

# RICE MARKET REPORT

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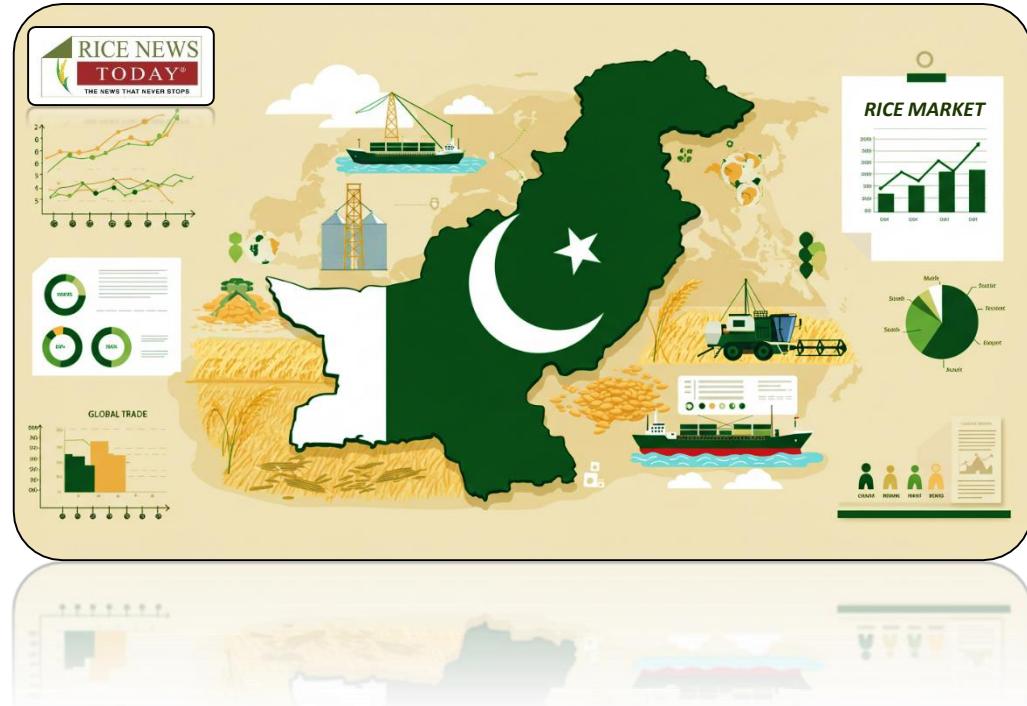
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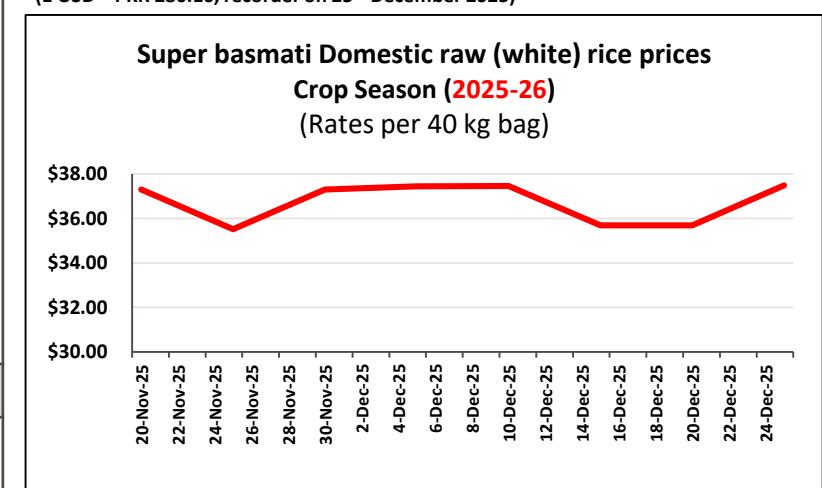
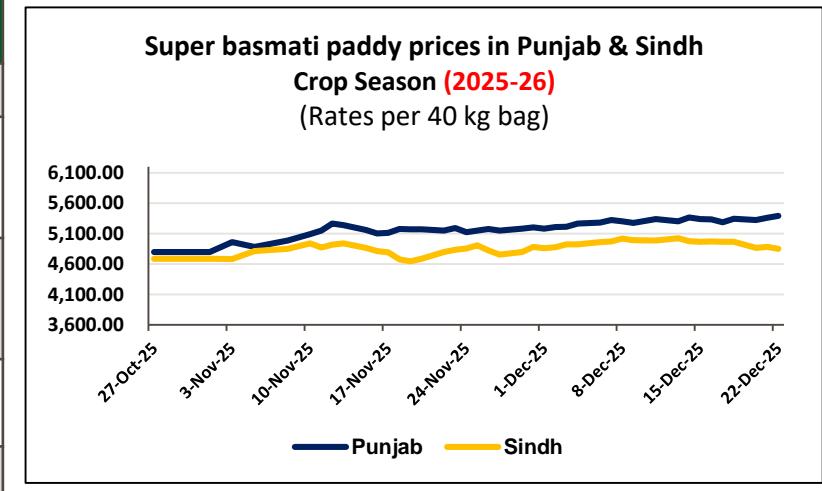
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# MAJOR RICE VARITIES GROWN IN PAKISTAN: (Basmati)

(Production, consumption, supply and Demand)

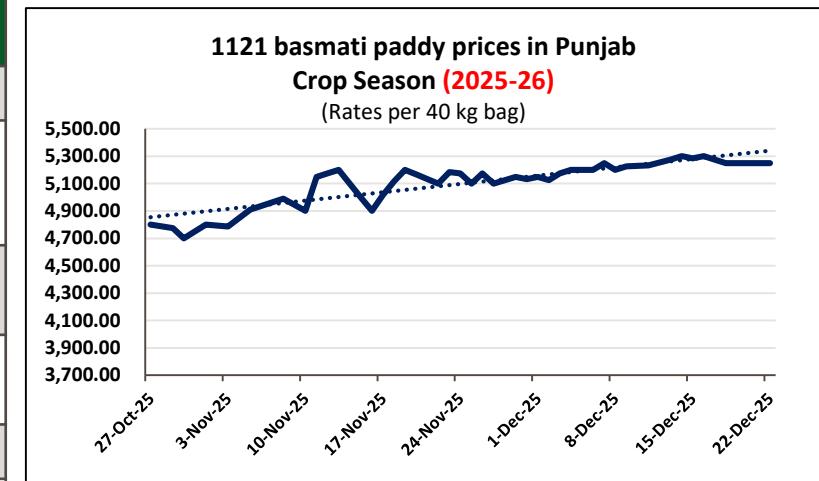
Super Basmati		
<b>Growing Region</b>	<b>Punjab:</b> Major quantity	<b>Sindh:</b> Relatively good quantity
<b>Production Area</b>	<b>Punjab:</b> 1% Decline in area <b>2025-26:</b> 13,00,000 Acres <b>2024-25:</b> 13,13,000 Acres	<b>Sindh:</b> N/A
<b>Quality of the crop year (2025-26)</b>	Good quality of the crop is being reported so far in various areas of Punjab.	Good quality of the crop is being reported so far in various areas of Sindh.
<b>Variants Available</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Super basmati brown</li> <li>Super basmati milled</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Super basmati parboiled brown</li> <li>Super basmati parboiled Milled</li> </ul>
<b>Major Markets</b>	Europe, Gulf region and UK.	
<b>Supply and Demand</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As per the reports, The <b>Super Basmati</b> market remains quite subdued this week, with <b>Pakistan maintaining steady FOB levels</b>. Indian prices have seen some recent corrections, making regional pricing slightly more competitive and impacting <b>Pakistan's positioning</b>.</li> <li>The onset of <b>Christmas</b> and <b>New Year holidays</b>, trading has slowed further, and <b>Gulf countries</b> have announced one-week holidays for the <b>New Year</b>. The <b>EU market</b> continues to remain subdued.</li> <li>Export sentiment is expected to pick up following <b>Gulfood 2026</b> in <b>January</b>.</li> <li>Current <b>Super Basmati paddy</b> rates in <b>Sindh</b> are hovering around <b>PKR 4,850–5,050 per 40 kg</b>, Stable with last week's levels..</li> </ul>	
<b>Local Consumption</b>	Super basmati is consumed locally in a lower proportion.	
<b>Competition</b>	<b>Pakistan:</b> Super Basmati Milled: \$950 - \$990 (FOB PER TON)	<b>India:</b> PUSA Basmati White: \$860- \$900 (FOB PER TON)



