
Rice Monthly Research Report

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Outlook and Review (Domestic Front)-

Average monthly wholesale rice prices in India stood at around Rs.2785 per quintal in February- 2018, down about 1.70% from around Rs.2834 per quintal in January- 2018, and down about 5.60% from around Rs.2950 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 prices in top exporter India snapped a three-week losing streak on lower supplies and a slight improvement in demand, while rates for the staple grain eased in Thailand and Vietnam due to lack of deals and the beginning of a new harvest. India's 5 percent broken parboiled rice prices RI-INBKN5-P1 rose by \$5 per ton to \$419-\$423 per ton.

As per second advance estimate released by government on Tuesday, India's food grains output is estimated to reach a record 277.49 million ton in 2017-18. Rice production is estimated at record 111.01 million tons, including 96.48 million tons in kharif and 14.53 million tons in Rabi, as against 109.70 million tons during 2016-17. The kharif (summer) crops are harvested from October while Rabi (winter) crops have already started arriving in mandis and arrival will increase from April onwards.

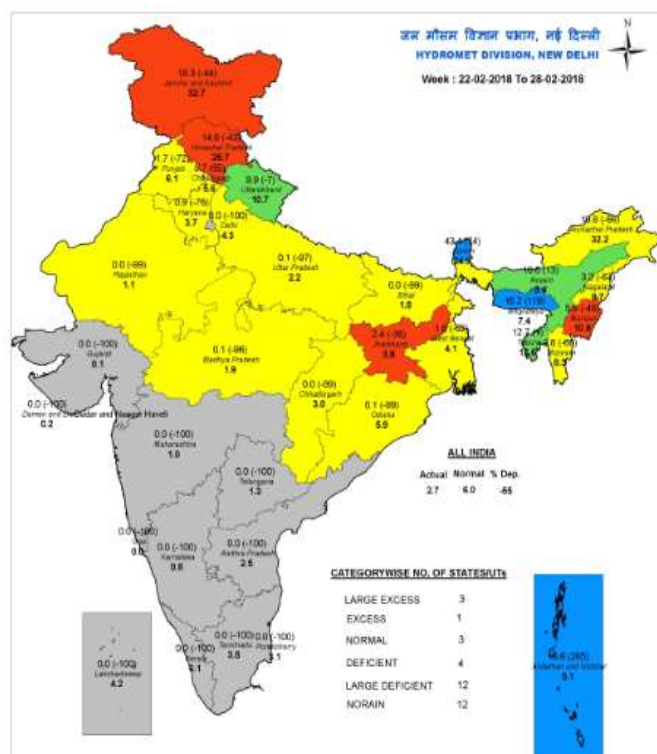
As on 09th February-2018, acreage under rice was reported at 31.89 lakh hectares compared to 27.32 lakh hectares, corresponding time last year, thus 4.57 lakh hectares more area has been covered compared to last year. States having higher acreage compared to last year are Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Odisha and Kerala. States where acreage has declined are West Bengal, Karnataka and Chhattisgarh.

All-India progressive procurement of Rice as on 01.03.2018 for 2017-18 was higher at 301.20 lakh tons against the procurement of 296.46 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.

In the winter season, at All-India level, the rainfall during the week (22nd February, 2018 – 28th February, 2018) has been 55% 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 98% in Central India, 90% in South Peninsula, 49% in North West India and 41% in East & North East India.

