

**Domestic Market Highlights:**

- Market prices remained steady 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 2<sup>nd</sup> advance estimates of production of major agricultural crops released by the Union Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare on 14<sup>th</sup> 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
		25-Feb-23	24-Feb-23	
Delhi (Naya Bazar)	1121 Paddy	4500	4420	80
	1509 Paddy	4000	4000	Unch
	DB Paddy	4200	4400	-200
	Traditional Basmati Paddy	5500	5500	Unch
	Basmati Rice Common (Raw Wand)	9700	9700	Unch

	1121 Raw Wand	9400	9400	Unch
	1121 White Parboiled (Sella) Wand	8200	8200	Unch
	1121 Steam Wand	9200	9200	Unch
	1121 Golden Parboiled (Sella) Wand	8700	8700	Unch
	1509 Steam Wand	9000	9000	Unch
	1509 White Parboiled (Sella) Wand	7600	7600	Unch
	Sugandha Steam	7600	7600	Unch
	Sarbati Raw Wand	6400	6400	Unch
	Sarbati White Parboiled (Sella) Wand	6000	6000	Unch
	Parmal Raw	4400	4400	Unch
	Parmal Steam Wand	4200	4200	Unch
	Parmal White Parboiled (Sella) Wand	4150	4150	Unch
	DB(Duplicate Basmati) (Pusa) Raw Wand	8600	8600	Unch
Punjab (Amritsar)	1121 Paddy	4825	4830	-5
	1509 Paddy	4200	4200	Unch
	Traditional Basmati Paddy	5400	5400	Unch
	Basmati Rice Common (Raw Wand)	9700	9700	Unch
	1121 Steam Wand	9400	9400	Unch
	1121 White Parboiled (Sella) Wand	8250	8250	Unch
	1509 Steam Wand	9100	9100	Unch
	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	4150	Unch
	PR-47 Govt. Quality	3350	3350	Unch
Haryana (Karnal)	1121 Paddy	4650	4650	Unch
	1509 Paddy	4500	4500	Unch
	Basmati Paddy 31no.	5400	5400	Unch
	Basmati Rice Common (Raw Wand)	9700	9700	Unch
	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	4350	Unch
	Parmal Steam Wand	4150	4150	Unch
	Parmal White Parboiled (Sella) Wand	4150	4150	Unch

	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	5000	Unch
	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	4850	Unch
	IR-Silki Sortex	2600	2600	Unch
Uttrakhand (Uddhamsingh Nagar)	Organic Basmati	11500	11500	Unch
	Dehraduni Basmati	10500	10500	Unch

	1121 Steam	9200	9200	Unch
	1509 Steam	9000	9000	Unch
	Sugandha White Parboiled (Sella)	6600	6600	Unch
	Parmal White Parboiled (Sella)	4150	4150	Unch
	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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