Rice Monthly Research Report

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Outlook and Review (Domestic Front)-

Average monthly wholesale rice prices in India stood at around Rs.2894 per quintal in December- 2017, down about 1.78% from around Rs.2946 per quintal in November- 2017, and up about 4.32% from around Rs.2774 per quintal a year ago. Agriwatch expects non-basmati rice market to move range bound with firm tone in coming month due to overseas and local demand.

Rice markets in major Asian centers remained muted this week, with trades few and far between, due to the holiday season and the approaching year-end, while Bangladesh awaited shipments from India as part of a previously announced deal. Bangladesh, which has emerged as a major importer this year, after floods damaged its crops, has signed a deal, announced earlier this month, to import 150,000 tons of rice from India at US$440 a ton. In top exporter India, the 5 per cent broken parboiled rice prices were unchanged from last week's US$418-US$421 per ton level. The Indian rupee was trading near its highest level in three months, slashing exporters' returns from overseas sales.

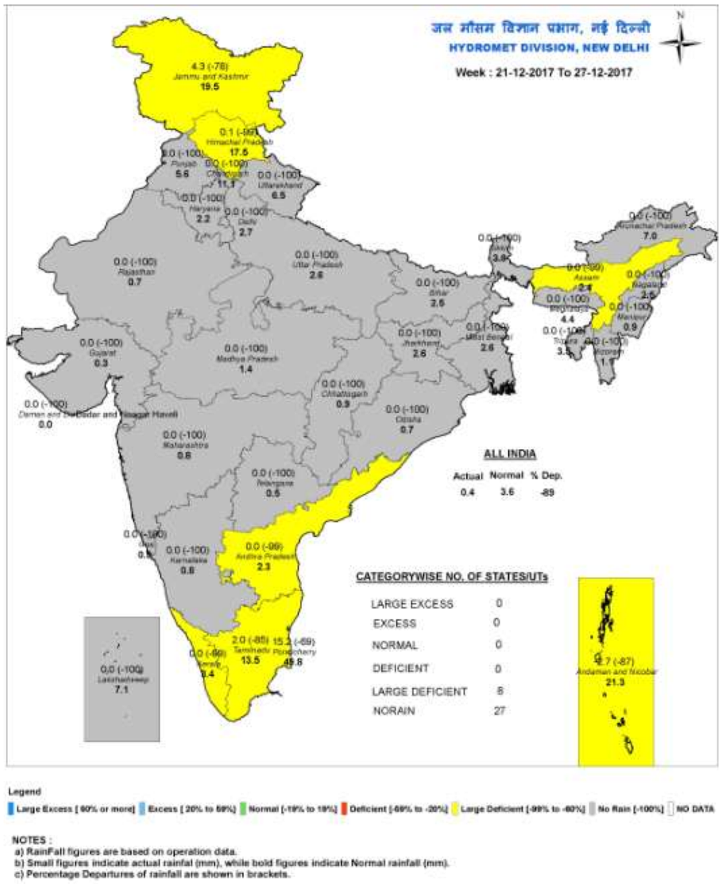
The latest available official trade for MY 2016-17 rice exports through From October-2017 to November 2017 at 19 MMT, mostly non-Basmati coarse rice to Bangladesh and African continent. Non-basmati rice export in the month of November was 6.83 lakh tons and basmati rice was 2.56 lakh tons.

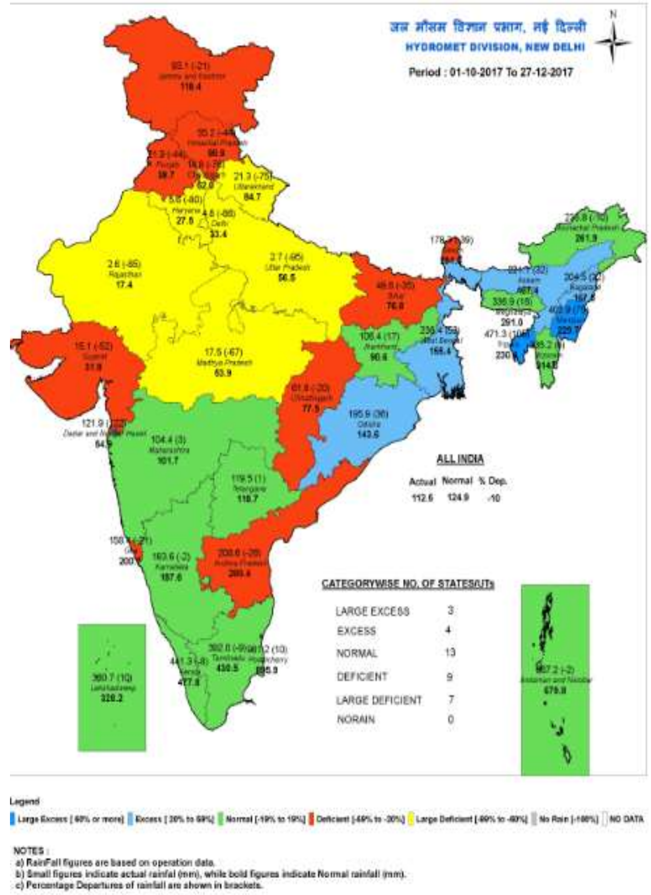
The rabi paddy sowing is on full swing and as per latest data available, acreage for MY 2017-18 is 16.33 lakh hectares- up by 41% from last year's acreage of 11.55 lakh hectares and up by about 38% from normal area as on date of 11.05 lakh hectares. Andhra Pradesh rabi paddy area is up by 63% from last year and 3.76 lakh hectares is completed till date. The increase was reported mainly from Tamil Nadu which planted the cereal on an additional area of 2.93 lakh and from Andhra Pradesh which brought an additional 1.46 lh under rice cultivation as compared to the corresponding period last year.