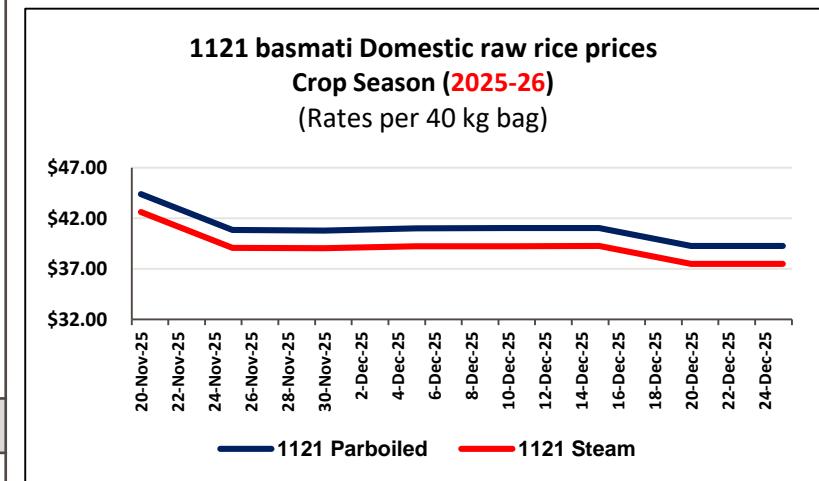
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(Production, consumption, supply and Demand)

1121/Kainat Basmati		
<b>Growing Region</b>	<b>Punjab:</b> Major quantity	<b>Sindh:</b> Very low quantity
<b>Production Area</b>	<b>Punjab:</b> 9% Decline in area 2025-26: 18,50,000 Acres 2024-25: 20,17,000 Acres	<b>Sindh:</b> N/A
<b>Quality of the crop year (2025-26)</b>	Good quality of the crop is being reported so far in various areas of punjab.	
<b>Variants Available</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1121 basmati Parboiled</li> <li>1121 basmati Steam</li> <li>1121 basmati Milled</li> </ul>	
<b>Major Markets</b>	Europe, Gulf region and UK.	
<b>Supply and Demand</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As per the news, The <b>1121 Basmati market</b> remains quite subdued this week, with export demand soft due to continued pressure from <b>cheaper Indian offers</b>. <b>Indian prices</b> have seen some recent corrections, slightly improving regional competitiveness.</li> <li>The recent <b>Iranian tender for 10,000 MT of 1121 white Basmati</b> provides a fresh export opportunity, which could support prices in the coming weeks.</li> <li>With Christmas and New Year holidays underway, market activity has slowed, and <b>Gulf countries have announced a one-week holiday</b> for the <b>New Year</b>. Stakeholders expect trading to resume post-holidays, while additional positive sentiment may come from <b>Gulfood 2026 in January</b>.</li> <li>Current paddy rates are hovering around <b>PKR 5,200–5,300 per 40 kg</b>, Slight increase then earlier paddy prices.</li> </ul>	
<b>Local Consumption</b>	1121 basmati rice is consumed locally	
<b>Competition</b>	<b>Pakistan:</b> 1121 Basmati Parboiled: \$1100 - 1150 (FOB per ton)	<b>India:</b> 1121 Basmati Golden Sella: \$1000 to \$1050 (FOB per ton)



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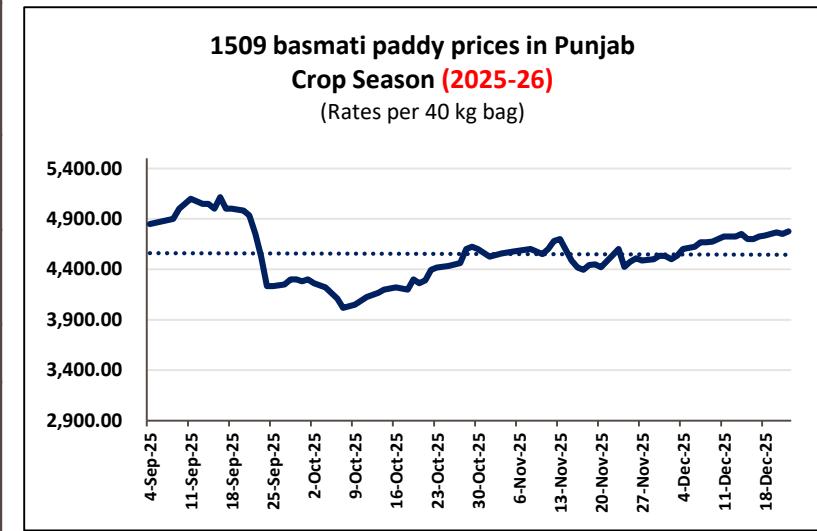


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# MAJOR RICE VARIETIES GROWN IN PAKISTAN: (Basmati)

(Production, consumption, supply and Demand)

1509/Kisan Basmati		
Growing Region	Punjab: Major Quantity	Sindh: Not available in Sindh
Production Area	<b>Punjab:</b> 10% Increase in area <b>2025-26:</b> 12,36,000 Acres <b>2024-25:</b> 11,08,000 Acres	<b>Sindh:</b> N/A
Quality of the crop year (2025-26)	Good quality of the crop is being reported so far in various areas of Punjab.	
Variants Available	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1509 basmati Parboiled</li> <li>1509 basmati Steam</li> <li>1509 basmati Milled</li> </ul>	
Major Markets	Gulf region, UK and USA.	
Supply and Demand	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As per the market, <b>1509 basmati</b> current paddy prices range between <b>PKR 4,750–4,850 per 40 kg</b>, compared to last week levels of <b>PKR 4,600–4,700 per 40 kg</b>, reflecting slight increase than earlier paddy prices.</li> <li>Additionally, exporters in Pakistan are clubbing new varieties such as <b>1847 and 1692 with 1509 Basmati</b>, as these variants are entering the market in good quantities. While it is still unclear whether they will form their own <b>export category in the future</b>, they are attracting growers due to better yield potential and improved grain quality.</li> </ul>	
Local Consumption	1509 basmati rice is consumed locally and also exported in some proportion.	

