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# Rice Weekly Research Report

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**Outlook and Review:****Domestic Front**

**Wholesale Prices for India as an average for 02<sup>nd</sup> week of January traded weak by 3.27% from last week. Prices are currently hovering at Rs.2860-2865/quintal and 4.56% up from price of Rs.2735/Quintal during corresponding period last year. Agriwatch expects rice market to move in firm tone as cash crunch in the market and thus arrival is lower than previous week.**

**Crop sowing in the ongoing rabi season remained marginally higher than the average of the past five years in the second week of January owing to continued increase in acreage under pulses and wheat. Sowing of rice till the second week of January declined to 14.92 lh compared with the normal of corresponding week at 19.28 lh. Increased sowing was reported from Assam, Chhattisgarh and Tripura, while sowing in the Southern States such as Tamil Nadu, Telangana, Karnataka and Kerala declined.**

**According to the report in the Economic Times, Iran has lifted its ban on imports of basmati rice from India that had been in place for five months. Basmati rice prices have started increasing as Iran has allowed imports from India. However formal notification is awaited, but exporters and companies have started getting queries from Iran and some have even started signing contracts. Iran has been one of the largest importers of Indian basmati rice in recent years. But in 2015-16, basmati rice exports from India to Iran almost halved to \$571 million from \$1.1 billion in the previous financial year.**

**All-India progressive procurement of Rice as on 30.12.2016 for the Kharif marketing season 2016-17 was 219.95 lakh tonnes against the procurement of 186.60 lakh tonnes in the corresponding period of last year.**

**As per 01st Advance Estimate released by Union Agriculture Minister, Total production of Kharif rice is estimated at 93.88 million tons which is a new record. This year rice production is higher by 1.1 million tons than previous record production of 92.78 million tons achieved during 2011-12. Production of Kharif rice is also higher by 4.16 million tons and 2.57 million tons over the average production of the last five years and the last year's Kharif rice production respectively.**

**Among the foodgrains, the inflation for Cereals has increased to 7.32% from the previous month's level of 6.13%, Rice to 4.80% from the previous month's level of 4.57%, Wheat 10.71% from the previous month's level of 6.30%. The inflation for Pulses has decreased to 21.73% from the previous month's level of 21.80%.**

**India's rice stocks in the central pool as on December 1, 2016 stood at around 26.96 million tons down by about 11.20% from around 30.35 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 down about 13.62% from around 31.2 million tons recorded on November-01, 2016. The current rice stocks are about one million tons more than the required strategic reserve norms of around 1.25 million tons for this time of the year, according to the FCI.**

**In the post monsoon season, at All-India level, the rainfall during the week (22<sup>nd</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> December, 2016) has been 80% lower than the Long Period Average (LPA). Rainfall in the four broad geographical divisions of the country during the above period has been lower than LPA by 99% in Central India, 90% in North West India, 69% in South Peninsula and 51% in East & North East India.**

**Agriwatch Cereals Commodity Indices – Jan-8, 2017**


The Agriwatch Agri Commodities Index gained 0.41% to 115.30 during the week ended Jan 7, 2017 from 114.83 during the previous week. The base for the Index and all sub-Indices is 2014 (= 100).

Most agri-commodities rebounded from their recent weakness and offset a sharp fall in the Pulses Index. 7 of the 9 commodity group sub-Indices and 21 of the 29 individual commodity sub-Indices posted weekly gains. The commodity group sub-Index values and their weekly changes are as follows: Cereals Index: 111.86 (+0.68%), Pulses Index: 181.78 (-10.1%), Vegetables Index: 45.06 (+7.79%), Edible Oils Index: 112.79 (+1.34%), Oilseeds Index: 99.10 (+2.25%), Spices Index: 120.81 (-0.48%), Sweeteners Index: 122.73 (+2.72%), Fibres Index: 111.10 (+7.19%) and Other Non-Food Articles Index: 86.02 (+1.31%).

"Agriwatch has recently launched its AW Agri Commodity Indices to enable organizations access independent Indices to track and use to benchmark their purchases and sales. The Indices are based on the daily prices in the key benchmark markets for each commodity that AW has been covering for the past decade. The indices include an Aggregate Index, Category Indices and individual commodity indices. The weekly indices are free to access on our website [www.agriwatch.com](http://www.agriwatch.com). The daily indices are available on subscription. Please contact for more details."

