Rice Weekly Research Report

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Outlook and Review:

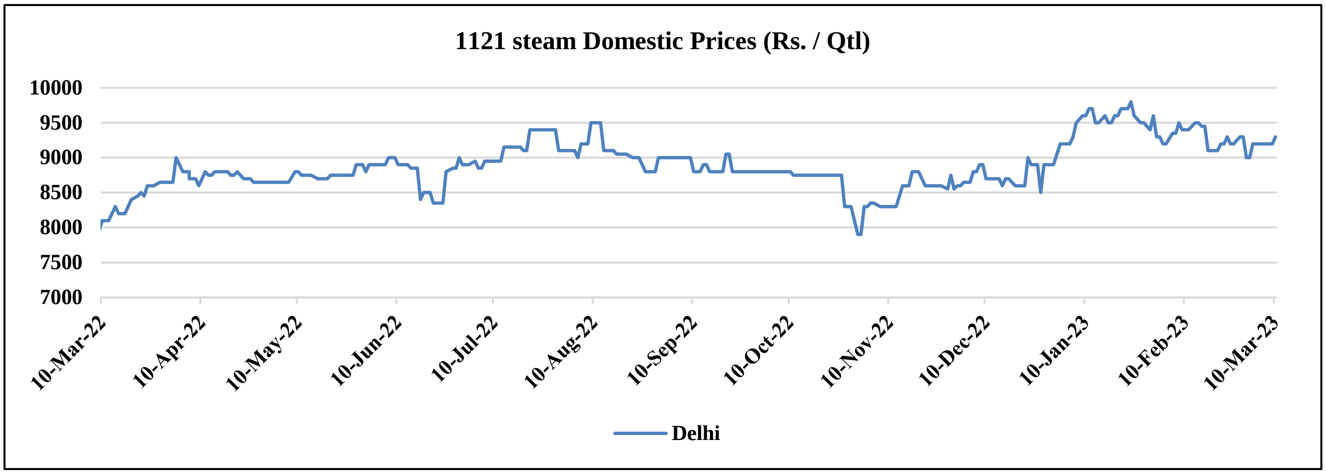
- As per trade sources, price of India's 5% broken rice decreased this week to $385-$390 per tonne, down from last week's range of $390-$395. Prices have been declining since hitting a high of around $400 in the 3rd week of Feb. 23, which was the highest since March 2021. The recent increase in export prices and freight rates for break bulk vessels have impacted demand, resulting in the current downturn.
- According to sources, Vietnam's 5% broken rice remained steady at $440-$445 per tonne, the same as last week. The winter-spring harvest is currently at its peak in the Mekong Delta provinces, resulting in an increase in domestic supplies. However, prices have not been affected due to the anticipated strong demand for rice.
- As per sources, price of Thailand's 5% broken rice remained mostly unchanged at $460 per tonne from last week's price range of $450 to $460 due to quiet supply and demand.

State wise Wholesale Prices Weekly Analysis for Rice Second Week of March, 2023

State	Prices 09-15 Mar 2023	Prices 01-08 Mar 2023	Prices 24-28 Feb 2023	Prices 09-15 Mar 2022	% Change (Over Previous Week)	% Change (Over Previous Year)
Bihar	4150	4000	2916.46	2903.73	3.75	42.92
Gujarat	4326.96	4218.89	4223.33	4257.69	2.56	1.63
Karnataka	3201.51	4160.21	4142.05	3774.69	-23.04	-15.18
Kerala	4313.31	4327.05	4324.23	3644.42	-0.32	18.35
Maharashtra	3757.6	4329.92	3988.46	4394.65	-13.22	-14.5
Manipur		3221.62	3219.83	3373.18	__	__
NCT of Delhi			3100	2825	__	__
Odisha	3226.57	3233.59	3196.46	2953.77	-0.22	9.24
Tripura	3302.92	3342.72	3413.25	3010.28	-1.19	9.72
Uttar Pradesh	2572.58	2599.71	2616.61	2559.86	-1.04	0.5
Uttrakhand	2245	2472.04	3365.25		-9.18	__
West Bengal	3410.09	3367.12	3370.79	2937.33	1.28	16.09
Average	**3450.65**	**3570.26**	**3489.73**	**3330.42**		