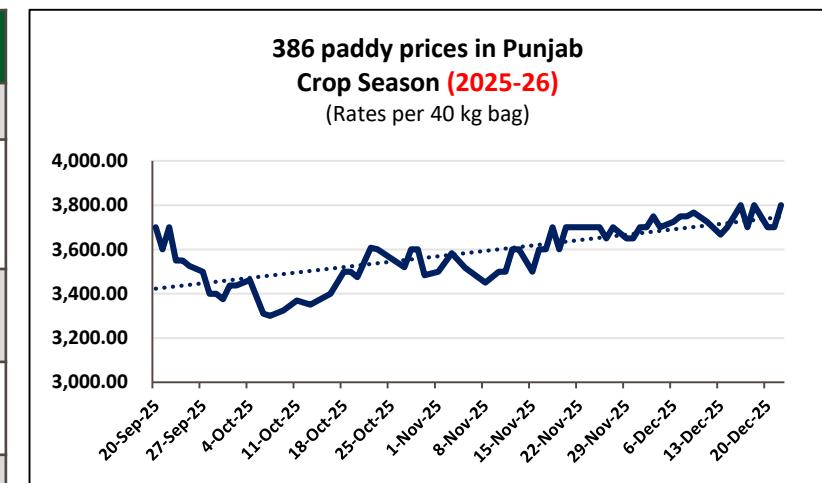


# MAJOR RICE VARITIES GROWN IN PAKISTAN: (Non-Basmati)

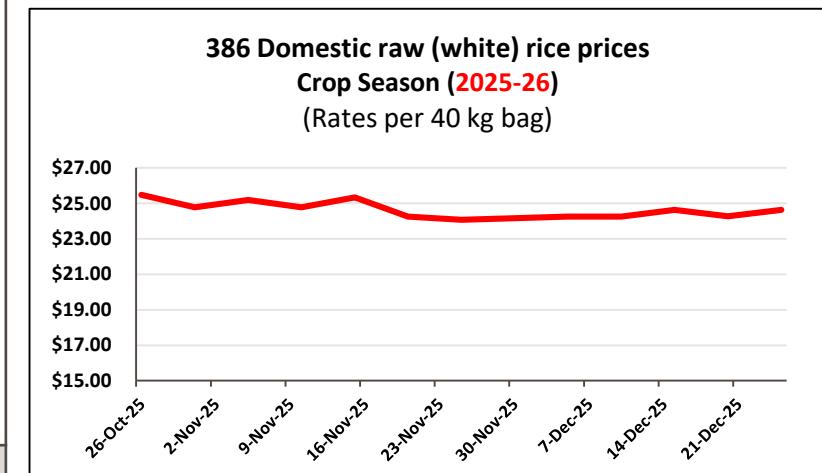
(Production, consumption, supply and Demand)



PK-386		
<b>Growing Region</b>	Punjab: Major Quantity	Sindh: Not available in Sindh
<b>Production Area</b>	<b>Punjab:</b> 147% Decline in area 2025-26: 1,79,000 Acres 2024-25: 4,43,000 Acres	Sindh: N/A
<b>Quality of the crop year (2025-26)</b>	Good quality of the crop is being reported so far in various areas of Punjab.	
<b>Variants Available</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>386 brown rice</li> <li>386 milled rice</li> <li>386 parboiled rice</li> </ul>	
<b>Major Markets</b>	African and Gulf countries.	
<b>Supply and Demand</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The <b>PK 386 long-grain</b> segment remains under pressure amid <b>global oversupply</b> and <b>muted demand</b> from major markets. Import restrictions in the Philippines and reduced buying from Indonesia continue to weigh on prices. with <b>market activity</b> largely cautious as exporters navigate competitive pricing from regional suppliers.</li> <li><b>PK 386</b> paddy current rates are at <b>PKR 3,600–3,750 per 40 kg</b> reflecting slight increase from earlier paddy prices.</li> <li><b>PK 386</b> Domestic raw rice prices stand at <b>\$24.5–\$25.5 per 40 kg</b>, roughly <b>PKR 7,000–7,200</b>.</li> </ul>	
<b>Local Consumption</b>	386 rice is consumed locally.	



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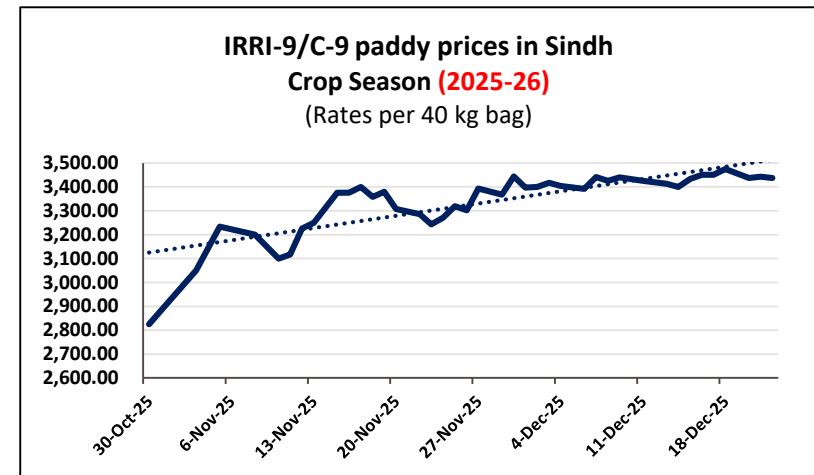


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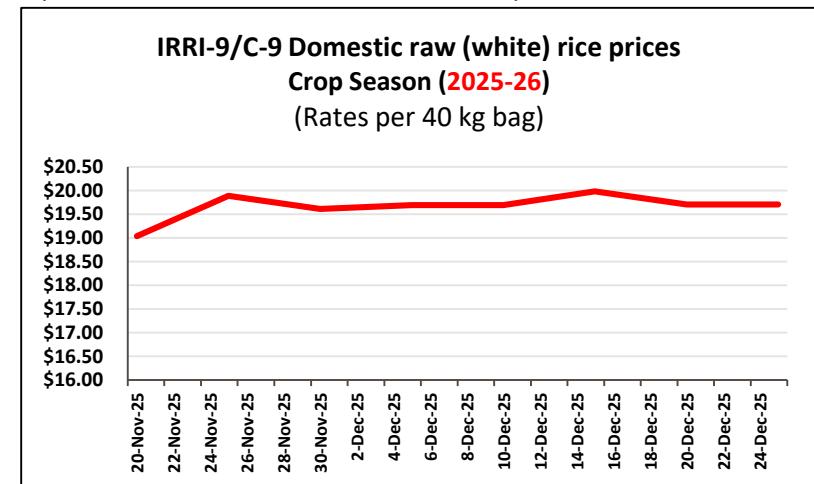
# MAJOR RICE VARITIES GROWN IN PAKISTAN: (Non-Basmati)