**State wise Wholesale Prices weekly for 02<sup>nd</sup> Week of Jan-2017**

Source Agmarknet

State	Prices 09-15 Jan 2017	Prices 01-08 Jan 2017	Prices 09-15 Jan 2016	% Change(Over Previous Week)	% Change(Over Previous Year)
Andhra Pradesh	3790.37	5060.12	4246.97	-25.09	-10.75
Assam	3348.32	3316.02	2873.73	0.97	16.51
Gujarat	3200.85	3230.6	2855.75	-0.92	12.08

Jharkhand	2708.24	2702.99	2521.3	0.19	7.41
Karnataka	3723.58	3736.59	3264.84	-0.35	14.05
Kerala	3315.9	3352.58	3086.69	-1.09	7.43
Maharashtra	3300.26	3235.71	3095.67	1.99	6.61
Manipur	2834.56	2907.89	2631.04	-2.52	7.74
Meghalaya	2787.16	2469.23	3468.84	12.88	-19.65
Delhi	2000		2000	—	0
Orissa	2522.91	2555.99	2271.35	-1.29	11.08
Tripura	2735.12	2387.03	2446.51	14.58	11.8
Uttar Pradesh	2225.01	2214.16	2128.58	0.49	4.53
Uttarakhand	2057.73	1878.23	1914.77	9.56	7.47
West Bengal	2354.52	2352.89	2224.74	0.07	5.83
Average	2860.3	2957.15	2735.38		

### Price Projection for January 03<sup>rd</sup> Week in Domestic Market

Duration	Trend	Average Price Range	Reason
03 <sup>rd</sup> Week of Jan, 2017	Steady to Firm	Rs.2850-3050/Q	Non-basmati rice market likely to move steady to firm note in coming weeks due to lower arrival as cash crunch in the market.

### 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	14-Jan-2017)	07-Jan- 2017)	Month Ago(14-Dec-2016)	% ch. From last week	% Change from last Month
1121 Steam	6100	6200	6050	-1.61	0.83
1121 Sella	5050	5100	4850	-0.98	4.12
1121 Raw	6350	6450	5950	-1.55	6.72

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

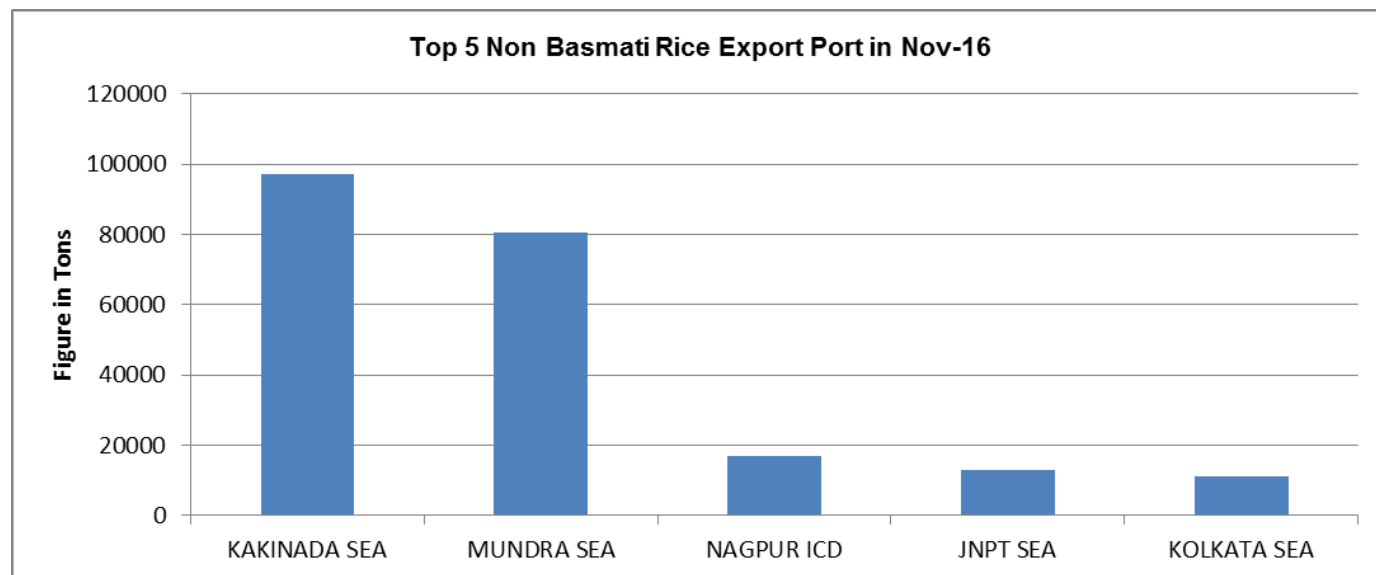
Indian White Rice 5%, 25% High Quality, Long grain parboiled 5%					
Variety	14-Jan-2017)	07-Jan- 2017)	Month Ago(14-Dec-2016)	% ch. From last week	% Change from last Month
White Rice 5%	355	360	375	-1.39	-5.33
White Rice 25%	345	348	360	-0.86	-4.17
Parboiled 5%	345	350	365	-1.43	-5.48