All-India progressive procurement of Rice as on 29.12.2017 for 2017-18 was 239.37 lakh tons against the procurement of 217.21 lakh tons in the corresponding period of last year. The procurement of wheat for the rabi marketing season (RMS) 2017-18 was 308.25 lakh tons against the procurement of 229.62 lakh tons in the corresponding period of RMS 2016-17.

The cumulative rainfall in the country during the Post-monsoon season i.e. 01st October to 27th December, 2017 has been 10% lower than Long Period Average (LPA). Rainfall in the four broad geographical divisions of the country during the above period have been higher than LPA by 19% in East & North East India but lower than LPA by 53% in North West India, 10% in South Peninsula and 09% in Central India.

Weather Watch:





In the Post-monsoon season, at All-India level, the rainfall during the week (21st December, 2017 – 27th December, 2017) has been 89% lower than Long Period Average (LPA). Rainfall in the four broad geographical divisions of the country during the above period have been lower than LPA by 99% in East & North East India, 86% in North West India and 89% in South Peninsula and equal to LPA in Central India.

Price Projection for Next Month (January) in Domestic Market

Duration	Trend	Average Price Range	Reason
January - 2018	**Steady to Firm**	**Rs.3000-3400/Q**	**Average Rice price across India is likely to trade range bound with firm tone in coming month due to higher demand from overseas markets.**

Weekly Price Change of 1121 Steam, Raw and Sella Rice Price Delhi Market (Figure: in Rs. /Quintal)

1121 Steam, Raw and Sella Rice Price Delhi Market					
Variety	**28-Dec-2017)**	**16-Dec-2017)**	**Month Ago(28-Nov-2017)**	**% ch. From last week**	**% Change from last Month**
1121 Steam	6900	6900	6900	**0.00**	**0.00**
1121 Sella	6300	6500	6100	**-3.08**	**3.28**
1121 Raw	7100	7300	7000	**-2.74**	**1.43**

Weekly Price (FOB) Change of Rice 5% broken high quality (Figure in USD/ MT):

Indian White Rice 5%, 25% High Quality, Long grain parboiled 5%					
Variety	**28-Dec-2017)**	**16-Dec-2017)**	**Month Ago(28-Nov-2017)**	**% ch. From last week**	**% Change from last Month**
White Rice 5%	420	435	428	**-3.45**	**-1.87**
White Rice 25%	370	400	392	**-7.50**	**-5.61**
Parboiled 5%	410	412	403	**-0.49**	**1.74**

Rice Supply & Demand

Figure in MMT	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18*	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar	Apr-June	July-Sept
Carry in	25.44	24.65	20.08	17.17	16.07	16.07	95.70	68.32	40.74
Production	**106.60**	**105.40**	**104.00**	**107.00**	**106.80**	106.80	0.00	0.00	0.00
Imports	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Availability	132.04	130.05	124.08	124.17	122.87	122.87	95.70	68.32	40.74
Consumption	96.50	98.00	96.50	97.00	97.50	24.38	24.38	24.38	24.38
Exports	**10.89**	**11.97**	**10.41**	**11.10**	11.20	2.80	3.00	3.20	2.19
Total Usage	107.39	109.97	106.91	108.10	108.70	27.18	27.38	27.58	26.57
Carry out	**24.65**	**20.08**	**17.17**	**16.07**	**14.17**	**95.70**	**68.32**	**40.74**	**14.17**
Av Monthly Consumption	8.04	8.17	8.04	8.08	8.13	2.03	2.03	2.03	2.03
Stock to Month Use	3.07	2.46	2.14	1.99	1.74	47.11	33.63	20.05	6.97
Stock to Consumption Ratio	0.08	0.08	0.08	0.08	0.08	0.08	0.08	0.08	0.08

Agriwatch revised the rice balance sheet in first week of November as 2016-17 marketing year ended and new session starts. As expected by Agriwatch, rice export till September-2017 was 11.01 MMT; rice exports increased in the MY-2016-17 as demand from importing countries like Africa, Bangladesh etc. were higher from last year.

Rice production for new MY-2017-18 is likely to reach 106.8 MMT, which is down from last year, on lower than expected planting and yield due to prolonged dry conditions and floods during planting and crop growth stages in some rice growing states. Less than ideal weather conditions during planting and critical crop growth stages compared to last year, are likely to result in lower MY 2017/18 yield, compared to last year's record yields.

Carry out for MY-2017-18 is likely to be lower than in last three consecutive years due to increased demand from overseas markets, increasing domestic consumption and expected to remain 14.1 MMT which is 12% down from last year and this may push the rice price in northward direction in lean season.