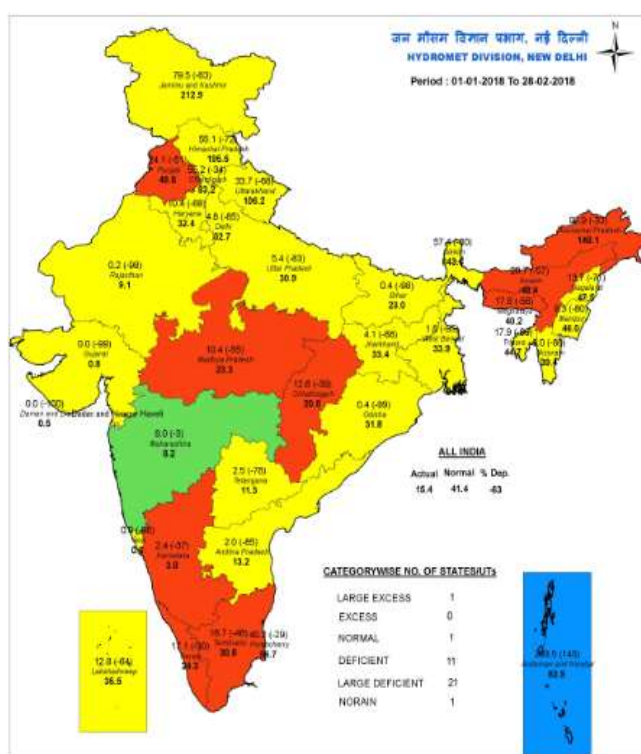
Among the food-grains, the inflation for Cereals has decreased to (-) 3.00% from the previous month's level of (-) 2.13% and Wheat (-) 8.47% from the previous month's level of (-) 5.75%, for Pulses increased to (-) 34.60% from the previous month's level of (-) 35.48%.

Weather Watch:



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The cumulative rainfall in the country during the winter monsoon season i.e. 01st January to 28th February, 2018 has been 63% 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 67% in North West India, 59% in East & North East India, 58% in Central India and 43% in South Peninsula.

Price Projection for Next Month (March) in Domestic Market

Duration	Trend	Average Price Range	Reason
March - 2018	Steady to Slightly Firm	Rs.3050-3350/Q	Average Rice price across India is likely to trade range bound with firm tone in this month after some correction in last month as demand from local buyers is .

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	24-Feb-2018)	18-Feb-2018)	24-Jan-2018)	% ch. From last week	% Change from last Month
1121 Steam	7100	7000	7400	1.43	-4.05
1121 Sella	6650	6600	6900	0.76	-3.62
1121 Raw	7100	7000	7400	1.43	-4.05

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	24-Feb-2018)	18-Feb-2018)	24-Jan-2018)	% ch. From last week	% Change from last Month
White Rice 5%	438	440	440	-0.45	-0.45
White Rice 25%	425	425	420	0.00	1.19
Parboiled 5%	425	428	428	-0.70	-0.70

Rice Supply & Demand

Figure in MMT	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18*	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar	Apr-June	July-Sept
Carry in	24.65	20.08	17.17	17.07	17.07	98.25	70.75	43.17
Production	105.40	104.00	108.00	108.50	108.50	0.00	0.00	0.00
Imports	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Availability	130.05	124.08	125.17	125.57	125.57	98.25	70.75	43.17
Consumption	98.00	96.50	97.00	97.50	24.38	24.38	24.38	24.38
Exports	11.97	10.41	11.10	11.50	2.95	3.12	3.20	2.22
Total Usage	109.97	106.91	108.10	109.00	27.33	27.50	27.58	26.60
Carry out	20.08	17.17	17.07	16.57	98.25	70.75	43.17	16.57
Av Monthly Consumption	8.17	8.04	8.08	8.13	2.03	2.03	2.03	2.03
Stock to Month Use	2.46	2.14	2.11	2.04	48.37	34.83	21.25	8.16
Stock to Consumption Ratio	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 March 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 108.5 MMT, which is up from last year, on good rainfall and higher than expected yield in Rabi season. More than ideal weather conditions during planting and at crop growth stages compared to last year are likely to result in higher 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 16.5 MMT which is 3% down from last year and this may push the rice price in northward direction in third quarter i.e. March onwards.

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
Uttarakhand	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. As rainfall is 5-10% above normal, record rice production is likely to happen and around 108 million tons rice will be produced for coming MY-2017-18.

