

Domestic Market Highlights:

- Market prices remained rangebound today in most of the mandis throughout the country. In most of the North Indian paddy growing belt, arrivals have almost ended, stockists are easing the prices to sell the rice stocks even at lower prices amid payment issues and lull demand.
- Price for India's 5% broken rice increased to \$397-\$404 a tonne from \$395-\$402 last week due to robust export demand amid competitive prices.
- As per trade sources, a Saudi Arabian importer company has given HAFED export orders for 85,000 metric tonnes (MT) of basmati rice, valued at Rs 850 crore. A 33,000 MT order has been completed, and the other orders are being carried out. HAFED is now taking part in a GULFOOD 2023, the largest food and beverage expo in the world, by setting up its display stall there for the first time.
- According to trade sources, as the largest exporter of white rice in the world attempts to control local prices, India has no plans to lift restriction on broken rice exports or reduce a 20% levy on such shipments. The export restrictions imposed by India will make consumers pay more for rice, which has recently become more expensive, particularly in Asia and Africa. Another reason behind this decision is that the El Nino weather phenomena may affect this year's monsoon rains so it would be risky not to keep rice stock in hand amid limited wheat stocks.
- As per the 2nd advance estimates of production of major agricultural crops released by the Union Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare on 14th February, 2023, the production of rice in India has revised to 130.83 MMT up from the target of 130.5 MMT. Rabi production estimate is revised upward to 22.76 MMT from the target of 18.5 MMT due to increased acreage in key rabi paddy growing states whereas Kharif rice production went down from the target of 112 MMT to 108.07 MMT due to unfavourable weather condition in Kharif season 2022-23.
- APEDA's most recent statistics shows that basmati rice exports climbed from 2.74 million tonnes in the same period last year to 3.2 million tonnes in April–December 2022. However, the increase in value was 40%, from \$2.38 billion to \$3.34 billion. As Iran, Saudi Arabia, and the UAE collectively purchased half of India's total shipments of the aromatic rice, basmati rice exports from India increased by 17% in volume during the first three quarters of the current fiscal year (ended Dec. 21, 2022), and exporters are earning at least 20% more on average in foreign markets.

- This year, the cultivation of samba paddy took place on more than 45,000 hectares of land in Madurai. Farmers in Melur claim that the recent rains had an impact on harvesting since they increased the moisture level of the paddy grain. As per sources, only 88 DPCs are currently operational in the area out of the 164 certified direct procurement centres.
- As per sources, 17.86 million tons of non-basmati rice were shipped in 2022, whereas 4.4 million tonnes of premium basmati rice were exported. While basmati rice is primarily exported from India to the Middle East, the United States, and Britain, non-basmati rice is primarily sent to Africa and Asia. Prices were driven up by an export duty on shipments of Indian non-basmati rice, but consumers soon reverted back because Thailand and Vietnam were selling rice for much more prices.
- According to the Ministry of Agriculture's most recent sowing data, which was published on February 2, 2023, paddy has been sown in 46.25 lakh hectares, compared to 35.05 lakh ha the year before, an increase of 32% this rabi season. This will offset the decrease in rice production during the kharif season. Rabi paddy is now being sown in most of the rice-growing states, with the exception of Gujarat, Maharashtra, and Tripura, where it has not yet begun.
- As per sources, in order to make ethanol, over 1 million metric tonnes of consumable rice from the Food Corporation of India's reserves were sold at discounted prices in 2022. In the open markets for rice, maize, and sugarcane in the nation, where food and feed processors (and food customers) compete with oil production corporations for grains, similar crop diversions to create ethanol have been taking place. This can raise concerns regarding India's food security.
- As per sources, with only a week left until the completion of Chhattisgarh's paddy procurement, farmer purchases of the crop surpassed 100 lakh tonnes on Tuesday. This kharif, the government intends to purchase 110 lakh tonnes of paddy by January 31.
- According to sources, farmers in Telangana cultivated in abundance during the Yasangi (rabi) season, placing the state to establish new records this year. As of now, the state's total sown area was 28.56 lakh acres, compared to the normal cultivated area for the season of 47.85 lakh acres. However, this is nearly twice as much as the 14.81 lakh acres that were sown during the Yasangi season last year. Due to unseasonal rainfall and a delay in harvesting operations, early sowing during the Yasangi season was delayed. 17.98 lakh acres, i.e., 60% of the total area sown, are used for paddy cultivation.