### Major Importers of Basmati & Non-Basmati Rice in Nov -2016

Non-Basmati Rice			Basmati Rice		
Country	Quantity(Tons)	Average of FOB \$/Ton	Country	Quantity(Tons)	Average of FOB \$/Ton
IRAQ	49974.99	504.89	U A E	60739.35	806.22
GUINEA	30344.25	327.45	SAUDI	39866.78	804.06
CAMBODIA	17625.00	330.65	IRAN	19771.60	667.90
U A E	15889.90	543.21	IRAQ	16439.07	697.79
S.AFRICA	15292.85	413.30	KUWAIT	11780.05	878.37
BENIN	13435.98	358.01	U S A	7154.67	852.12
SAUDI	10640.35	497.27	U K	6217.02	756.40
DJIBOUTI	9671.81	340.26	BAHRAIN	6065.40	847.58
BAHRAIN	8629.19	561.09	QATAR	5063.89	802.87
SOMALIA	6384.50	375.31	NETHERLANDS	4969.43	774.42
Others	93000.87	425.14	Others	38739.91	788.77
Grand Total	270889.69	508.29	Grand Total	216807.16	812.59

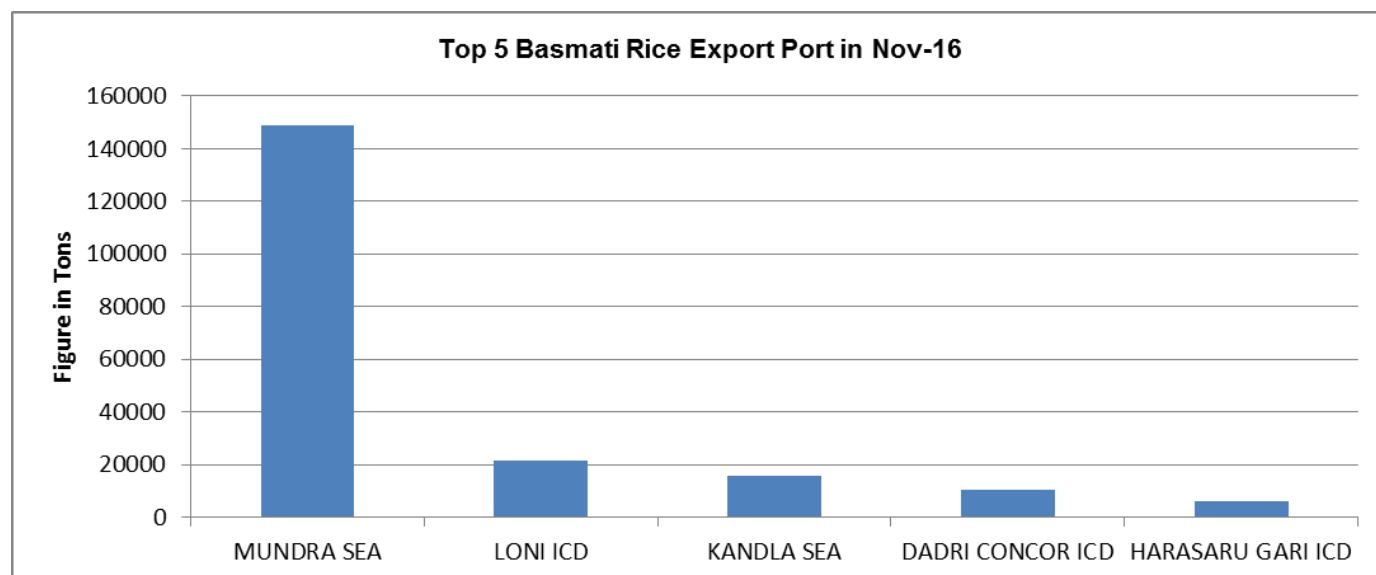
Total Rice exported from India in November was 4.86 lakh tons out of which basmati rice contribute 44.45%, and non-basmati rice is 55.54% in this period with quantity of around 2.16 lakh tons and 2.70 lakh tons respectively as per latest data extract from IBIS. Major importers of Indian Basmati rice in this period were Iraq, Guinea and Cambodia. We expect Middle East countries to remain the major basmati buyers of Indian Basmati from Mundra and Kakinada Port in coming months. Major non-basmati importers were UAE, Saudi and Iran. Monthly rice exports in the month were down by around 19% from last month export of 5.98 lakh tons.