State Wise initial estimated production of Basmati & Non-Basmati long grain Rice during Kharif 2017(production in 000 tons):

S. No	State	Total Basmati	Pusa-1121	PB-1	Pusa-1509	Pusa-1401	Basmati 370	CSR-30	Type-3 & Others	Non-Notified	
										Sharbati	Sugandha
1	Haryana	2535	1611.6	223	147.9	272.5		278.9		21.2	
2	Punjab	2142.2	1842.3	110.2	192.9					22.2	
3	Uttar Pradesh	763.2	403.2	133	206.3				20.7	528.24	308.8
4	Uttarakhand	39.05	9.12	7.62	10.1				12.22	49.73	1.93
5	Jammu & Kashmir	132	25		1		106			35.9	
6	Himachal Pradesh	30	7		22					0	
Total		5641	3898	474	580	273	106	279	33	657	311

In the current season PB 1121 acreage in the 7 states have been reduced by 10.6% over last year. Farmer preferred high yielding Pusa-1509 in place of low yielding PB-1121. Moreover PB 1509 also has shorter time period and early maturity trait, compared to PB 1121. Basmati crop cutting experiment shows that PB 1121 yields were intact in Haryana and Punjab while some crop damage reported in UP / UK but over this year lesser pest infestation observed in the fields. Timely application on remedial action by farmers on brown plant hopper & White bagged plant hopper reduces the crop losses. This year farmers harvested about 39-40 lakh tons of PB 1121 against the 43-44 lakh tons of harvest happened last year.

Basmati Rice Production Conclusion for MY-2017-18:

This year overall Basmati production was lowest in last five years. Basmati crop is about 10% lower than last year on account of lower acreage and yield losses specifically at Uttar Pradesh & Uttaranchal. This year Agro-climatic conditions were favorable for the crop and no major crop losses have been reported in the states like Punjab & Haryana. Farmers received about 40% higher price than last year and they are quite upbeat on the next year Basmati crop. Farmers grip towards Pusa 1509 will increase while little shift could be seen on traditional varieties

State wise Wholesale Price Monthly Analysis

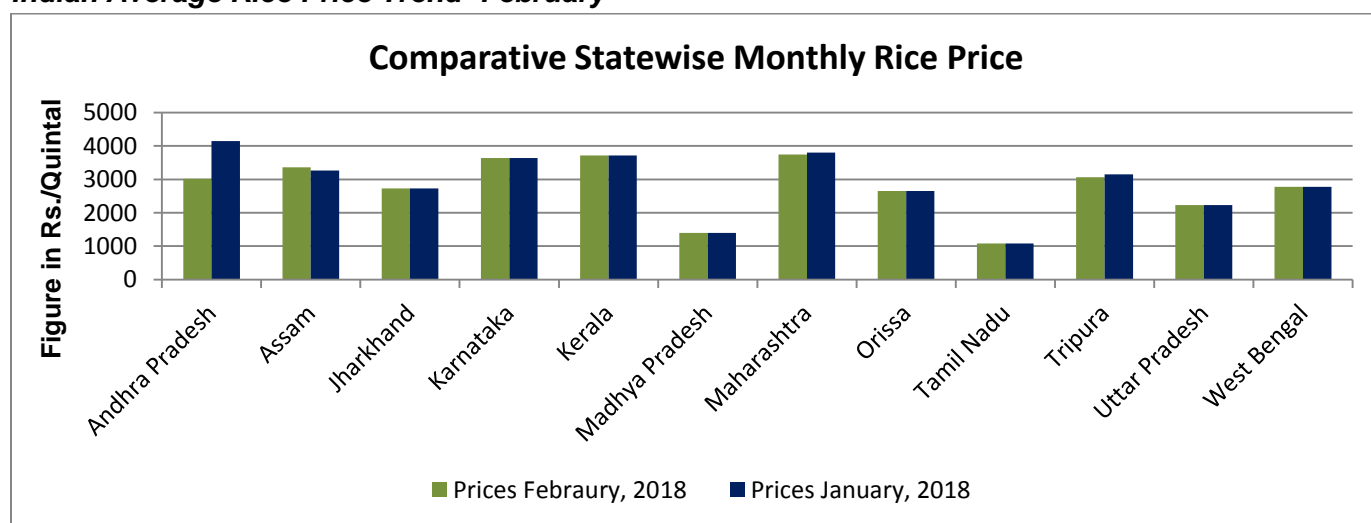
State	Prices February, 2018	Prices January, 2018	Prices February, 2017	% Change(Over Previous Month)	% Change(Over Previous Year)
Andhra Pradesh	3020.89	4146.05	5582.01	-27.14	-45.88
Assam	3359.64	3267.28	3359.64	2.83	0
Jharkhand	2731.95	2733.33	2731.95	-0.05	0
Karnataka	3638.16	3638.16	3496.85	0	4.04
Kerala	3715.86	3715.86	3779.02	0	-1.67
Madhya Pradesh	1400	1400	1400	0	0
Maharashtra	3748.97	3804.26	3447.35	-1.45	8.75