Prices in Rs/Quintal **(source: Agriwatch)**

- Throughout the week, the market was rangebound due to normal supply and subdued demand. In many of the mandis located in the paddy-growing regions of Haryana, Punjab, and northern India, there have been limited arrivals coupled with slow demand. Despite the expected arrivals from the rabi crop in April, paddy/rice in the domestic market is expected to trade steadily or with a slight firmness amid the anticipation of good export demand.
- Weekly average price of Sugandha rice in the benchmark Narela market eased slightly by 0.60% to Rs. 7720 per quintal from last week, whereas, the price of 1121 steam went up to Rs. 9220 per quintal by 0.6% from the previous week.

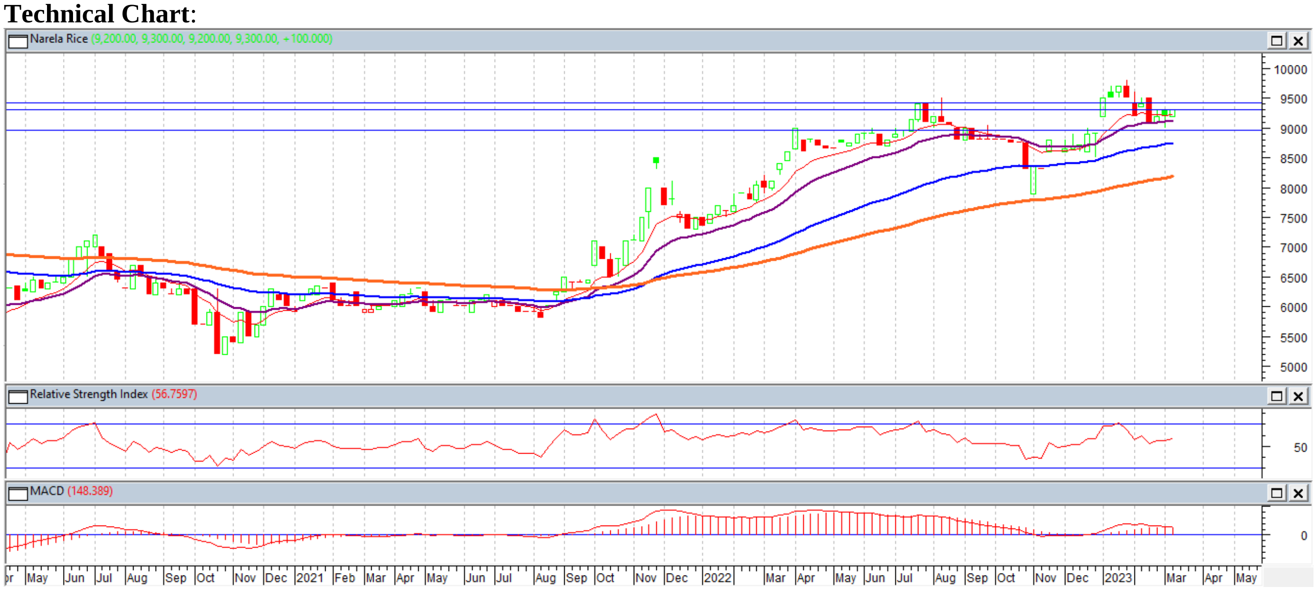


Technical Analysis (Domestic market)

(Based on Narela Mandi prices)

Rice – Technical Outlook	Rice Narela Mandi prices -Weekly time frame

Technical Chart:



Technical Commentary:

- During this week, market went up for the three consecutive weeks and market closed upto 9300 as compared to previous week at 9200 levels and market made low of 9,200, high of 9,300.
- Market is currently facing near term support of 9 and 18 EMA, while 50, and 100 EMA can be characterized as long-term support.
- In last few weeks, RSI has improved from 52 to 56, which is indicating good buying strength and MACD is indicating steady momentum.
- 8,800-8,900 is near term support and 9,300-9,350 is near term resistance.