### Major Non-Basmati Export Sourcing Center



Total non-basmati Rice export in the month of November was 2.70 lakh tons. Kakinada Sea, Mundra Sea and Nagpur ICD were the major ports for non-basmati rice export during this period. These five ports cover more than 80% of total export in this period.

## Major Basmati Export Sourcing Center



Total basmati Rice export in the month of Nov was 2.16 lakh tons. Mundra Sea, Loni ICD and Kandla ICD were the major port for basmati rice export center during this period. These three ports cover more than 90% of total export in this period.

## State wise Progressive Procurement

State/UTs (in Lakh T)	Total procurement in marketing season 2014-15 (Oct. – Sept.)	Progressive Procurement as on 24.06.2016	
		In Marketing season 2015- 2016	In Marketing season 2014- 2015
AP	35.96	43.05	34.59
Telangana	35.04	15.79	32.72
Bihar	16.14	12.25	16.14
Chhattisgarh	34.23	34.42	33.55
Haryana	20.15	28.61	20.15
Kerala	3.74	3.82	3.74
M.P	8.07	8.49	8.07
Maharashtra	1.99	2.22	1.78
Odessa	33.57	33.51	26.53
Punjab	77.86	93.5	77.86
Tamilnadu	10.51	10.90	9.37
U.P	16.98	29.10	16.77
Uttarakhand	4.65	5.97	4.65
West Bengal	20.32	15.65	16.91
Others	17.33	0.53	4.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>320.4</b>	<b>340.40</b>	<b>303.91</b>

Government's rice procurement has increased around 12.54% to 33.69 million tons in the 2015-16 marketing year so far, despite prospects of lower production due to poor monsoon. The Centre has kept rice procurement target of 30 million tons for the current marketing year, which started in October-2015 and has also exceeded the target as of now. These agencies had procured 29.94 million tons a year-ago, while the total purchases had reached 32 million

tons. At present, procurement has been completed in Punjab and Haryana which is up by 20% and 41% respectively with quantity of 93.50 lakh tons and 28.61 lakh tons, while the operations are in full swing in Uttar Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Andhra Pradesh and Telangana. As per the Government's latest data, rice procurement in Uttarakhand has risen to 5.97 lakh tons so far this year as against 4.65 lakh tons a year-ago. Procurement in Chhattisgarh increased to 34.42 lakh tons from 33.55 lakh tons, while that of Andhra Pradesh has increased to 42.77 lakh tons from 33.77 lakh tons in 2014. Rice purchase in Telangana and Bihar was lagging behind at 15.66 lakh tons and 12.25 lakh tons so far this year as against 30.84 lakh tons and 16.14 lakh tons respectively in the corresponding period of the 2014-15 marketing year. Telangana rice production is also likely to fall by 35% from last year production of 4.54 million tons.