(Production, consumption, supply and Demand)

IRRI- 9		
<b>Growing Region</b>	<b>Punjab:</b> Lower Quantity.	<b>Sindh:</b> Major Quantity.
<b>Production Area</b>	<b>Punjab:</b> 108% Decline in area 2025-26: 59,000 Acres 2024-25: 1,23,000 Acres	<b>Sindh:</b> N/A
<b>Quality of the crop year (2025-26)</b>	Good quality of the crop is being reported so far in various areas of Sindh.	
<b>Variants Available</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>IRRI-9 milled rice.</li> <li>IRRI-9 steam rice.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>IRRI-9 parboiled rice</li> </ul>
<b>Major Markets</b>	Gulf & African countries.	
<b>Supply and Demand</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>IRRI-9</b> maintains a weak tone in line with <b>global long-grain trends</b>. Ample stocks in <b>Pakistan combined with limited buying interest</b> from <b>traditional markets</b> have led to slow movement. Despite slight improvement in local paddy prices, <b>export momentum</b> remains subdued as buyers assess regional price parity.</li> <li><b>Current paddy prices</b> stand at <b>PKR 3,400–3,450 per 40 kg.</b>, showing a stable trend with the last week level of paddy prices.</li> <li><b>Irri-9 Domestic raw rice prices</b> stand between <b>\$19 –\$19.9 per 40 kg bag</b>.</li> </ul>	
<b>Local Consumption</b>	IRRI-9 rice is consumed locally.	



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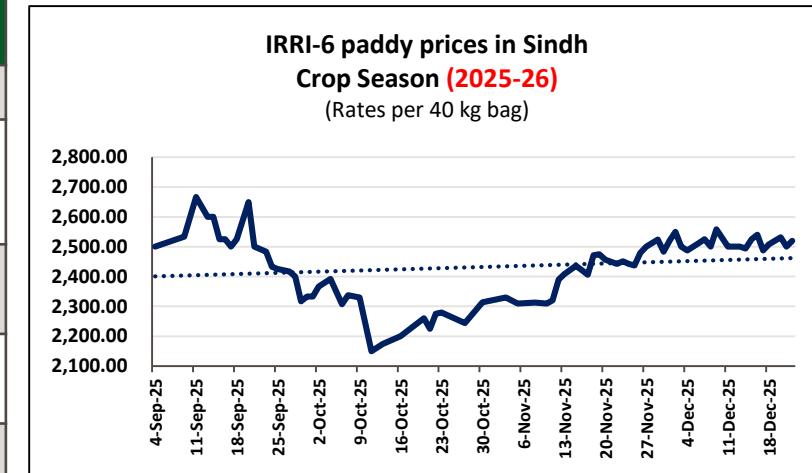
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# MAJOR RICE VARIETIES GROWN IN PAKISTAN: (Non-Basmati)

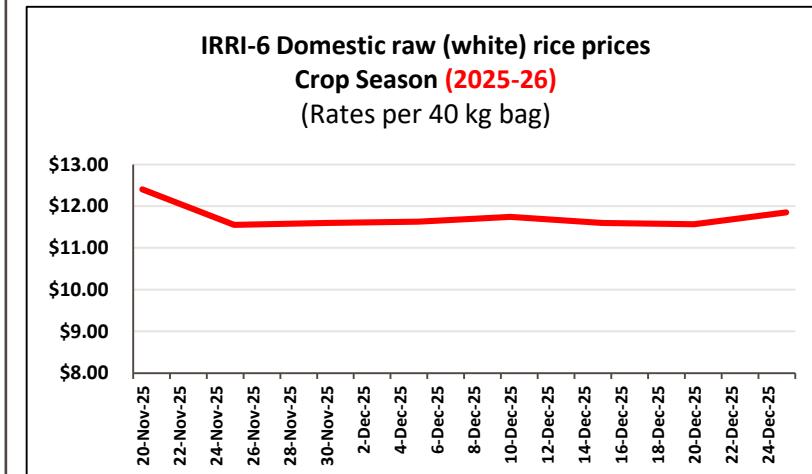
(Production, consumption, supply and Demand)



IRRI- 6		
<b>Growing Region</b>	<b>Punjab:</b> Relatively good Quantity.	<b>Sindh:</b> Major Quantity.
<b>Production Area</b>	<b>Punjab:</b> 92% Decline in area 2025-26: 1,08,000 Acres 2024-25: 2,07,000 Acres	<b>Sindh:</b> N/A
<b>Quality of the crop year (2025-26)</b>	Good quality of the crop is being reported so far in various areas of Sindh.	
<b>Variants Available</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>IRRI-6 milled rice.</li> <li>IRRI-6 steam rice.</li> <li>IRRI-6 parboiled rice</li> <li>IRRI-6 brown rice</li> </ul>	
<b>Major Markets</b>	Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines and African countries.	
<b>Supply and Demand</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>IRRI-6 stocks</b> are abundant this season, with <b>feed mills actively purchasing</b> due to its lower price. Approximately <b>40–50% of IRRI-6 stocks remain to be sold</b>, though there is optimism that <b>Indonesia</b> may absorb some of the surplus. <b>Iran's buying activity</b> remains slow, and trade with <b>Afghanistan is impacted by border closures</b>, contributing to sluggish market movement. <b>Bangladesh's multiple tenders</b> and <b>Pakistan's TCP tender for 100,000 tonnes of IRRI-6</b> may provide temporary demand support.</li> <li>The <b>long-grain (LG) rice market</b> is also under pressure globally, and there are rumors that India may reconsider exports of <b>non-basmati rice</b> due to <b>domestic food security concerns</b>.</li> <li>The <b>IRRI-6 variety</b> current paddy prices ranging between <b>PKR 2,500–2,550 per 40 kg</b>, showing an upward trend.</li> </ul>	
<b>Local Consumption</b>	IRRI-6 rice is consumed locally.	