Recommendation-

- Market Participants are recommended to buy in the range of 8,800-8,900 and sell in the range of 9,300-9,350 in short run.

Rice Price Outlook for coming week (Narela 1121 Steam): Prices are currently at INR. 9,300/qtl. and are expected to remain sideways in the range of INR 9,100-9,400 in short run.

Rice Price Outlook (INR./Qtl)	Previous week 25th Feb'23- 03rd Mar'23	Week under review 04th Mar'23- 10 Mar'23	Next week 11th Mar'23- 17th Mar'23
Weekly Average Price	9,000-9,300	9,200-9,300	9,100-9,400

Comparative Rice Variety Prices of Delhi (Naya Bazaar) in Rs. /Quintal

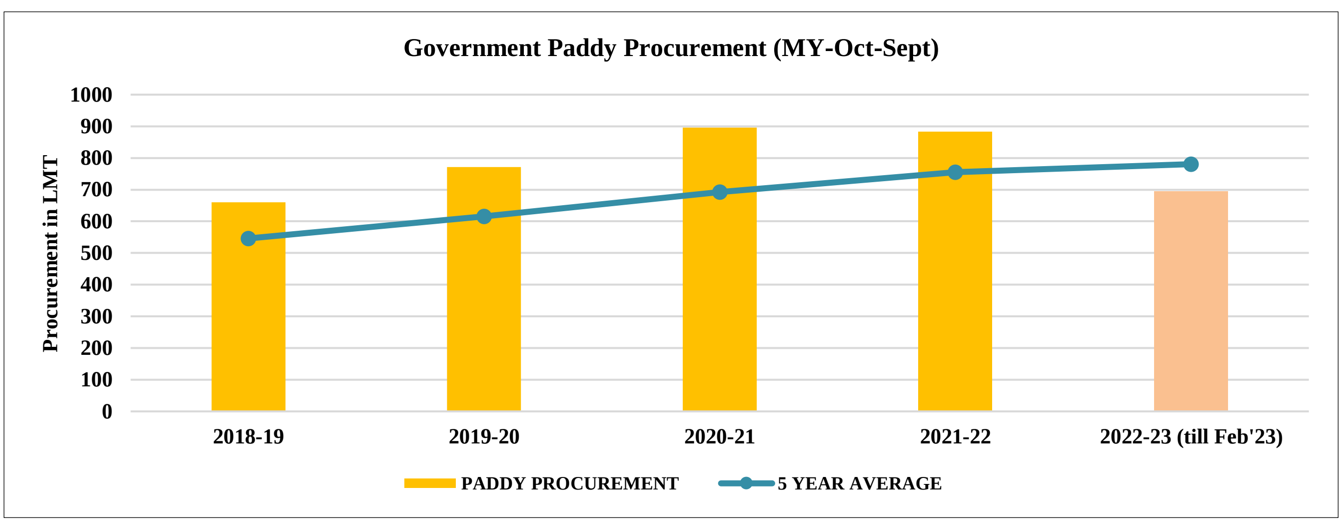
Market	Variety	Today	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year ago	% Change From last week	% Change from last Month	% Change from last Year
		10-Mar-23	03-Mar-23	07-Feb-23	10-Mar-22			
Delhi	1121 Raw Wand	9700	9600	10200	NR	+1.04	-4.90	-
	1121 White Parboiled (Sella)	9500	9300	9500	8200	+2.15	-	+15.85
	1121 Steam Wand	9300	9200	9350	8100	+1.09	-0.53	+14.81
	Basmati Rice Common (Raw Wand)	9900	9900	11200	9500	-	-11.61	+4.21
	1509 Steam wand	8500	8500	8700	NR	-	-2.30	-
	Sugandha Steam	8400	8300	8300	NR	+1.20	+1.20	-
	Sarbati Raw Wand	8700	8200	8600	6600	+6.10	+1.16	+31.82
	DB (Duplicate Basmati) Raw Wand	6600	6500	6600	NR	+1.54	+0.00	-
	PR-11/14 Steam	6800	6700	6400	NR	+1.49	+6.25	-