All India Expected Rice Production w.r.t Rainfall in MY-2017-18

State	Normal Yield(Kg/Hect)	Normal Area in Lakh Ha.	Rainfall Status	5 Year Average Production	2017-18(Normal Expected Production)	Rice Production @ Above Normal (Rain More than 5-10%
Andhra Pradesh & Telangana	3020.6	16.48	45%	5942.075	6060.9165	6239.17875
Assam	1958	0.9	-11%	4560.45	4651.659	4788.4725
Bihar	1811.2	30.82	-43%	6329	6455.58	6645.45
Chhattisgarh	1661.4	37.74	-5%	6566.775	6698.1105	6895.11375
Gujarat	2070	7.33	-23%	1638.225	1670.9895	1720.13625
Haryana	3106.6	12.42	97%	4044.75	4125.645	4246.9875
H.P	1638.8	0.76	14%	125.275	127.7805	131.53875
Jharkhand	2009	12.72	-37%	3191.525	3255.3555	3351.10125
Karnataka	2743.4	10.66	0%	3201.65	3265.683	3361.7325
Kerala	2497.25	1.56	-7%	506.125	516.2475	531.43125
M.P	1381.2	18.46	-6%	3183.1	3246.762	3342.255
Maharashtra	1881.6	15.21	13%	2834	2890.68	2975.7
Odisha	1567	38.39	-3%	7508.525	7658.6955	7883.95125
Punjab	3870.4	28.48	93%	11235.5	11460.21	11797.275
Rajasthan	47.2	1.41	75.00%	296.3	302.226	311.115
Tamil Nadu	3183.6	16.14	8%	4760.95	4856.169	4998.9975
Uttar Pradesh	2347.2	58.5	-42%	13492.23	13762.0746	14166.8415
Uttrakhand	2165.2	2.55	-11%	574.63	586.1226	603.3615
West Bengal	2736.4	40.63	-20%	13107.55	13369.701	13762.9275
Others	2411	0.29	--	12457.229	12706.37358	5420.436
India	**2367.2**	**392.67**	0%	**105555.86**	107666.9813	108743.6511

All India milled rice production in MY-2017-18 is expected to hover between 107-108 million tons as per Agriwatch final estimate. Rainfall in major growing area is normal to good and thus paddy area and yield is expected to increase in coming crop year of 2017-18. Higher production is expected from major states like Andhra Pradesh, Haryana, Punjab, U.P and West Bengal. If rainfall is 5-10% above normal, record rice production is likely to happen and around 107 million tons rice will be produced for coming MY-2017-18.

State wise Wholesale Price Monthly Analysis

State	Prices December, 2017	Prices November, 2017	Prices December, 2016	% Change(Over Previous Month)	% Change(Over Previous Year)
Andhra Pradesh	3486.95	3587.13	4453.91	-2.79	-21.71
Assam	3212.68	3280.89	3227.57	-2.08	-0.46
Chhattisgarh	3248	3240	2820	0.25	15.18
Gujarat	3136.96	3138.06	3196.09	-0.04	-1.85
Jharkhand	2733.33	2729.23	2710.93	0.15	0.83
Karnataka	3544.22	3714.24	3622.18	-4.58	-2.15
Kerala	3793.21	3845.02	3260.74	-1.35	16.33
Maharashtra	3362.51	3497.04	3275.86	-3.85	2.65
Manipur	2833.27	3102.88	2847.51	-8.69	-0.5
Meghalaya	2969.94	3008.81	2682.8	-1.29	10.7
Delhi	2478	1922.03	1728.26	28.93	43.4
Orissa	2230.91	2675.63	2444.3	-16.62	-8.73
Punjab	3120	3091.1	2532.91	0.93	23.2
Tamil Nadu	2045.45	1800	1785	13.64	14.6
Tripura	2592.17	3227.1	2770.72	-19.67	-6.44
Uttar Pradesh	2215.03	2228.43	2216.95	-0.6	-0.09
Uttrakhand	2324.74	2153.96	2029.07	7.93	14.57
West Bengal	2758.6	2790.58	2320.78	-1.15	18.87
Average	2893.66	2946.22	2773.64		