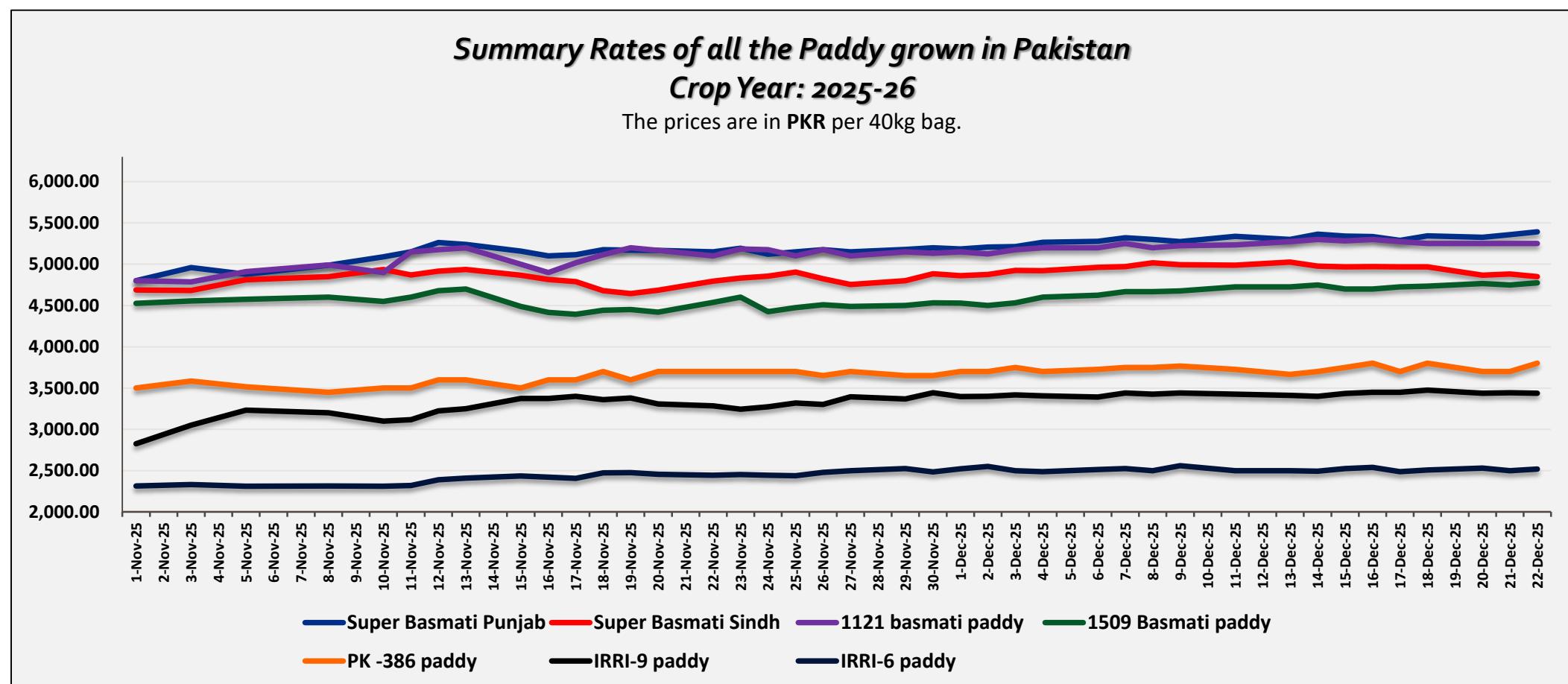


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# SUMMARY RATES OF ALL THE PADDY GROWN IN PAKISTAN



Here we present a comparative performance on all the varieties grown in Pakistan till the time being reported. (Last Updated: 22<sup>th</sup> December 2025)

For checking previous year rates and comparing various varieties please click here: [Pakistan Domestic Market](#)

# EMERGING BASMATI VARIETIES FOR NEW SEASON

## CROP: 2025–26

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### Key Emerging Basmati Varieties Observed This Season:

1. 1718
2. 1692
3. 1847
4. 1885
5. PB-07
6. Guard 101

Super Basmati	1121 Basmati	1509 Basmati
PB-07 (Clubbed with Super Basmati)	1718 (Clubbed with 1121 Basmati)	1847 Basmati (Clubbed with 1509 Basmati)
	1885 (Clubbed with 1121 Basmati)	1692 Basmati (Clubbed with 1509 Basmati)

- Exporters of Pakistan may club these new varieties with traditional Super, 1121, and 1509 Basmati. Although it is still unclear whether these varieties will form an individual export category, yet they are now arriving in the market in good quantities.
- These varieties are gaining attraction among growers due to certain agronomic benefits such as Improved yield potential & Better grain quality for export markets.

***Using certified varieties not only ensures better productivity but also strengthens Pakistan's position in the global basmati rice market by maintaining consistency, quality, and authenticity.***

# APPROVED BASMATI & NON- BASMATI VARIETIES FROM GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN



APPROVED BASMATI VARIETIES		APPROVED NON-BASMATI VARIETIES	
Basmati -370	Kissan Basmati	IRRI-6	IRRI-9
Basmati C 622	NIAB Basmati 2016	JKS- 282	NIBGE GSR 8
Sultan Super Basmati	Noor Basmati	JKS- 133	SKCB – 370-5-32
Basmati 198	Super Gold	NIAB IRRI-9	
Basmati 385	Super Basmati 2019	NIAB 2013	
Super Basmati	NIBGE Basmati 2020	JKS- 434	
Basmati 2000	PK 2021 aromatic	NIBGE -5	
Shaheen Basmati	JKS 111 H	NIAB ST-9	
Basmati 515	Sona Super Basmati	NIAB IRRI – 195	
PK 1121 aromatic	Vital Super Basmati	JKS- 706	
Punjab Basmati	NIAB HT 39	NIBGE GSR 6	
NIAB HT 18	NIAB S-39	NIBGE GSR 7	
GUARD 101	NIAB Super		
Chenab Basmati	NIAB Basmati-2016		

Source: [Approved Basmati Rice Varieties](#)  
[Approved Non-Basmati Rice Varieties](#)

# PAKISTAN NEWS HIGHLIGHTS:

- Pakistan's rice exports fell sharply by 40% in volume during **July–November FY26**, with basmati down 41.8% and IRRI-6/9 non-basmati by 39.7%, while **export value declined nearly 50%**, according to PBS. Experts cited the re-entry of cheaper Indian rice into global markets, reduced international liquidity, and lower commodity prices as major factors. Domestic challenges, including **flood-related production losses**, a shift from the Final Tax Regime to Normal Tax Regime, and higher financing costs, further weakened competitiveness. **Exports dropped from \$431.37 million in November 2024 to \$188.13 million in November 2025**, mainly due to lower volumes. Analysts predict improvement once flood effects subside and trade tensions with India ease, but structural reforms are needed to regain market share. [Read More](#) (25<sup>th</sup> Dec).
- **Bangladesh** has approved the import of **50,000 metric tons of white rice from Pakistan** under a **government-to-government deal at USD 395 per ton**. The move aims to stabilise domestic prices, which have risen **15–20%** over the past year, with medium-quality rice selling at around **80 taka (USD 0.66) per kg**. This follows Bangladesh's resumption of direct rice trade with Pakistan, after importing **50,000 tons at USD 499 per ton in February**, marking renewed bilateral trade ties. [Read More](#) (24<sup>th</sup> Dec).
- An Iranian firm, **Jahad Sabz**, has floated an international tender **to purchase 10,000 metric tonnes of Type 1121 white basmati rice from Pakistan**. Price bids are due by **December 30**, as per the tender circulated to **European traders**. The move offers some support to Pakistan's **premium basmati segment** amid exporter concerns over slowing shipments and **weak demand in key markets**. [Read More](#) (19<sup>th</sup> Dec).



**PAKISTAN is the 4<sup>th</sup> largest rice exporting country in the world.**

- Total rice exports fell to **712,797 tonnes in Q1 FY26** from **991,146 tonnes in Q1 FY25**, a **28% decline**.
- Basmati rice exports fell to **137,066 tonnes in Q1 FY26** from **248,500 tonnes** last year, a **45.5% decline**.
- Non-basmati rice exports dropped to **575,731 tonnes** from **764,700 tonnes**, down **22.1%**.
- Pakistan controls **67%** of the **basmati brown rice market** in the **European Union** and the **UK**.

