

Domestic Market Highlights:

- Markets remained rangebound throughout the day in most of the markets amid tight supply. However, many mandis remained closed due to Eid festival.
- As per trade sources, India's 5% broken parboiled variety has experienced a decline in prices, with the current quote at \$382 to \$388 per tonne, compared to last week's \$385 to \$392, attributed to the depreciation in the rupee. However, export demand for India's rice remains steady, with active buyers from the Asian region in recent days.
- The government has recently announced the removal of the 20% export duty on rice of “seed quality in the husk”, following a thorough review of rice stocks. This exemption has been implemented as of April 11th, and aims to facilitate trade in the rice sector.
- As per trade sources, the recent decline in wheat and maize prices has had a ripple effect on the rice market. However, the reality is that rice stocks are limited in the producer mandis of Etawah, Etah, Mainpuri, Hathras, Mathura, Bharatpur. Furthermore, there are still six months until the new harvest of all Basmati varieties of paddy arrives, and before that, the summer cumin crop is expected in May-June, but its sowing conditions are unfavorable. As a result, the availability of high-quality paddy in rice mills is scarce, and exporters are focusing on deals with Iran and other Gulf countries. This is expected to intensify market demand in the future, particularly for Taj and 1718 Basmati varieties of rice, as rice mills have little to no stock. Hence, the market is anticipated to remain robust.
- As of 15th March, 2023, the GOI has granted approval for the provision of fortified rice via the Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) under the National Food Security Act (NFSA), as well as in other government welfare schemes in all states and union territories (UTs) by 2024, in a phased approach. During Phase I, states/UTs have procured roughly 17.51 LMT of fortified rice for distribution under ICDS and PM POSHAN. The implementation of Phase II is ongoing, and as of February 2023, 92.77 LMT of fortified rice has been procured for distribution under TPDS in Aspirational and High Burden Districts. Additionally, states/UTs have procured about 27.46 LMT of fortified rice for ICDS and PM-POSHAN.
- According to trade sources, the forthcoming rabi crop of the current KMS 2022-23 is expected to yield 106 LMT rice, which will be procured from 11 states that produce rabi crop rice. The states have been advised to increase their milling capacity to ensure that the milling of one season is completed before the start of the next season, thus preventing the recycling of rice.

- 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.
- 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.

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

- As per trade sources, Vietnam's 5% broken rice prices have recently reached the levels of \$495-\$500

per tonne, similar to those seen in April 2021, and have increased from the previous range of \$465-\$470 a week ago. This hike in price can be attributed to the end of the country's largest winter-spring harvest of the year and the ongoing strong demand for Vietnamese rice, despite the dwindling domestic supplies. It is expected that the high prices may result in a decrease in purchases from buyers such as the Philippines.

- On a different note, Bangladesh has advised to harvest paddy rapidly in wetland areas in the northeastern part of the country due to the likelihood of flash floods caused by heavy rains anticipated in neighboring India's Meghalaya state.
- Meanwhile, Thailand's 5% broken rice prices have experienced a slight decline, from \$485 to \$490 last week, to \$480 per tonne, with subdued market activity after the Songkran holiday, which marks the Thai New Year. Notably, Thailand's rice exports in the first two months of 2023 have increased by 38% compared to the same period last year, reaching 1.4 million tonnes.
- The National Food Authority (NFA), the state grains agency of the Philippines, has submitted a proposal to import 330,000 tonnes of rice to address an anticipated deficit in the country's buffer stock. As of the end of the year, the Philippines is projected to have 1.69 million tonnes of rice inventory, which is equivalent to 45 days of buffer stocks, only half of the ideal 90-day stock needed for price stabilization. However, due to budgetary constraints, the NFA expects its buffer stocks to decrease to less than 500,000 sacks of rice by July 2023, equivalent to less than a day of public consumption. To address this shortfall, the NFA is seeking a government-to-government arrangement for the rice importation, as the current regulations only permit private traders to import rice, with the NFA's function being limited to emergency buffer stocking. The Philippines is one of the largest buyers of rice in the world, primarily importing from Vietnam, its Southeast Asian neighbor, and also purchasing from Thailand, India, and other Asian producers.
- During the January-March period, Vietnam successfully exported 1.85 million tonnes of rice, reflecting a significant increase of 23.4% compared to the corresponding period last year. Notably, the Philippines and China continued to be the major importers of Vietnamese rice in the first quarter, showcasing the sustained demand from these key markets.
- The Indian Government has granted special consideration for the export of 3.5 lakh tonnes (lt) of broken rice to Gambia and Senegal. The Commerce Ministry has authorized the export of 1 lakh tonnes of broken rice to Gambia and 2.5 lakh tonnes to Senegal. Furthermore, the Ministry has permitted the shipment of 9,990 tonnes of broken rice to Djibouti and Ethiopia.

- According to WASDE Report of March,2023, the global outlook for 2022/23 indicates a significant increase in supplies, consumption, trade, and ending stocks. The projected supplies have been raised by 7.0 million tons to a total of 693.3 million, with India's production alone accounting for the entire increase. The country's production has been raised to a record 132.0 million tons, based on the Second Advanced Estimate by the Government of India and the expectation of further increase in the final estimate, given the recent trend. The global consumption for 2022/23 is expected to reach a record high of 520.0 million tons, with an increase of 2.8 million tons, primarily due to India. The global trade for rice is projected to increase by 0.9 million tons to reach 54.9 million, with India's exports surpassing reductions in Uruguay and the United States. The estimated global ending stocks have been raised by 4.2 million tons to 173.3 million, with China and India contributing to 81 percent of the total rice stocks worldwide.