Source-Agmark

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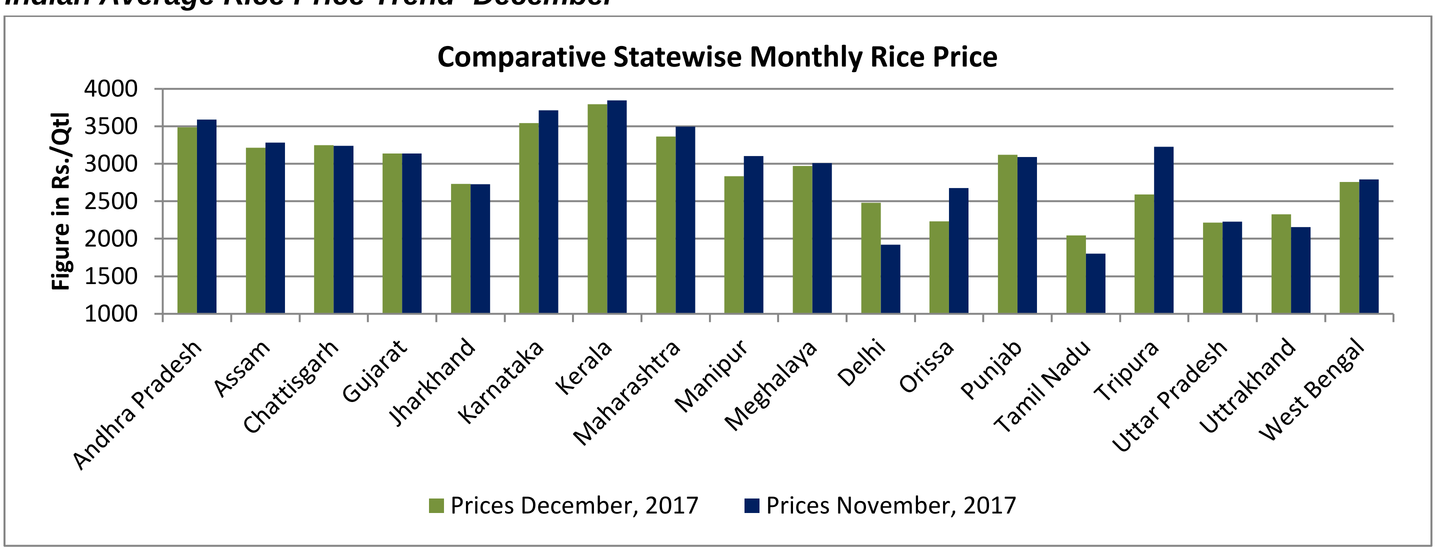
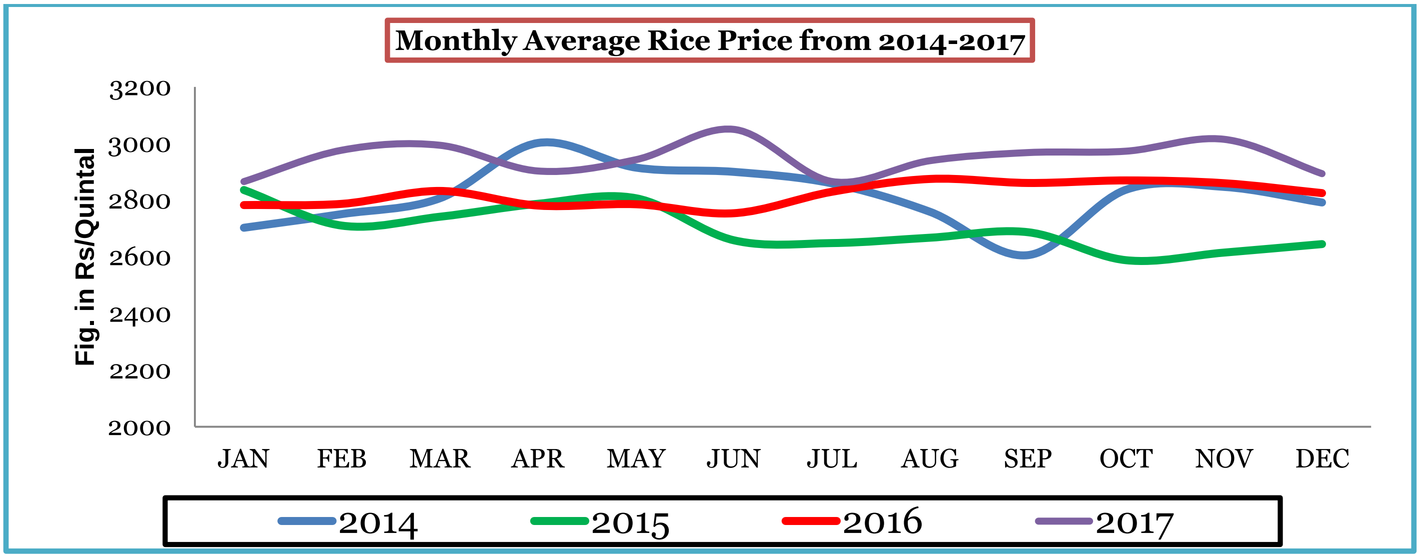
Indian Average Rice Price Trend- December



Monthly Average Rice Price Trend



Source-Agmarknet

Month-wise Rice Stock in Central Pool

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
2014	38.01	38.99	37.93	35.61	32.72	32.01	27.66	27.4	23.98	20.21	27.94	27.49
2015	28.74	30.98	28.4	27.13	25.01	25.72	24.52	20.32	17.51	14.93	25.89	30.35
2016	26.02	28.94	34.06	22.16	21.32	27.21	29.00	24.17	19.73	16.56	31.2	26.95
2017	29.69	29.29	31.43	29.78	29.07	28.84	26.46	23.70	20.39	16.56	27.19	30.13

Source-FCI

India's rice stocks in the central pool as on December- 1, 2017 stood at around 30.13 million tons up by about 11.79% from around 26.95 million tons recorded during the corresponding period last year, according to data from the Food Corporation of India (FCI). India's rice stocks in the central pool are up about by 10.81% from around 27.19 million tons recorded on November-01, 2017.Highest stock could be seen in the state of Punjab(40.93 lakh tons) followed by Uttar Pradesh(10.67 lakh tons) and Andhra Pradesh(9.69 Lakh Tons).