State wise Procurement KMS 2022-23

KMS 2022-23 (Units in LMTs) (as on 28.02.2023)				
S.No.	**STATES/ UTs**	**FCI**	**State Agency**	**Total**
1	A.P.	0.00	31.30	31.30
2	TELANGANA	0.00	64.92	64.92
3	ASSAM	0.89	1.91	2.80

4	BIHAR	0.00	42.05	42.05
5	CHANDIGARH	0.19	0.00	0.19
6	CHHATISGARH	0.00	92.00	92.00
7	GUJARAT	0.00	1.77	1.77
8	HARYANA	0.14	58.83	58.97
9	H. P.	0.07	0.07	0.14
10	JHARKHAND	0.00	1.32	1.32
11	J&K	0.34	0.00	0.33
12	KARNATAKA	0.00	0.12	0.12
13	KERALA	0.00	2.12	2.12
14	M. P	0.00	46.16	46.16
15	MAHARASHTRA	0.00	14.64	14.64
16	ODISHA	0.00	60.21	60.21
17	PUNJAB	2.00	180.11	182.11
18	RAJASTHAN	0.00	0.00	0.00
19	NEF (Tripura)	0.00	0.39	0.39
20	TAMIL NADU	0.00	14.88	14.88
21	UTTAR PRADESH	1.12	64.20	65.32
22	UTTRAKHAND	0.00	8.96	8.96
23	WEST BENGAL	0.00	21.64	21.64
	TOTAL	**4.75**	**707.60**	**712.34**

- As of 28th February, 2023, FCI and state agencies procured 712. 34 LMT against the procurement target of 775.72 lakh metric tonnes during the ongoing kharif marketing season of 2022-2023.
- As of February 2023, FCI had 169.63 LMT rice in its central pool against the required quantity of 135.8 LMT buffer. Whereas, the stock for unmilled paddy in central pool is 452.32 LMT.



IGC Global Rice Balance Sheet:

Attributes (Fig in Million Tons)	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22 (Est.)	2022-23 (Fore.) 12.01.2023	2022-23 (Fore.) 16.02.2023
Production	500	509	516	504	504
Trade	44	51	55	51	52
Consumption	495	509	519	514	513
Carryover stocks	181	182	179	168	170
Y-O-Y change	5	1	-3		-9
Major Exporters	45	50	47	42	42

Note: Major exporters are India, Pakistan, Thailand and Vietnam.

- The projected global rice production for 2022-2023 has remained relatively stable on a monthly basis. However, due to a reduced demand outlook despite India's decreased production, the estimated stockpiles have slightly risen to 170 million tonnes (179m) compared to previous estimates. It is predicted that the trade volume for 2023 will surpass 52 million tonnes, although this represents a 6% decrease compared to the previous year, mainly attributed to the increased forecast for China. For 2023-2024, the harvested area in Asia and the Americas is expected to increase by 1% year on year.

***Rice Price Trend – CBOT@* CBOT Mar- 23, Rough Rice (Weekly Time frame)**

(Prices in US$/hundredweight)

Market Analysis

Market has declined by 5.79% to 16.34 and during the week market made high of 17.43, low of 16.25, however, it is currently trading below 9, 18 and 50 DMA indicating weak market sentiments however, 100 DMA can be characterized as support. RSI is currently below 40, indicating weak buying strength. Additionally, MACD is also indicating weak momentum.

Duration	Trend	Support	Resistance
May-2023	**Bearish**	**S1-16.25** **S2-16**	**R1-16.75** **R2-17**