Orissa	2650.9	2650.9	2455.25	0	7.97
Tamil Nadu	1083.8	1083.8	1083.8	0	0
Tripura	3064	3154.97	3064	-2.88	0
Uttar Pradesh	2235.06	2235.06	2235.06	0	0
West Bengal	2776.89	2776.89	2776.89	0	0
Average	2785.51	2833.88	2950.98		

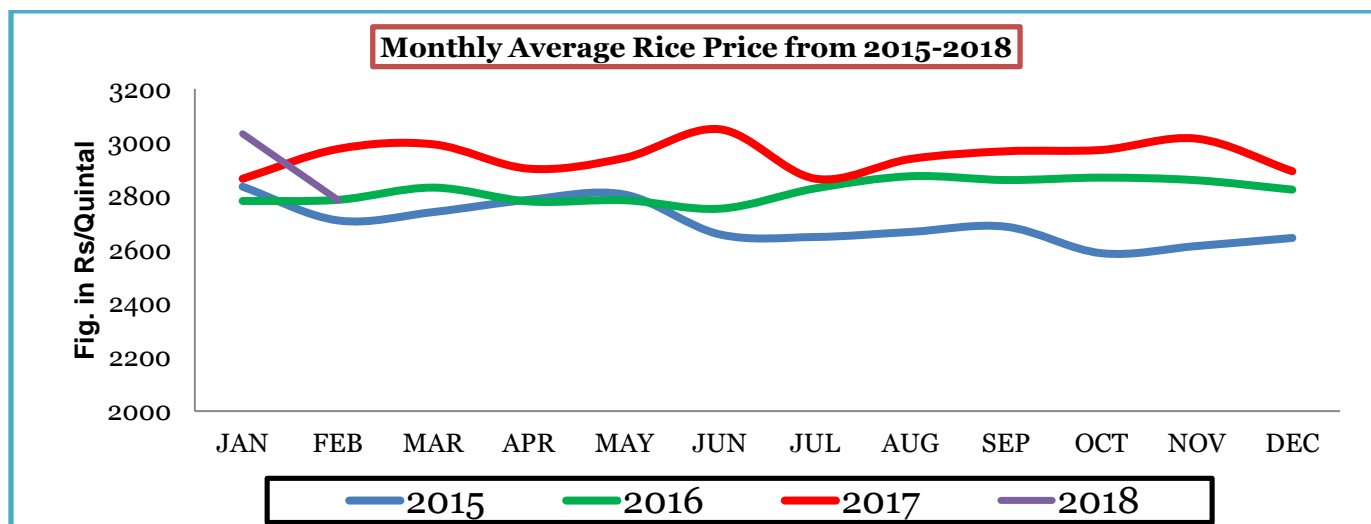
Source-Agmark

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Indian Average Rice Price Trend- February



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
2018	33.25	33.96										

Source-FCI

India's rice stocks in the central pool as on February- 1, 2017 stood at around 33.96 million tons up by about 16% from around 29.29 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 2.13% from around 33.25 million tons recorded on January-01, 2017. Highest stock could be seen in the state of Punjab (66.93 lakh tons) followed by Uttar Pradesh (22 Lakh Tons), Andhra Pradesh (17.55 lakh tons) and Haryana (16.34 lakh tons).