State wise Progressive Procurement

State/UTs	**Target (only kharif crop) in marketing season 2017-18 (Oct. – Sept.)**	**Progressive Procurement as on 29.12.2017**	
(in Lakh T)		**In Marketing season 2017-18**	**In Marketing season 2016-17**
AP	25.00	11.99	8.90
Telangana	15.00	11.30	9.54
Bihar	12.00	0.66	0.08
Chhattisgarh	48.00	23.37	29.18
Haryana	30.00	39.67	35.70
Kerala	1.00	0.91	1.23

M.P	13.00	7.24	7.38
Maharashtra	4.00	0.85	1.01
Odessa	30.00	6.64	4.68
Punjab	115.00	118.33	110.44
Tamilnadu	10.00	0	0.08
U.P	37.00	17.76	5.64
Uttrakhand	7.00	0.33	3.10
West Bengal	23.00	0	0
Others	0	0	3.76
Total	**375.00**	**239.37**	**217.21**

As per FCI latest data, progressive paddy procurement as on 05th January-2018 for KMS-2017-18 reached to 252.67 lakh tons which is up by 7.23% from corresponding period last year procurement of 217 Lakh tons. Higher procurement has been received from northern states of Punjab (118.33 lakh Tons), Haryana (39.67 lakh tons), and U.P (20.26 lakh tons) and in south it is started in Telangana (11.68 Lakh Tons). Andhra Pradesh Government procurement has reached to 14.16 lakh tons. Chhattisgarh government also procured around 27.69 lakh tons of rice as of now, Madhya Pradesh and Odessa procurement reached to 8.71 and 8.39 lakh tons respectively. Procurement in West Bengal and other rice growing states is still underway.

Rice Export Statistics

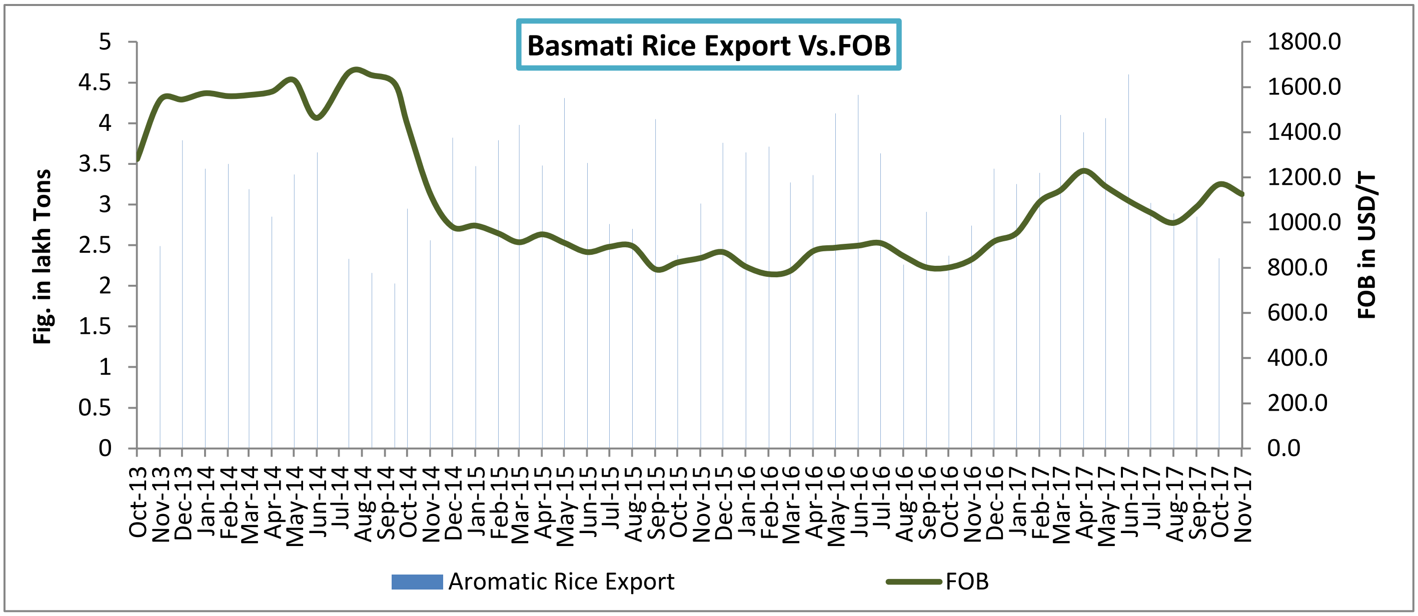
MY-2016-17	Non-Basmati	Basmati	Total Export2016-17	MY-2017-18	Non-Basmati	Basmati	Total Export2017-18
October-16	4.23	2.37	6.6	October-17	7.27	2.34	**9.61**
November-16	3.03	2.74	5.77	November-17	6.83	2.56	**9.39**
December-16	4.16	3.44	7.6	December-17			
January-17	5.21	3.25	7.6	January-18			
February-17	7.39	3.39	10.78	February-18			
March-17	6.17	4.1	10.27	March-18			
April-17	4.75	3.89	8.64	April-18			
May-17	5.5	4.06	9.56	May-18			
June-17	6.74	4.6	11.34	June-18			
July-17	7.24	3.02	10.26	July-18			
August-17	8.52	2.89	11.41	August-18			
September-17	8.85	2.85	11.7	September-18			
Total	**71.79**	**40.6**	**111.53**	**Total**	**14.1**	**4.9**	**19.00**

Source-DGCIS

Agriwatch has updated the rice exports in the month of January based on data released by APEDA. Rice export in MY-2017-18 starting from Oct-17 to Nov-17 was 19 lakh tons which is 62.73% higher than last year November export of 5.77 lakh tons, higher export demand from Middle East, Sri-lanka, Bangladesh and African countries led to increase in rice export. We expect that total rice export for MY-2017-18 till Sept-2018 to reach 11.20 million tons; however, it could only hamper export when parity from our competitors are lower than us.