TODAY

State/Centre	Variety	Prices (Rs/Qtl)		Change
		22-Apr-23	21-Apr-23	
Delhi (Naya Bazar)	1121 Paddy	4600	4550	50
	1509 Paddy	4400	4300	100
	DB Paddy	4200	4300	-100
	Traditional Basmati Paddy	4900	4900	Unch
	Basmati Rice Common (Raw Wand)	10300	10100	200
	1121 Raw Wand	9800	9800	Unch
	1121 White Parboiled (Sella) Wand	8500	8300	200
	1121 Steam Wand	9500	9400	100
	1121 Golden Parboiled (Sella) Wand	8900	8700	200
	1509 Steam Wand	9400	9100	300
	1509 White Parboiled (Sella) Wand	8100	7800	300
	Sugandha Steam	8000	7800	200
	Sarbati Raw Wand	6900	6800	100
	Sarbati White Parboiled (Sella) Wand	6000	5800	200
	Parmal Raw	4550	4500	50
	Parmal Steam Wand	4350	4300	50
	Parmal White Parboiled (Sella) Wand	4300	4250	50
	DB(Duplicate Basmati) (Pusa) Raw Wand	9500	9200	300
Punjab (Amritsar)	1121 Paddy	4800	4800	Unch
	1509 Paddy	4400	4400	Unch
	Traditional Basmati Paddy	5600	5600	Unch
	Basmati Rice Common (Raw Wand)	10300	10100	200

	1121 Steam Wand	9500	9500	Unch
	1121 White Parboiled (Sella) Wand	8350	8400	-50
	1509 Steam Wand	9400	9400	Unch
	1509 White Parboiled (Sella) Wand	7900	8000	-100
	Sarbati Raw Wand	6900	6900	Unch
	Sarbati Steam Wand	6700	6700	Unch
	Sarbati White Parboiled (Sella) Wand	6000	5950	50
	Parmal Steam Wand	4400	4400	Unch
	PR-47 Govt. Quality	3100	3050	50
Haryana (Karnal)	1121 Paddy	4800	4800	Unch
	1509 Paddy	4400	4400	Unch
	Basmati Paddy 31no.	5800	5800	Unch
	Basmati Rice Common (Raw Wand)	10300	10100	200
	1121 Steam	9500	9500	Unch
	1121 White Parboiled (Sella) Wand	8350	8400	-50
	1509 White Parboiled (Sella) Wand	7900	8000	-100
	Sarbati Steam	6700	6700	Unch
	Sarbati White Parboiled (Sella) Wand	6000	5950	50
	DB(Duplicate Basmati) Steam	9400	9250	150
	DB(Duplicate Basmati) White Parboiled	8400	8500	-100
	Parmal Raw	4600	4600	Unch
	Parmal Steam Wand	4400	4400	Unch
	Parmal White Parboiled (Sella) Wand	4325	4375	-50
	IR-08	3100	3050	50
West Bengal (Kolkata)	Swarna White Parboiled 5% Silky Sortex	2830	2830	Unch
	Swarna White Parboiled 100% Silky Sortex	2850	2850	Unch
	IR-36 White Parboiled 5% Silky Sortex	3200	3200	Unch
	IR-64 White Parboiled 25% Silky Sortex	3250	3250	Unch
	Miniket 5% Broken	4300	4300	Unch
	Gobind Bhog	6500	6500	Unch
Andhra Pradesh (Kurnool)	Sona Fine	4500	4500	Unch
Andhra Pradesh (Machilipatnam)	BPT Steam	4600	4600	Unch
Chhattisgarh (Bhatapara)	HMT	4600	4600	Unch
	JSR (Jai Shri Ram)	4800	4800	Unch
	Vishnu Bhog	7200	7200	Unch
	Dugraj	NA	0	-
	Swarna	2800	2800	Unch
Chhattisgarh (Rajim)	Swarna 5% Broken	2750	2750	Unch
	BPT Steam	4300	4300	Unch

	BPT White Parboiled	3300	3300	Unch
Maharashtra (Nagpur)	HMT Raw	4900	4900	Unch
	JSR (Jai Shri Ram) Best	5350	5350	Unch
	Chinnor Best	5100	5100	Unch
	BPT	3900	3900	Unch
	Rupali	4100	4100	Unch
Maharashtra (Gondia)	IR-36 White Parboiled (Sella)	2700	2700	Unch
	HMT RAW	4850	4850	Unch
	BPT White Parboiled (Sella)	3850	3850	Unch
Karnatka (Raichur)	Sona Steam	4200	4200	Unch
	Sona Raw	5400	5400	Unch
	Ganga Kaveri	5400	5400	Unch
	HMT	5000	5000	Unch
Telangna (Nizamabad)	BPT Steam	4500	4500	Unch
	BPT raw	5200	5200	Unch
	kolam Steam Sortex	5600	5600	Unch
	JSR (Jai Shree Ram) kolam	4500	4500	Unch
	IR-64	2300	2300	Unch
	Kinki	2400	2400	Unch
Telangana (Hyderabad)	IR-64-Bold Sortex	2600	2600	Unch
	Sona Masuti Steam	4800	4800	Unch
	IR-Silki Sortex	2500	2500	Unch
Uttrakhand (Uddhamsingh Nagar)	Organic Basmati	10900	10800	100
	Dehraduni Basmati	10400	10300	100
	1121 Steam	9600	9500	100
	1509 Steam	9500	9200	300
	Sugandha White Parboiled (Sella)	6900	6800	100
	Parmal White Parboiled (Sella)	4400	4350	50
	Sharbati Steam	6800	6700	100
Gujarat (Ahmedabad)	IR-08 Jaya Sortex	2900	2900	Unch
	Parmal Sortex	2800	2800	Unch
	Kolam Sortex	3600	3600	Unch

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