State wise Progressive Procurement

State/UTs (in Lakh T)	Target (only kharif crop) in marketing season 2017-18 (Oct. – Sept.)	Progressive Procurement as on 23.02.2018	
		In Marketing season 2017-18	In Marketing season 2016-17
AP	25.00	24.75	23.16
Telangana	15.00	12.23	11.02
Bihar	12.00	4.15	4.81
Chhattisgarh	48.00	32.07	40.22
Haryana	30.00	39.67	35.70
Kerala	1.00	1.09	1.42
M.P	13.00	10.96	12.97
Maharashtra	4.00	1.47	2.14
Odessa	30.00	21.99	18.82
Punjab	115.00	118.33	110.52
Tamilnadu	10.00	1.49	0.64
U.P	37.00	28.34	19.78
Uttarakhand	7.00	0.37	6.48
West Bengal	23.00	0.18	4.13
Others	0	0.87	0.46
Total	375.00	298.37	292.57

All-India progressive procurement of Rice as on 23.02.2018 for 2017-18 was higher at 298.37 lakh tons against the procurement of 292.57 lakh tons in the corresponding period of last year. 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.

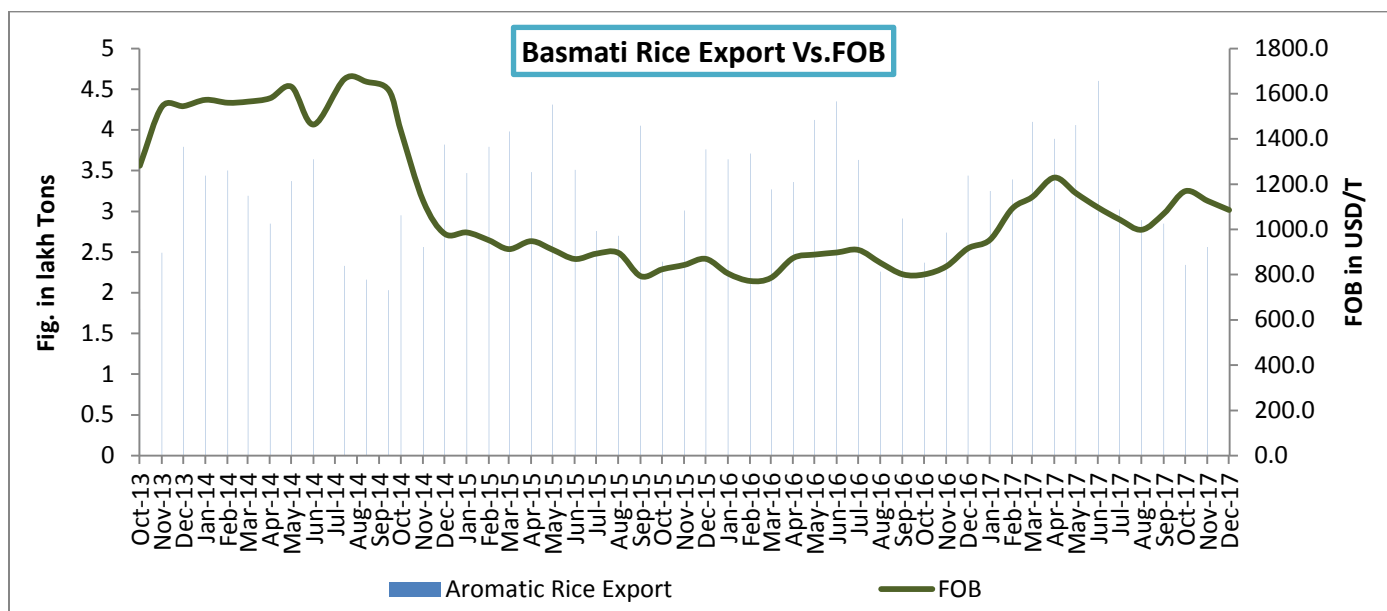
Rice Export Statistics

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	7.68	2.81	10.49
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	21.78	7.71	29.49

Source-DGCIS

Agriwatch has updated the rice exports in the month of February based on data released by APEDA. Rice export in MY-2017-18 starting from Oct-17 to Dec-17 was 29.49 lakh tons which is 48% higher than last year till December export of 19.97 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. In the month of December, non-basmati rice export was 7.68 lakh tons and basmati rice export was 2.81 lakh tons.