Total rice exports for MY-2016-17 till Sept-17 were 111.53 lakh tons, around 10.30% higher than last year's export of 101.11 lakh tons for the corresponding period (Oct-Sept). Non- basmati rice exports in MY 2016-17 which started from October 2016 to Sept-2017 was 71.79 lakh tons and basmati exports in these months were 40.6 lakh tons.

Aromatic Rice Export Vs. 1121 FOB (Monthly Trend Analysis):



Rice Market Outlook

Domestic non-basmati rice prices have slightly weakened in December due to the holiday season and the approaching year-end. However rice prices are expected to move up further in January with the demand from overseas and across the country. Also, domestic prices during the marketing year will also depend on the availability of paddy/rice stock with private traders and international price movement.

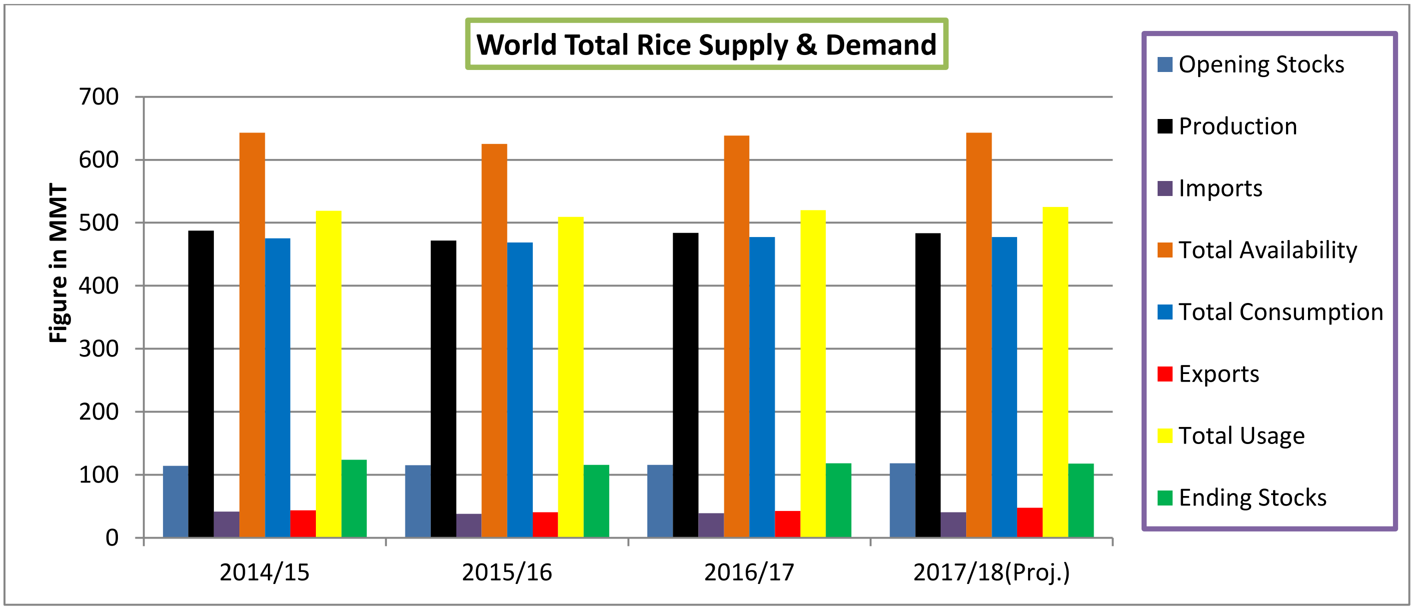
Price of Aromatic rice was very low in December due to arrival pressure from major producing region; Agriwatch expects price to be steady to firm in coming months with decreasing arrival. Good price remuneration but lower production estimates supported by higher domestic and international demand, would not push the price much lower in this season.

Major Rice Producing Countries:

Milled Production in Million Tons						
Country/Year	**2012-13**	**2013-14**	**2014-15**	**2015-16**	**2016-17(Mar)**	**2017-18**
Bangladesh	33.82	34.39	34.5	34.5	34.581	33.00
India	105.241	106.646	105.482	104.408	106.5	107.5
Indonesia	36.55	36.3	35.56	36.2	36.6	37.00
Philippines	11.428	11.858	11.915	11	11.5	11.20
Thailand	20.2	20.46	18.75	15.8	18.6	20.40
Vietnam	27.537	28.161	28.166	27.458	27.8	28.45
World Total	**472.53**	**478.33**	**478.55**	**472.16**	**480.34**	**483.46**

Ending Stocks in MMT						
Country/Year	**2012-13**	**2013-14**	**2014-15**	**2015-16**	**2016-17(Feb)**	**2016-17(Mar)**
China	49.832	53.102	57.436	63.735	69.31	69.085
India	25.5	22.8	17.8	18.4	17.7	17.9
Thailand	12.808	11.999	11.27	8.403	6.953	6.953
Others	12.988	13.843	16.306	14.358	13.072	12.792
World Total	**113.88**	**113.87**	**114.91**	**116.14**	**117.95**	**117.65**

World Supply & Demand of Rice



Production: Following a season in which production fell for the first time since 2009/10, world rice output is expected to increase in 2016/17 and beyond, mainly on yield improvements amid limited prospects for bigger plantings in key producers. Global plantings may dip fractionally in 2017/18. Sowings in some countries, including Vietnam, might shrink, as farmers switch to more profitable crops, such as maize. Tentatively, assuming normal conditions and trend yields, production is seen rising continuously, reaching 509m t by 2021/22, up by 25m on 2016/17.