- According to sources, an order has been placed to import 100,000 tonnes of rice from Iran shortly after the country recently eased its import restrictions due to shortage of basmati rice in the domestic market. Since the beginning of November, imports of all types of rice have been prohibited. Almost 1.27 million tonnes of rice have been imported so far this year. Around 1.5 million tonnes are imported annually. Iran must therefore acquire almost 250,000 tonnes of the grain by the end of March. Iran imports a substantial amount of rice from India. This will increase Indian Basmati domestic market prices as well.

Domestic Market Outlook (Non-Basmati):

- As per prevailing market fundamentals, arrivals of non-basmati have almost come to an end so, it is expected that domestic prices would improve in near term.

International Market Highlights

- Prices for Vietnam's 5% broken rice reported at \$457 per tonne from \$455 to \$460 last week. Demand is still high since many people are purchasing despite the unstable global scenario. Shipments to Malaysia and Africa were significantly down from last year during the first half of this month, while sales to China and the Philippines saw a significant uptick. A UN-backed agreement that allows for the continuation of grain supplies from the Black Sea is up for negotiation this week, and there is a risk that the confrontation between Russia and Ukraine may worsen.
- In spite of weak demand, Thailand's 5% broken rice prices remained stable at \$460 per tonne. New supply anticipated in early March to April might further correct the prices.
- As per sources, amid middlemen's stockpiling, domestic rice prices in Bangladesh remain high despite good crops and reserves. To stabilise local prices, Bangladesh has permitted private traders to import rice.

TODAY

| State/Centre | Variety | Prices (Rs/Qtl) | | Change |
|--------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------|-----------|--------|
| | | 24-Feb-23 | 23-Feb-23 | |
| Delhi (Naya Bazar) | 1121 Paddy | 4420 | 4450 | -30 |
| | 1509 Paddy | 4000 | 3900 | 100 |
| | DB Paddy | 4400 | 4400 | Unch |
| | Traditional Basmati Paddy | 5500 | 5500 | Unch |
| | Basmati Rice Common (Raw Wand) | 9700 | 10000 | -300 |

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|-------------------|---------------------------------------|------|------|------|
| | 1121 Raw Wand | 9400 | 9500 | -100 |
| | 1121 White Parboiled (Sella) Wand | 8200 | 8100 | 100 |
| | 1121 Steam Wand | 9200 | 9300 | -100 |
| | 1121 Golden Parboiled (Sella) Wand | 8700 | 8600 | 100 |
| | 1509 Steam Wand | 9000 | 8900 | 100 |
| | 1509 White Parboiled (Sella) Wand | 7600 | 7400 | 200 |
| | Sugandha Steam | 7600 | 7500 | 100 |
| | Sarbati Raw Wand | 6400 | 6500 | -100 |
| | Sarbati White Parboiled (Sella) Wand | 6000 | 5800 | 200 |
| | Parmal Raw | 4400 | 4400 | Unch |
| | Parmal Steam Wand | 4200 | 4200 | Unch |
| | Parmal White Parboiled (Sella) Wand | 4150 | 4200 | -50 |
| | DB(Duplicate Basmati) (Pusa) Raw Wand | 8600 | 8500 | 100 |
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| Punjab (Amritsar) | 1121 Paddy | 4830 | 4800 | 30 |
| | 1509 Paddy | 4200 | 4200 | Unch |
| | Traditional Basmati Paddy | 5400 | 5400 | Unch |
| | Basmati Rice Common (Raw Wand) | 9700 | 9900 | -200 |
| | 1121 Steam Wand | 9400 | 9400 | Unch |
| | 1121 White Parboiled (Sella) Wand | 8250 | 8250 | Unch |
| | 1509 Steam Wand | 9100 | 9200 | -100 |
| | 1509 White Parboiled (Sella) Wand | 7750 | 7750 | Unch |
| | Sarbati Raw Wand | 6850 | 6850 | Unch |
| | Sarbati Steam Wand | 6650 | 6650 | Unch |
| | Sarbati White Parboiled (Sella) Wand | 6000 | 6000 | Unch |
| | Parmal Steam Wand | 4150 | 4200 | -50 |
| | PR-47 Govt. Quality | 3350 | 3400 | -50 |
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| Haryana (Karnal) | 1121 Paddy | 4650 | 4650 | Unch |
| | 1509 Paddy | 4500 | 4500 | Unch |
| | Basmati Paddy 31no. | 5400 | 5400 | Unch |
| | Basmati Rice Common (Raw Wand) | 9700 | 9900 | -200 |
| | 1121 Steam | 9400 | 9400 | Unch |
| | 1121 White Parboiled (Sella) Wand | 8250 | 8250 | Unch |
| | 1509 White Parboiled (Sella) Wand | 7750 | 7750 | Unch |
| | Sarbati Steam | 6650 | 6650 | Unch |
| | Sarbati White Parboiled (Sella) Wand | 6000 | 6000 | Unch |
| | DB(Duplicate Basmati) Steam | 9000 | 9000 | Unch |
| | DB(Duplicate Basmati) White Parboiled | 8200 | 8200 | Unch |
| | Parmal Raw | 4350 | 4400 | -50 |
| | Parmal Steam Wand | 4150 | 4200 | -50 |
| | Parmal White Parboiled (Sella) Wand | 4150 | 4150 | Unch |