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):

Technical Chart of 1121 Steam Rice (Delhi):-


Technical chart of 1121 steam rice shows bearish sentiments in the month of February and currently 1121 steam rice price is Rs.7000-7100/quintal. Prices have likely bottomed out for the near future are likely to recover in the next month up to around Rs 76-7800 per quintal.

Rice Market Outlook

Domestic non-basmati rice prices have weak in February due to frail overseas demand and higher supply amid a weak local currency. Agriwatch expects that rice prices are expected to move steady to slightly firm in March with strong

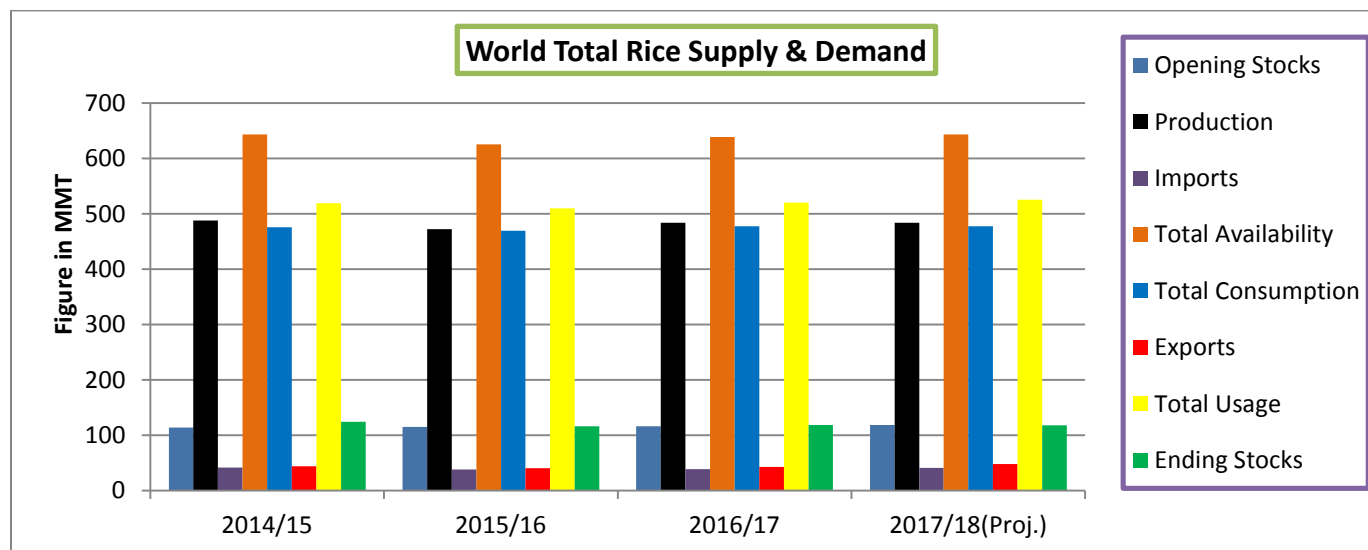
demand from local millers, also after that price will move firm in later months. Also, domestic prices during the marketing year will also depend on the availability of paddy/rice stock with private traders and international price movement.

Price of Aromatic rice was traded weak in February by 2-5% from last month and currently 1121 steam rice traded at Rs.7000-7200/quintal; 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



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

Unofficial and preliminary Thailand rice exports (excluding premium white and fragrant rice) for February 12-18, 2018, totaled 177,819 metric tons, down 83,213 metric tons from the previous week and down 43,282 metric tons from the four-week moving average of 221,101 metric tons. Rice exports from January 1- February 18, 2018, totaled 1,409,989 metric tons.