Consumption: Growth could be moderate in comparison to past years, as higher incomes and wider food choices, especially in some Asian countries, promote a shift in demand from traditional staples to include greater quantities of protein.

Stock: World carryovers are projected to remain comfortable, with only a modest net fall anticipated over the projection period, while the stocks-to-use ratio is seen averaging 23%, a single percentage point lower than in the previous five years.

Trade: India and Thailand are expected to retain their positions as the world's leading exporters, with their combined share of trade steady at about 50%. Potential sales by Vietnam could be thwarted by smaller crops, a situation that may foster further opportunities for emerging exporters, namely Cambodia and Myanmar.

Global Market Scenario

The forecast for MY2017/18 Cambodian rice exports in 2017 increased 17 percent by volume compared to the year before, with exporters pushing to fill orders under China's expanded import quota while shipments to European markets remained steady, A total of 635,600 tons of rice was exported to international markets in 2017, up from 542,144 tons the previous year, China, which agreed to accept 200,000 tons of rice from Cambodia in 2017 – doubling the previous limit – and will expand the quota to 300,000 tons this year, was the top destination for rice shipments.

Vietnam exported roughly 5.9 million tons of rice worth nearly 2.7 billion US dollars in 2017, posting respective year-on-year rises of 20.5 per cent and 20.8 per cent. Of the rice volume, nearly 40 per cent went to China, and 9.3 per cent to the Philippines, Vietnam is likely to export 6.3 million tons of rice in 2018, mainly due to high demand from the Southeast Asian market, especially the Philippines. Vietnam's paddy rice-growing area was over 7.7 million hectares in 2017, down 26,100 hectares against 2016, said the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development.

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Unofficial and preliminary Thailand rice exports (excluding premium white and fragrant rice) for December 11- 17, 2017, totaled 194,947 metric tons, up 16,207 metric tons from the previous week and down 9,183 metric tons from the four-week moving average of 204,130 metric tons. Rice exports from January 1 – December 17, 2017, totaled 8,907,936 metric tons.

Thailand expects to export more than 11 million tons of rice in 2017, this year it should be 11.2 million tons because right now the commerce ministry's figures for January to November are at 10.4 million tons already and for December it will definitely be around 700,000 to 800,000 tons. Thai rice prices were also in line with that of competitors, he said, which helped exports in 2017. This year will be a record high, but still, we exported less than India.

Bangladesh has offered to buy an additional 200,000 tons of rice from Myanmar under a government to government agreement before the end of December. Myanmar and Bangladesh signed a memorandum of understanding to buy 300,000 tons of rice under the agreement, a major increase from the 100,000 tons of Myanmar rice already sent to the neighbor this year in response to a shortfall. Rice demand in Bangladesh increased with a sense of urgency this year after floods damaged most paddy fields in the country. Bangladesh has imported 1.2 million tons of rice but still requires around another one million tons.

IGC Balance Sheet:

Note: Major exporters are India, Pakistan, Thailand, Vietnam, and United States

Attributes (Fig in Million Tons)	2014-15	2015-16 Estimate	2016-17 F'cast	(2017-18) Proj. 26.10.2017	2017-18 Proj. 23.11.2017
Production	480	473	486	482	482
Trade	41	39	43	43	43
Consumption	475	473	483	485	484
Carryover stocks	121	121	123	120	121
Y-O-Y change	4	0	2	-	-2
Major Exporters	37	32	30	25	25

(Fig. In Million Tons)

IGC Rice Balance sheet Highlights

The outlook for world rice production in 2017/18 is maintained at 482m t, the 4m y/y fall stemming from potentially smaller crops in Asia. With uptake trimmed marginally, aggregate end-season carryovers are placed fractionally higher m/m, at 121m t, albeit still representing a slight drop y/y. While further stock accumulation is anticipated in China, this may be outweighed by reductions elsewhere, with major exporters' reserves seen falling by 14%, to a decade low. Trade is projected unchanged m/m, at around 43m t, down modestly y/y but well above average. Global rice import demand is projected to expand by 11% y/y in 2017, to about 44m t, on exceptionally firm demand from buyers in Africa and Asia. World production in 2017/18 is seen falling by 1% y/y, to 482m t, on smaller outturns in Asia. With consumption seen unchanged from the previous season's record, global carryovers are predicted to tighten by 2%, to 121m t, as gains in China only partly offset reductions elsewhere. Due to fall in India, Thailand, Vietnam and the USA, rice inventories of major exporters are predicted to contract by 14% y/y, to a decade low. Trade in 2018 is projected to edge lower as African buyers are likely source less, following heavy purchases in the previous year. India is expected to remain the biggest exporter, especially given prospects for tighter availabilities in Thailand following the completion of government food grade stock disposals.

