bokaro (Chas)	NR	Other	2540	2945	2680
Chaibasa	NR	Coarse	1500	2000	1800
		Fine(Basmati)	2200	2800	2400
		Medium	2100	2600	2300
Daltenganj	NR	Other	2210	2560	2380
Godda	NR	Medium	2000	2400	2200
		Other	1800	2000	1900
Jamshedpur	NR	Fine	4100	4200	4150
		Medium	3650	3750	3700
		Other	2500	2600	2550
Koderma	29	Fine	3300	3600	3400
		Medium	2300	2600	2400
		Motta (Coarse) Boiled	1600	1800	1700
Lohardaga	25	Common	1800	2000	1950
		Fine	2800	3100	3000
		Medium	2250	2455	2365
Saraikela	NR	Medium	2410	2600	2570
		Other	1830	2000	1920
Kerala					
Aroor	0.3	Basumathi	6800	7000	6900
		IR-8	2400	2600	2500
		Jaya	2700	2900	2800
		Other	2900	3100	3000
Chengannur	7	IR-8	2400	2700	2450
		Jaya	3200	3600	3300
Cherthala	10	IR-8	2350	2500	2400
		Jaya	3000	3200	3100
		Other	3800	4000	3900
Meghalaya					
Nongpoh (R-Bhoi)	1.7	Other	4000	4500	4200
Orissa					

Bonai	0.6	Other	2000	2200	2000
Jeypore	4	Common	300	330	325
Jeypore(Kotpad)	7.8	Common	3000	3300	3250
Karanjia	6	Common	3000	3300	3200
		Other	2600	2800	2700
Nilagiri	10	Other	2300	2500	2400
Punjab					
Jagraon	35.5	Other	2075	2075	2075
Uttar Pradesh					
Ballia	190	III	1925	2050	1965
Bareilly	220	Coarse	NR	NR	2200
Buland Shahr	6	III	NR	NR	2040
Dadri	60	III	NR	NR	2060
Etawah	750	III	NR	NR	2255
Gadaura	50	III	1975	2025	2000
Ghaziabad	80	III	NR	NR	2060
Jasvantnagar	1900	III	NR	NR	2260
Mirzapur	20	Other	1885	1935	1915
Pilibhit	268	Coarse	2165	2205	2185
Rampur	12	Other	NR	NR	2175
Shahjahanpur	199	Other	2100	2200	2150
Shikohabad	45	Other	NR	NR	1950
Soharatgarh	11	III	2000	2065	2030
Uttarakhand					
Bazpur	301.8	Common	1375	1375	1375
Gadarpur	1950	Other	1925	2224	2075
Roorkee	270	Other	1950	1950	1950
Vikasnagar	6.3	Other	1200	1250	1250
West Bengal					
Champadanga	12	Ratnachudi (718 5-749)	2300	2450	2400
Islampur	4	Other	2100	2200	2150
Kalipur	72	Other	2050	2250	2150
		Sona Mansoori Non Basmati	1700	1850	1800
Kalyani	10.5	Fine	3100	3500	3400
		Other	2700	3100	3000
		Sona	2200	2500	2400
Mathabhanga	150	Common	2000	2100	2050
Purulia	30	Other	2240	2260	2240
Raiganj	19	Other	2500	2600	2550
Siliguri	34	Other	2400	2800	2600

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

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