Thailand Export prices of all grades of rice remain unchanged from the previous week as trading is quiet. Foreign buyers are reportedly waiting until supplies of MY2017/18 off-season rice enter the market in early March 2018. The government decided to delay its plan to issue a tender for the remaining 2 million metric ton non-food quality rice stocks until April 2018 in order to avoid any downward impact on domestic rice prices during the MY2017/18 off-season rice harvest peak in March 2018.

Post's estimate for Ghana's domestic rice production in MY 2017/18 is 450,000 MT, up from 390,000 MT in MY 2016/17. This is due to favorable conditions, GOG commitments to increase rice production through the introduction of improved high yielding and disease resistant rice varieties, and the adoption of low cost water management practices. However, domestic rice production is still faced with challenges such as availability and cost of rice seeds and fertilizer, leading to low fertilizer use and poor agronomic practices. Lack of farm mechanization and proper processing facilities also contributes to a poor quality domestic crop. The average yield of paddy rice has been between 2-3 tons per hectare and could increase to 4-5 tons per hectare if improved practices and resources are available to producers (GOG sources).

The Philippines' agricultural output grew 2.2 percent in the fourth quarter, bringing full-year expansion to 3.95 percent, supported by a record rice production. Farm output accounts for about a tenth of the Southeast Asian nation's gross domestic product, which is among the fastest growing in the world. Farm output accounts for about a tenth of the Southeast Asian nation's gross domestic product, which is among the fastest growing in the world.

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Unmilled rice output in the Philippines, one of the world's biggest buyers of the grain, is forecast to increase 5.7 percent in the first quarter because of improved yields and increased harvest area, The Philippine Statistics Authority said production in January to March will probably hit 4.67 million tons, based on standing crop, compared with 4.42 million tons harvested in the same period last year. The country's state grains procurement agency plans to import 250,000 tons of rice as soon as possible to boost thinning stockpiles, and the prospective deal has already raised export prices in Vietnam, a major supplier.

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. 18.01.2018	(2017-18) Proj. 22.02.2018
Production	481	474	487	484	484
Trade	41	39	45	44	45
Consumption	476	473	487	485	486
Carryover stocks	122	123	123	123	122
Y-O-Y change	5	1	0		-2
Major Exporters	37	32	29	24	24

(Fig. In Million Tons)

IGC Rice Balance sheet Highlights

The forecast for rice output in 2017/18 is maintained at 484m t, marginally below last year's high. With opening stocks cut, coupled with an upgrade for use, carryovers are lowered to 122m t. Major exporters' reserves are revised down to 23.5m t, a contraction of one-fifth y/y. Owing to expected firm demand from buyers in Asia and Africa, the 2018 trade forecast is lifted to 44.8m t, only fractionally below the 2017 peak. In 2018/19, marginal area growth is anticipated, led by key exporters, namely India, Thailand and the USA. With the exception of rice, global export prices posted solid gains in February, boosting the IGC Grains and Oilseeds Index (GOI) by 5% since last month's GMR. The 2017/18 global rice outturn is seen 1% smaller than last season's peak, mostly on falls in key exporters, namely India and the USA. With supplies expected to tighten as consumption stays close to an all-time high, stocks are set to decline marginally, but including a steep drop – of about one-fifth y/y – in the major exporters. Following a year in which trade grew by 5.6m t y/y, volumes could retreat slightly in 2018, albeit remaining well above average. Global rice acreage is predicted to expand in 2018/19, with advances expected in leading exporters as traded volumes remain elevated.

IGC Forecast the World Rice Production Down in 2017-18

In its February 2018 Grain Market Report (GMR), the International Grains Council (IGC) projection for 2017-18 global rice production at around 484 million tons, down about 03 MMT from an estimated 487 million tons in 2016-17 on adverse Asian weather condition.