IGC Forecast the World Rice Production Down in 2017-18

In its November 2017 Grain Market Report (GMR), the International Grains Council (IGC) projection for 2017-18 global rice production at around 482 million tons, down about 0.60% from an estimated 486 million tons in 2016-17 on adverse Asian weather condition.

Global Trade of Rice Unchanged from Last Year

The IGC forecasts 2017-18 global rice trades at around 43 million tons, unchanged from its estimates for 2016-17. It expects world rice trade in 2017 to remain same on normal demand from buyers in Africa and Asia.

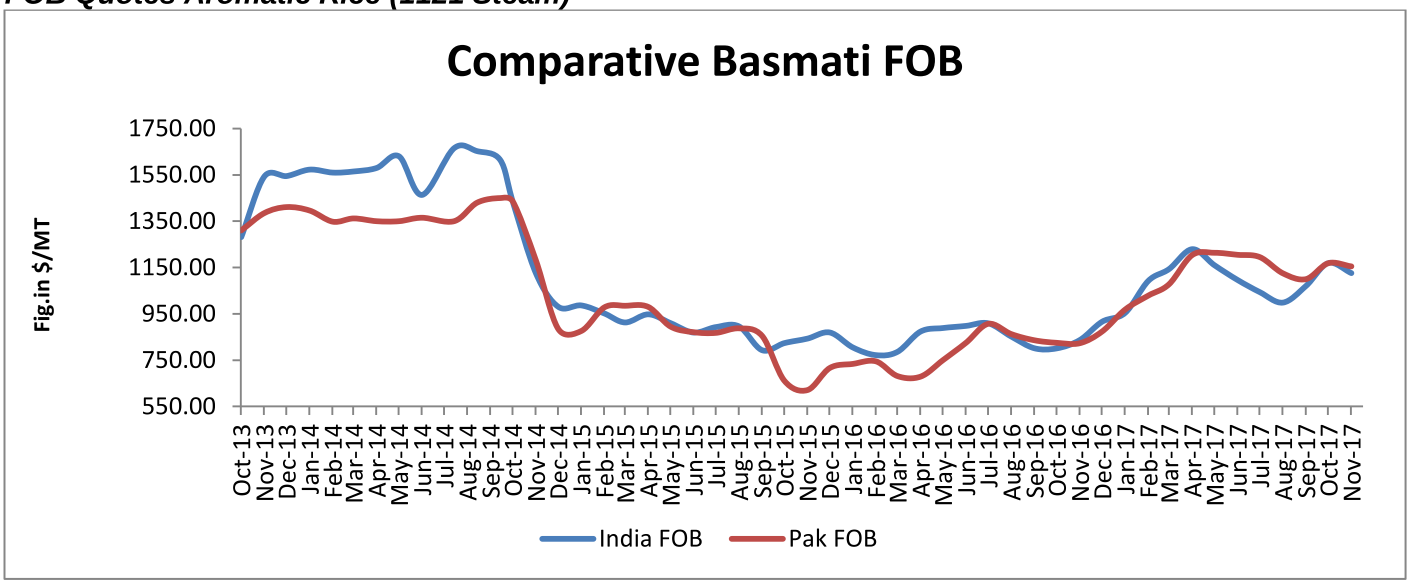
Global Consumption of Rice Increases in 2017-18

The IGC forecasts 2017-18 global rice consumption at around 484 million tons, same as in 2016-17. World rice stocks are projected to tighten in 2017/18 on a contraction in the major exporters, led by Thailand.

Indicative Basmati Parity Sheet

Parity Calculation Sheet	Rajkot (Kandla)	Andhra Pradesh(Vizag)	Punjab(Kandla)	Haryana(kandla)	West Bengal(Kolkata)
Price @ various center	70500	72500	68500	69000	72800
Port handling charges /Loading/Unloading /Clearing (Rs/ton)	550	550	550	550	550
Freight Charges till port	400	400	1350	1350	450
Indian FOB (Rs/MT)	71450	73450	70400	70900	73800
Indian FOB (USD/MT)	**1112.24**	**1143.37**	**1095.89**	**1103.67**	**1148.82**
Insurance @ 0.1%	1.11	1.14	1.10	1.10	1.15
Freight Charges (US $/ton) to Iran	55	55	55	55	55
CIF (Kandla to Iran)	1168.35	1199.51	1151.99	1159.78	1204.97
INR MonthlyAverage	64.24	64.24	64.24	64.24	64.24

FOB Quotes Aromatic Rice (1121 Steam)



Source-FAO& AW

Indian FOB for 1121 steam in the month of November moved weak from last month and currently is in the range of USD 1126/MT which is down by 3.7% from last month price of USD 1169/T due to supply pressure in local markets. Aromatic rice prices are also traded weak with arrival season this month; however Agriwatch expects that aromatic international rice price is likely to trade firm in coming months with good overseas demand. According to the UN's Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), Currently Pakistani basmati FOB is moving weaker from last month and is now hovering in the range of USD 1155/MT which is down by 1.17% from last month FOB of USD 1169/MT.

Rice Price Trend – CBOT

@ CBOT January- 18, Rough Rice)

(Prices in US$/hundredweight)

International Price Projection for Next Month

Duration	Trend	Support	Resistance
January-2018	**Steady to Weak**	**S1-10.80** **S2-10.50**	**R1-12.80** **R2-13.20**