## **Global Updates**

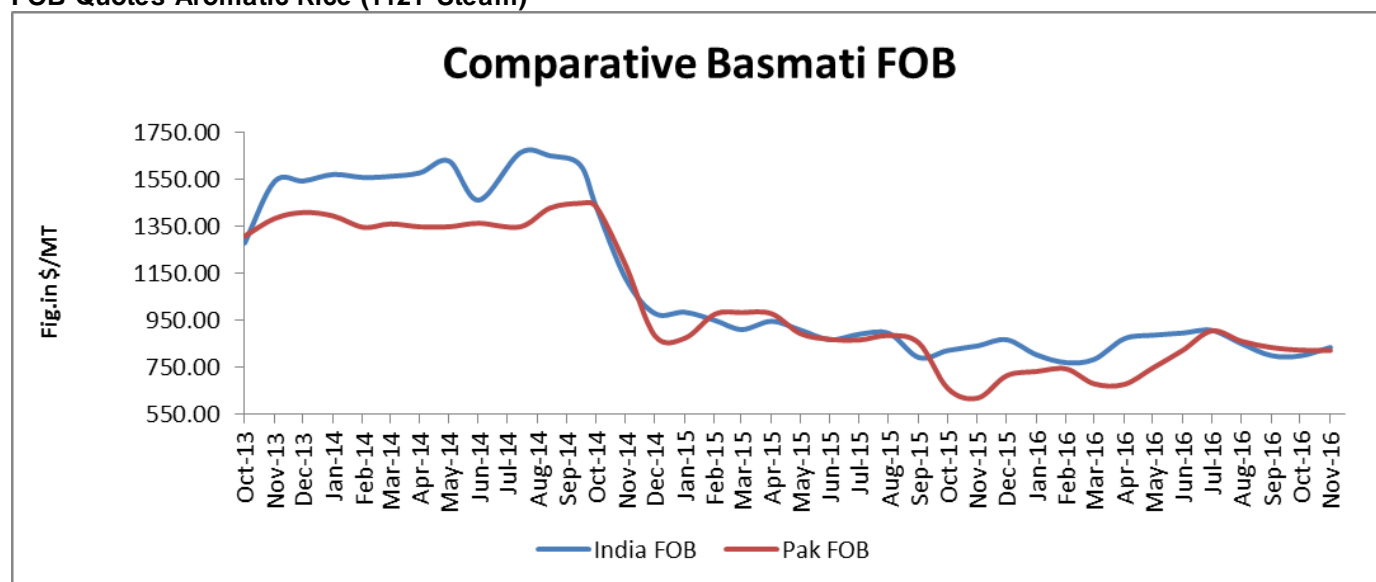
**Thai rice export prices hovered around 13-month lows over the past week, attracting more African buyers and leading to dull trade** in Vietnam. Currently Thai benchmark 5 percent broken rice prices hovered in between \$345-\$348 /Ton, free-on-board (FOB) basis, from \$345-\$350 /Ton a week ago when they hit their lowest in 13 months. As per market sources, the rainy season may also have an impact on rice prices, The recent rain will prompt farmers to harvest more rice as they fear that their rice will get spoiled and this might have an effect on rice prices. The fall in Thai rice prices has raised concerns among Vietnamese exporters of the grain, as their quotations for the 5 percent broken rice stood at \$350/Ton, FOB basis, against \$350-\$355 last week. Thai rice prices are falling and that could attract African buyers while Vietnam could not do anything because their rice stock has been built at an already high cost. As per trade sources, last week African buyers had already switched to rice offered by Thailand and Pakistan.

**Sri Lanka is to import over 250,000 tons of rice to maintain a buffer stock sufficient for one and half months owing to a possible shortage** of rice during the first quarter of next year, due to drought. The Government has taken a decision to import rice through the private sector and provide bonded warehouse facilities for them as the country's rice production is expected to drop during the drought period. While the private sector will be allowed to freely import rice, there won't be any imports by the government unlike during the previous regime.

**Mali produced a record 2.81 million tonnes of rice in its 2016-17 season, up 20 percent from last year and above an initial crop forecast.** The West African country produced 2.33 million tonnes of unprocessed paddy rice last season and forecast 2.71 million tonnes for 2016-17. It now has a projected surplus of 565,000 tonnes. The increase was due to good rainfall, an increase in cultivated areas, the modernization of farming equipment and fertilizer subsidies. Mali is Africa's second largest rice producer behind Nigeria. The rice season includes a production phase from May/June to September/October followed by a marketing phase from October/November to the end of March.