Global Trade of Rice Unchanged from Last Year

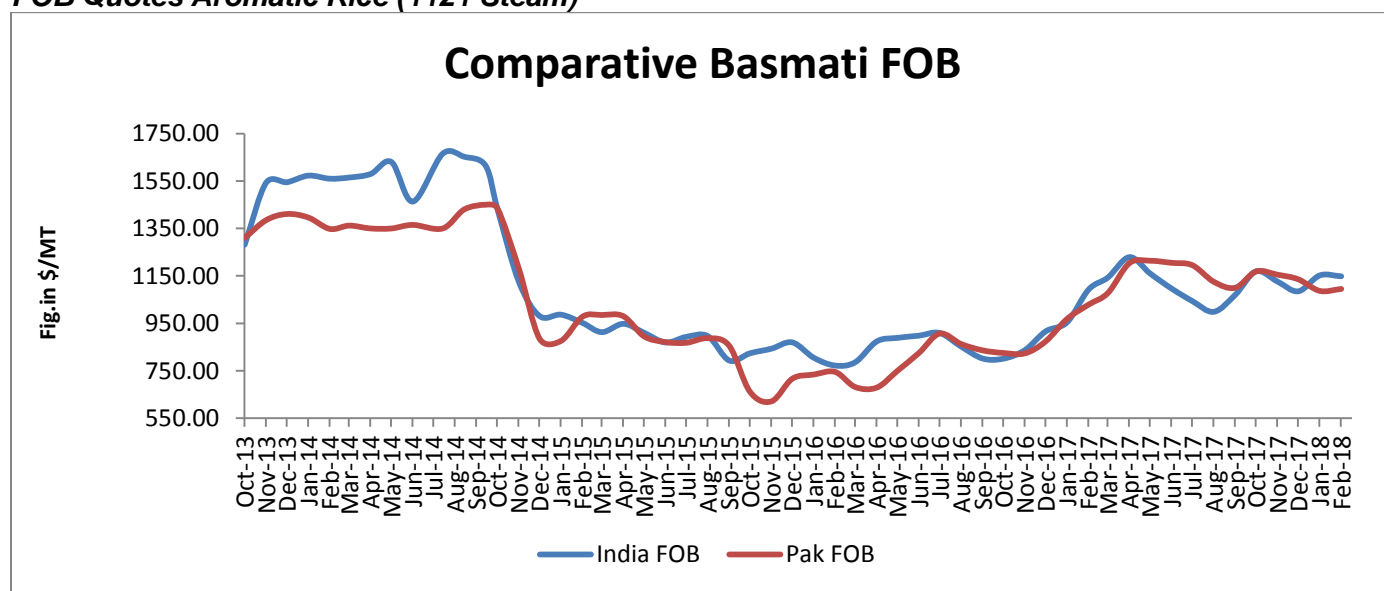
The IGC forecasts 2017-18 global rice trades at around 45 million tons, unchanged from its estimates for 2016-17. It expects world rice trade in 2017 to remain same on normal demand from buyers in Africa and Asia.

Global Consumption of Rice Increases in 2017-18

The IGC forecasts 2017-18 global rice consumption same around 486 million tons from 2017-18. 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	72500	73500	71000	70800	73200
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)	73450	74450	72900	72700	74200
Indian FOB (USD/MT)	1140.53	1156.06	1131.99	1128.88	1152.17
Insurance @ 0.1%	1.14	1.16	1.13	1.13	1.15
Freight Charges (US \$/ton) to Iran	55	55	55	55	55
CIF (Kandla to Iran)	1196.67	1212.21	1188.12	1185.01	1208.33
INR Monthly Average	64.4	64.4	64.4	64.4	64.4

FOB Quotes Aromatic Rice (1121 Steam)


Source-FAO& AW

Indian FOB for 1121 steam in the month of February moved weak from last month and currently is in the range of USD 1148/MT which is down by 0.32% from last month price of USD 1152/T due to correction in the market. Aromatic rice prices are also traded weak with lethargic buying from millers; 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 firmer from last month and is now hovering in the range of USD 1095/MT which is up by 0.75% from last month FOB of USD 1086.75/MT.

Rice Price Trend – CBOT
@ CBOT March- 18, Rough Rice)
(Prices in US\$/hundredweight)

International Price Projection for Next Month

Duration	Trend	Support	Resistance
March-2018	Steady	S1-10.80 S2-10.50	R1-12.90 R2-13.20

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