The top destinations of Pakistan rice exports:

**Basmati rice export markets:**

- GULF region
- Europe, UK and USA

**Long grain rice export markets:**

- Asia (Malaysia, Indonesia, Philippines and also neighboring country Afghanistan)
- Middle East (Saudi Arabia, UAE & Oman)

Source: Publications

# RICE FARMING IN PAKISTAN:

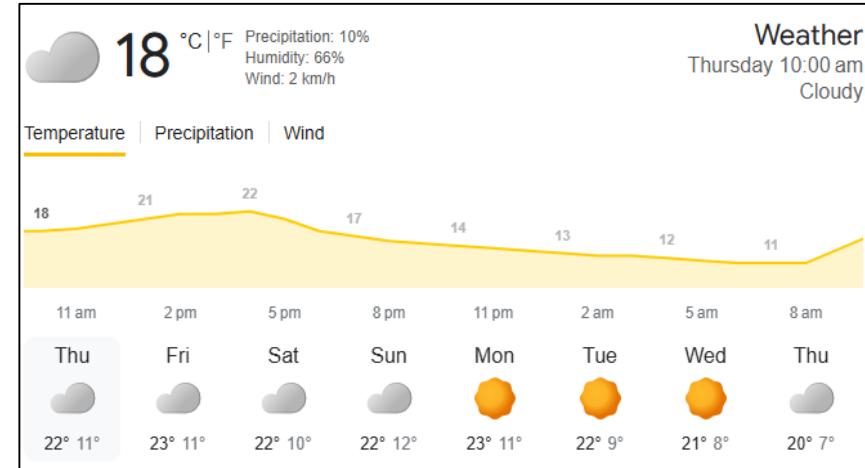
## Guard Unveils High-Yield OP Basmati Varieties for 2026 Season

- Pakistan's rice sector is set to receive a significant boost with the introduction of two new **Open-Pollinated (OP) Basmati varieties** by **Guard Agricultural Research & Services Ltd.** Named **Guard-101** and **Guard-102**, these varieties are poised for commercial cultivation in the **2026 crop season**. The journey of these varieties began years ago with extensive research, rigorous field trials, and genetic verification. After being formally registered with the **Punjab Seed Council in 2023**, the varieties progressed through pre-basic and basic seed stages. This year, Guard completed large-scale seed multiplication, producing **27 tonnes of Guard-101 and 59 tonnes of Guard-102** across carefully selected areas in Narang, Sheikhupura, and Manga Mandi, laying the groundwork for widespread adoption by farmers next year.
- According to **Guard's Chief Executive, Shahzad Ali Malik**, **Guard-101 and Guard-102** offer a yield potential of **50–55 maunds per acre**, with peak performance during trials reaching **60–65 maunds per acre**, putting them on par with renowned varieties like **Super Basmati 1121 and 1509**. Importantly, these varieties retain the traditional long grain, aromatic qualities, and cooking characteristics that define **Basmati rice**. **DNA verification conducted by Eurofins** confirmed their unique genetic identity, reinforcing Pakistan's commitment to varietal integrity in its **Basmati exports**. With their high yield potential, superior quality, and distinct genetic traits, **Guard-101 and Guard-102** are expected to enhance the competitiveness of Pakistan's rice sector, offering farmers new avenues for higher productivity and quality production, while strengthening the country's reputation as a global leader in premium Basmati rice.

Source: Publications & News



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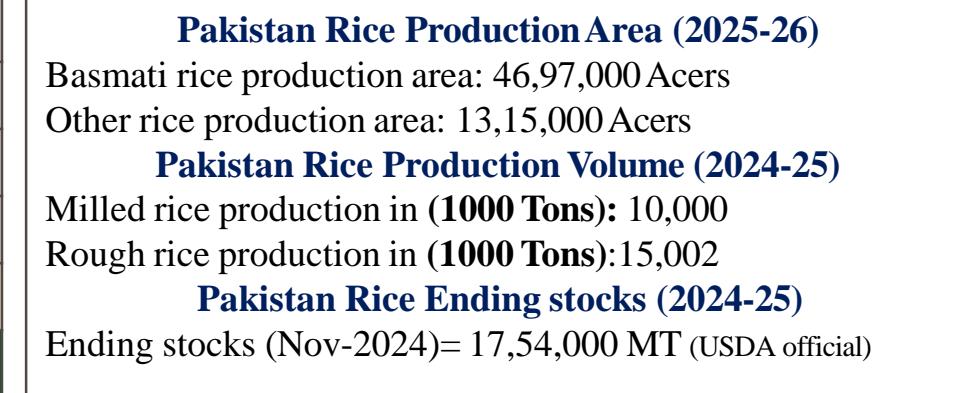
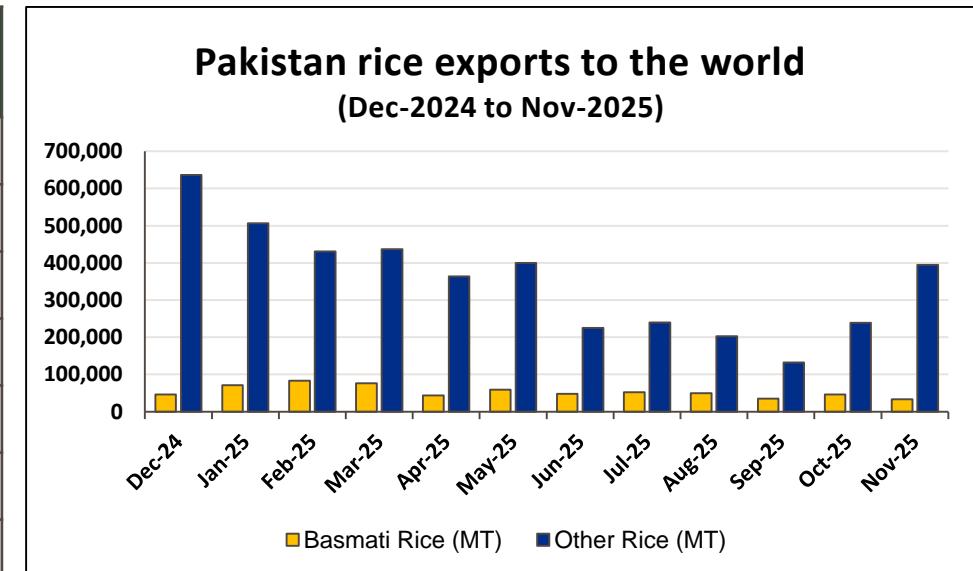


Source: Google Weather  
Weather forecast from 18<sup>th</sup> December and onward.