**The Philippines' state grains agency has approved permits for local rice traders to import 641,080 tons of the staple grain from** Thailand, Vietnam, Pakistan and India. The approved imports, which must be brought in by Feb. 28, 2017, account for 80 percent of the maximum volume of 805,200 tons that private traders are allowed to bring in under an annual country-specific quota scheme. Private traders will import 284,780 tons of rice from Thailand; 294,020 tons from Vietnam; 56,140 tons from Pakistan; and 6,140 tons from India. Fresh demand from the Philippines, one of the world's biggest rice buyers, could underpin export prices particularly in Vietnam and Thailand, traditionally its main suppliers. Rice export prices in India and Vietnam weakened last week on thin demand, but still failed to attract buyers, while prices rose slightly in Thailand amid a slowing harvest.



**FOB Quotes Aromatic Rice (1121 Steam)**


Source-FAO& Agriwatch

Indian FOB for 1121 steam in the month of November moved firm from last month and currently is in the range of USD 835-836/MT which is up by 4.47% from last month price of 812USD/T. Average basmati rice price too firm even with arrival pressure as aromatic rice production estimates is 25-30% lower than last year, according to the UN's Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO). Currently Pakistani basmati FOB is hovering in the range of USD 823-825/MT which is almost same from last month FOB of USD 825/MT.

**IGC Rice Balance Sheet**

(Fig. In Million Tonnes)

Attributes ( Fig in Million Tons)	2013-14	2014-15 Estimate	2015-16 Forecast 25.02.16	Projection 27.10.2016	Projection (2016-17) 24.11.16
<b>Production</b>	478	480	473	484	485
<b>Trade</b>	42	43	42	41	41
<b>Consumption</b>	478	477	473	482	483
<b>Carryover stocks</b>	114	112	101	117	118
<b>Y-O-Y change</b>	0	-2	-10	3	2
<b>Major Exporters</b>	38	32	20	29	30

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

**IGC Rice Balance sheet Highlights**

The Council's projection for the 2016/17 global rice outturn is lifted fractionally, to a new peak of 485m t. The upward revision in total supplies is channelled to marginally upgraded figures for consumption and world ending stocks. At 118m t, aggregate inventories are predicted to expand by 2% y/y as a slight drawdown in reserves in leading exporters is more than offset by increases elsewhere. Projected broadly steady from October, trade is anticipated to



expand by about 2% from the previous year. With many Asian producers likely to cut better crops against the backdrop of improved growing conditions, world rice output in 2016/17 is projected to expand by 13m t, to a record of 485m. Population growth is expected to boost uptake to a fresh peak, while global ending stocks are predicted to edge up by 2% y/y, as inventory build in some nations more than offsets an anticipated reduction in the major exporters. This includes Thailand, where the government may offload more state reserves early next year. Trade is forecast to expand modestly, to around 41m t, on firm demand from African and Asian buyers. With an excellent kharif harvest boosting supplies for export, India's shipments could again exceed 10m t.

### IGC Forecast the World Rice Production Up in 2016-17

In its October 2016 Grain Market Report (GMR), the International Grains Council (IGC) forecasts 2016-17 global rice production at around 484 million tons, up about 2 % from an estimated 473 million tons in 2015-16 on improved Asian production.

### Global Trade of Rice Unchanged from Last Month

The IGC forecasts 2016-17 global rice trades at around 41 million tons, unchanged from its estimates for 2015-16. It expects world rice trade in 2017 to increase on high demand from buyers in Africa and Asia.

### Global Consumption of Rice Decreases in 2016-17

The IGC forecasts 2016-17 global rice consumption to up about 1.90% to around 482 million tons from an estimated 473 million tons in 2015-16.

### Rice Price Trend @ CBOT January- 17, Rough Rice) (Prices in US\$/hundredweight)



### Market Analysis

The CBOT January month rough chart for rice indicates range bound with some firm movement in last couple of weeks; overall market is in steady to weak tone. We expect market to hover in the range of USD 9.35-10.00 hundred weights in coming sessions.

**Price Projection (International-CBOT)**

Duration	Trend	Price Range
<b>03<sup>rd</sup> Week of January,2017</b>	<b>Steady</b>	USD/ Hundred Weight 9.35-10.00

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