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| | IR-08 | 3000 | 3000 | Unch |
| West Bengal (Kolkata) | Swarna White Parboiled 5% Silky Sortex | 2780 | 2780 | Unch |
| | Swarna White Parboiled 100% Silky Sortex | 2800 | 2800 | Unch |
| | IR-36 White Parboiled 5% Silky Sortex | 3000 | 3000 | Unch |
| | IR-64 White Parboiled 25% Silky Sortex | 3500 | 3500 | Unch |
| | Miniket 5% Broken | 4500 | 4500 | Unch |
| | Gobind Bhog | 6400 | 6400 | Unch |
| Andhra Pradesh (Kurnool) | Sona Fine | 4500 | 4500 | Unch |
| Andhra Pradesh (Machilipatnam) | BPT Steam | 4700 | 4700 | Unch |
| Chhattisgarh (Bhatapara) | HMT | 4900 | 4900 | Unch |
| | JSR (Jai Shri Ram) | 5400 | 5400 | Unch |
| | Vishnu Bhog | 8000 | 8000 | Unch |
| | Dugraj | 4400 | 4400 | Unch |
| | Swarna | 2400 | 2400 | Unch |
| Chhattisgarh (Rajim) | Swarna 5% Broken | 2400 | 2400 | Unch |
| | BPT Steam | 4000 | 4000 | Unch |
| | BPT White Parboiled | 3000 | 3000 | Unch |
| Maharashtra (Nagpur) | HMT Raw | 4500 | 4500 | Unch |
| | JSR (Jai Shri Ram) Best | 5000 | 5000 | Unch |
| | Chinnor Best | 4800 | 4800 | Unch |
| | BPT | 3600 | 3600 | Unch |
| | Rupali | 3800 | 3800 | Unch |
| Maharashtra (Gondia) | IR-36 White Parboiled (Sella) | 2700 | 2700 | Unch |
| | HMT RAW | 4600 | 4600 | Unch |
| | BPT White Parboiled (Sella) | 3500 | 3500 | Unch |
| Karnatka (Raichur) | Sona Steam | 4300 | 4300 | Unch |
| | Sona Raw | 5200 | 5200 | Unch |
| | Ganga Kaveri | 5200 | 5200 | Unch |
| | HMT | 5100 | 5100 | Unch |
| Telangna (Nizamabad) | BPT Steam | 4600 | 4600 | Unch |
| | BPT raw | 4900 | 4900 | Unch |
| | kolam Steam Sortex | 5000 | 4800 | 200 |
| | JSR (Jai Shree Ram) kolam | 5200 | 5200 | Unch |
| | IR-64 | 2500 | 2500 | Unch |
| | Kinki | 2300 | 2300 | Unch |
| Telangana (Hyderabad) | IR-64-Bold Sortex | 2800 | 2800 | Unch |
| | Sona Masuti Steam | 4850 | 4800 | 50 |
| | IR-Silki Sortex | 2600 | 2600 | Unch |
| Uttrakhand (Uddhamsingh Nagar) | Organic Basmati | 11500 | 11500 | Unch |
| | Dehraduni Basmati | 10500 | 10500 | Unch |

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| | 1121 Steam | 9200 | 9200 | Unch |
| | 1509 Steam | 9000 | 8800 | 200 |
| | Sugandha White Parboiled (Sella) | 6600 | 6500 | 100 |
| | Parmal White Parboiled (Sella) | 4150 | 4100 | 50 |
| | Sharbati Steam | 6200 | 6200 | Unch |
| Gujarat (Ahmedabad) | IR-08 Jaya Sortex | 3000 | 3000 | Unch |
| | Parmal Sortex | 2700 | 2700 | Unch |
| | Kolam Sortex | 3650 | 3650 | Unch |

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