# PAKISTAN RICE EXPORTS (Month-wise) & PRODUCTION OVERVIEW (2024-25):

Months	Basmati Rice (MT)	Value in (000) \$	Other Rice (MT)	Value in (000) \$	Total QTY (MT)	Total Value in (000) \$
Dec-24	46,160	\$47,699	636,055	\$312,085	<b>682,215</b>	<b>\$359,784</b>
Jan-25	70,696	\$77,782	506,845	\$241,270	<b>577,541</b>	<b>\$319,052</b>
Feb-25	83,254	\$88,368	430,828	\$200,595	<b>514,082</b>	<b>\$288,963</b>
Mar-25	75,994	\$77,002	436,683	\$197,333	<b>512,677</b>	<b>\$274,335</b>
Apr-25	43,895	\$45,741	363,434	\$160,555	<b>407,329</b>	<b>\$206,296</b>
May-25	59,077	\$59,226	399,785	\$180,025	<b>458,862</b>	<b>\$239,251</b>
Jun-25	47,516	\$48,635	225,236	\$101,172	<b>272,752</b>	<b>\$149,807</b>
Jul-25	52,339	\$55,760	239,562	\$112,350	<b>291,901</b>	<b>\$168,110</b>
Aug-25	49,240	\$51,534	202,997	\$94,744	<b>252,237</b>	<b>\$146,278</b>
Sep-25	35,093	\$41,094	132,232	\$63,213	<b>167,325</b>	<b>\$104,307</b>
Oct-25	45,725	\$54,038	238,544	\$108,623	<b>284,269</b>	<b>\$162,660</b>
Nov-25	32,737	\$38,674	394,195	\$149,451	<b>426,932</b>	<b>\$188,125</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>641,727</b>	<b>685,552</b>	<b>4,206,396</b>	<b>1,921,416</b>	<b>4,848,123</b>	<b>\$2,606,968</b>

Source: Pakistan Bureau of statistics



Source: Punjab crop department & USDA

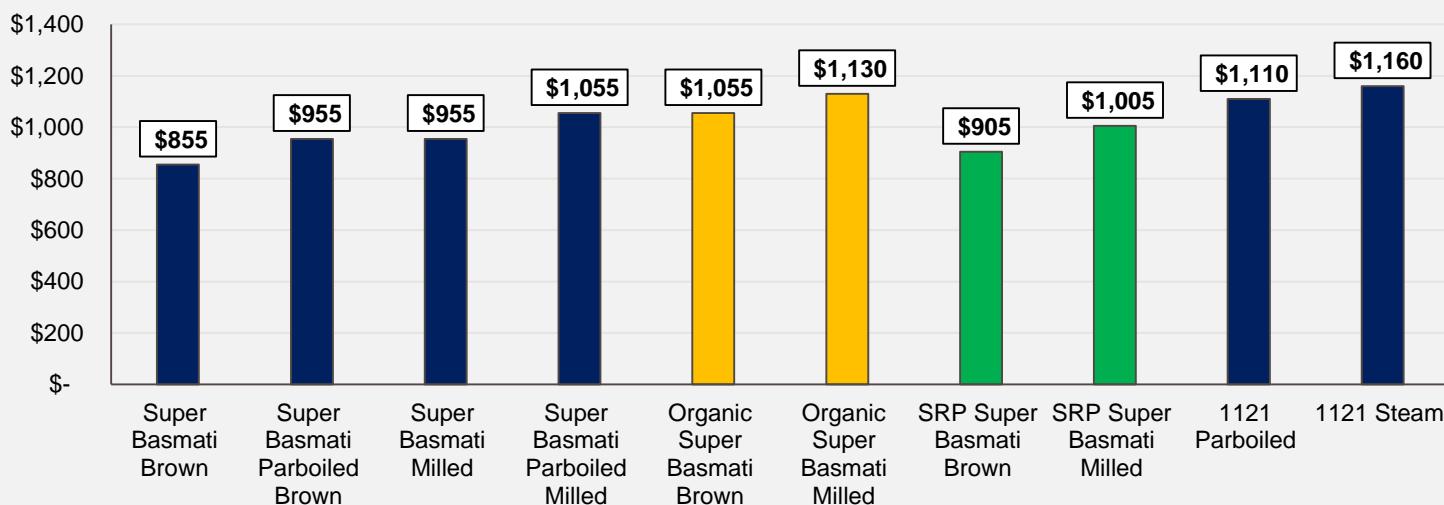
# PAKISTAN RICE PRICES:

EXPORT PRICES F.O.B BASIS (PER TON).



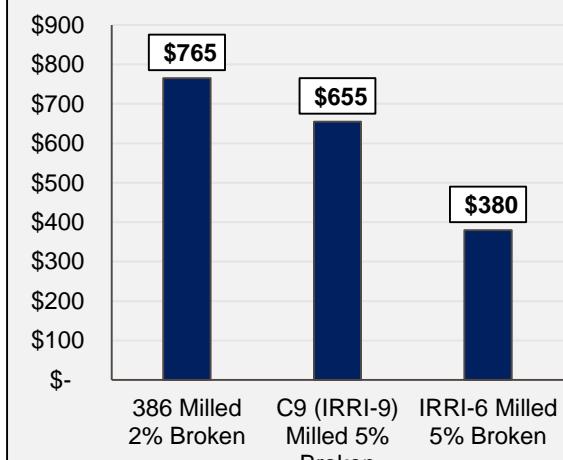
## Pakistan Basmati Rice Export prices

F.O.B Basis per ton 2% Broken (50kg pp bag)



## Pakistan Non- Basmati Rice Export prices

F.O.B Basis per ton (50kg pp bag)



All Rice Prices were updated on 25<sup>th</sup> December 2025.

This week, prices for all major rice varieties remained mostly stable, with minor fluctuations of **\$10–15/ton**. **Super Basmati, 1121 Basmati (parboiled and steam), non-Basmati Long Grain - 386, IRRI-9 and IRRI-6** white rice all saw only slight movements, reflecting a steady market.

For more details on Pakistan market rice prices Please click here: [Pakistan Rice Market](#)

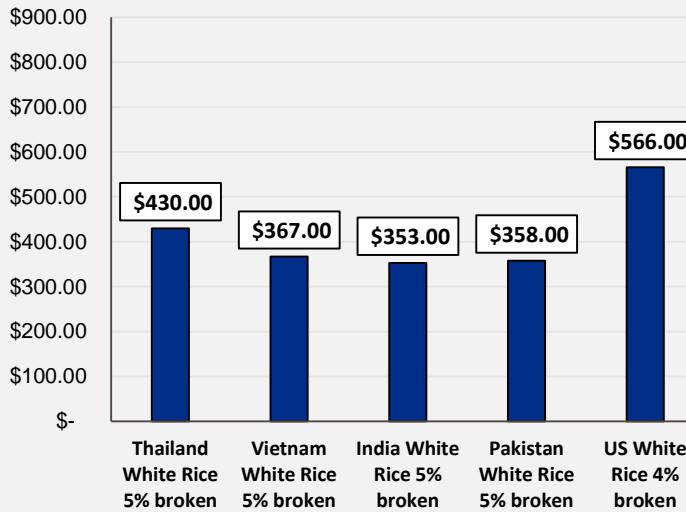
# GLOBAL RICE PRICES:

EXPORT PRICES F.O.B BASIS (PER TON)



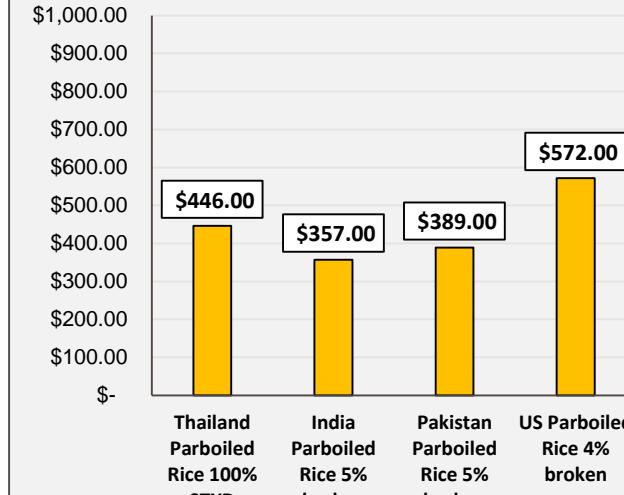
## Global White (Milled) Rice Export Prices

F.O.B. Based per ton updated on 21-Dec,2025



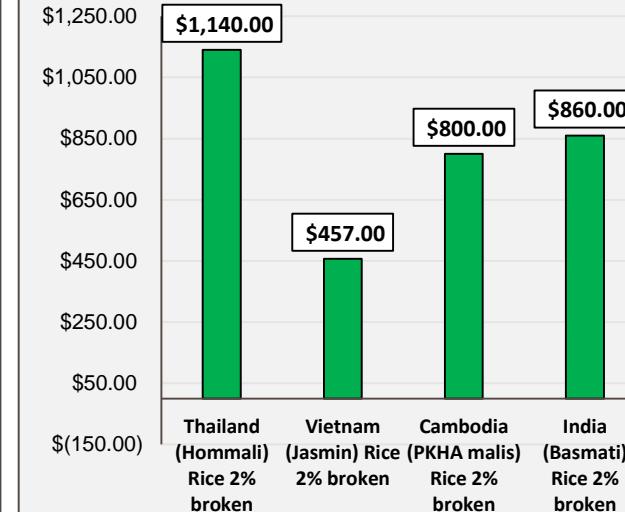
## Global (Parboiled) Rice Export Prices

F.O.B. Based per ton updated on 21-Dec,2025



## Global (Fragrant) Rice Export Prices

F.O.B. Based per ton updated on 21-Dec,2025



All Prices were updated on 21<sup>st</sup> December 2025.

- As per the news, **Thai rice prices rose** to a seven-month high of **\$430 per ton for 5% broken rice** following China's 500,000-ton purchase deal. **Indian rice rates also edged up**, with **5% broken parboiled rice at \$348–\$357 per ton**, supported by a weaker rupee and rising demand. **Vietnam's 5% broken rice increased to \$367–\$375 per ton**, boosted by growing interest from **China, Indonesia, Bangladesh, and African markets**.

Source: TREA (Thailand Rice Exporters Association), For more details on global rice prices Please click here: [Global Rice Market](#)

# GLOBAL NEWS HIGHLIGHTS OF THIS WEEK:



**India's government rice stocks** hit a record **57.57 million tons** in early **December 2025**, up nearly **12% from last year**, as state agencies procured large quantities of **new-season paddy**. With exports already up **37%** in the first **10 months** and the rupee weakening, India is set to boost rice shipments further, potentially reaching a **record 22.5 million tons in 2025**. [READ MORE](#) (23-Dec)



**Cambodia's rice exports** are set to reach a record over **900,000 tonnes in 2025**, up **39% from last year**, despite falling global prices, supported by government funding for rice millers and expanded export markets. The country earned **\$526 million** from **milled rice** and **\$1.4 billion** from paddy exports, mainly to **Europe, China, ASEAN, and Africa**. [READ MORE](#) (23-Dec)



**The Philippines** plans to reduce **rice imports in 2026 to 3.6–3.8 million tonnes**, supported by a record domestic palay production forecast of **20.3 million tonnes**. The government aims to stabilize **farmgate prices** through a calibrated import plan, **higher tariffs (20%)**, and restricted port entries for shipments. Importers are also encouraged to diversify sources beyond Vietnam, while a recent import ban and **strong 2025 harvests** have already limited total rice imports to **around 3.5 million tonnes** this year. [READ MORE](#) (21-Dec)



**Indonesia** will not **import rice in 2026**, as **domestic production** is sufficient to meet both household and industrial demand. The government also rejected a proposal to **import 381,000 tonnes** for industrial use, relying on **strong 2025 harvests** and record rice reserves of about **4 million tonnes** to ensure **food security** and market stability. [READ MORE](#) (20-Dec)



**Myanmar** will start exporting parboiled and white rice to **EU markets** from **January 2026**, while also targeting increased shipments to the **Philippines** despite higher tariffs. Over the past seven months, **Myanmar exported more than 1.5 million tonnes** of rice, mainly to China, with specific varieties like Thukha, Kayinma, and Aemahta gaining market potential. [READ MORE](#) (19-Dec)

# GLOBAL RICE TENDER & TRADE UPDATE:

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## Bangladesh Approves Major Rice Imports from India and Pakistan to Stabilize Prices Ahead of Ramadan:

- Bangladesh has approved the import of **50,000 metric tons** of **white rice** from **Pakistan** at **USD395 per ton** under a **government-to-government deal** to stabilize domestic prices. This follows earlier imports from Pakistan and marks continued trade engagement as rice prices in Bangladesh remain **15–20% higher than last year** despite efforts to ease supply constraints. *(24, December 2025)*
- **Bangladesh** approved the import of **50,000 tonnes** of **rice** from **India**, signaling a shift toward economic pragmatism amid recent diplomatic tensions. Finance Adviser Salehuddin Ahmed stressed that the decision prioritizes **cost-efficiency** **Indian rice** is cheaper than sourcing from **Vietnam over politics**, and reflects the government's intent to stabilize bilateral ties without letting external provocations influence trade policy. *(24, December 2025)*
- Bangladesh's interim government approved procurement of **100,000 metric tons** of **rice** (**50,000 tons non-basmati parboiled** from India at **Taka 217.53 crore** and **50,000 tons white rice** from Pakistan at **Taka 241.52 crore**), **4.75 crore litres** of **edible oil** (**1 crore litres rice bran oil** locally, **3.75 crore litres soybean oil** internationally), and **10,000 metric tons of lentils** at **Taka 72.20 crore** to stabilize prices and ensure supply ahead of Ramadan. The Directorate General of Food and **TCB** will oversee timely distribution to curb market volatility and support consumers. *(24, December 2025)*



Source: Publications & News

# UPCOMING EVENTS:

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## **5TH ANNUAL Sustainable Foods 2026**

**Date:** January- 28, 2026 to January -29, 2026

**Locations:** Business Design Centre, London



## **Gulf Food Fair 2026**

**Date:** January- 26, 2026 to January -30, 2026

**Locations:**

- Dubai world trade center
- Dubai expo city

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