

RICE MARKET REPORT

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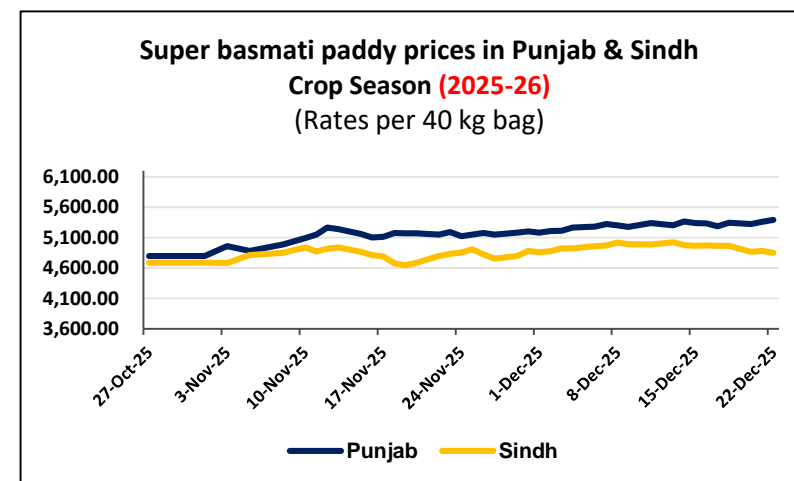
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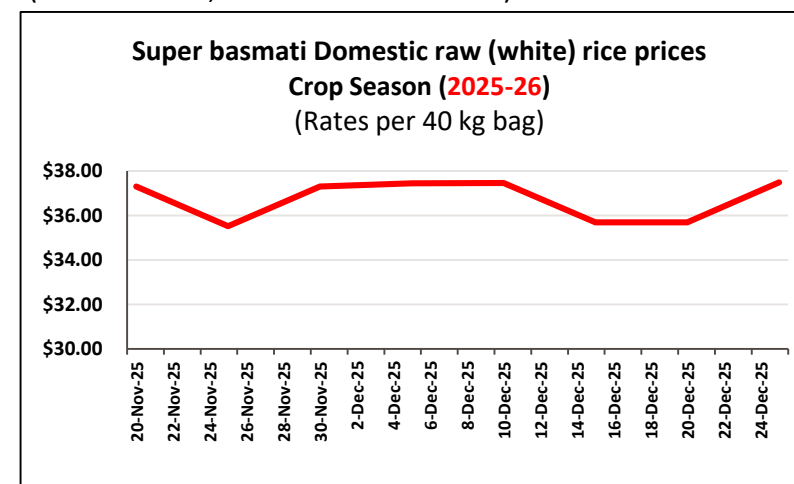
MAJOR RICE VARITIES GROWN IN PAKISTAN: (Basmati)

(Production, consumption, supply and Demand)

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



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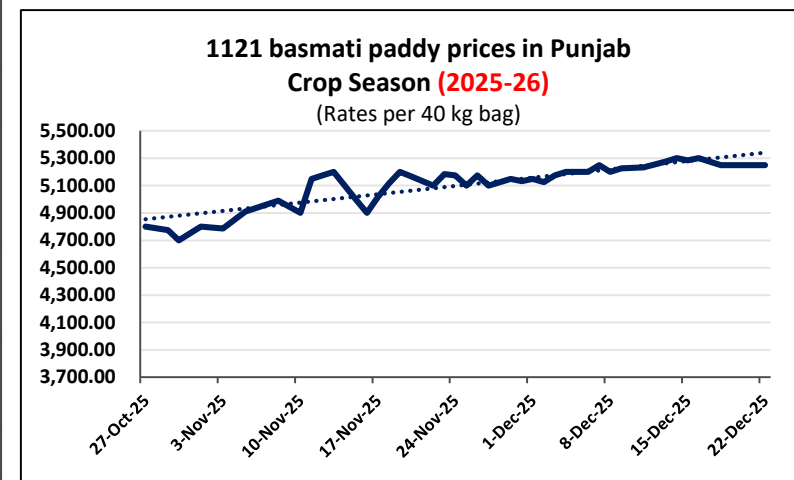


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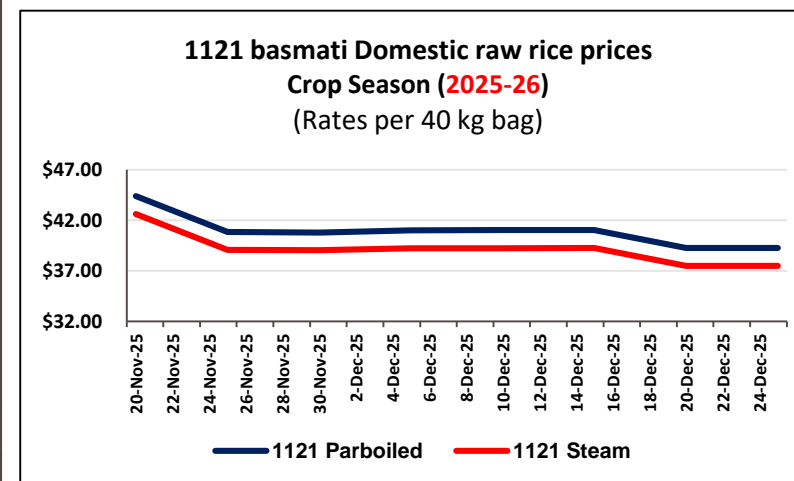
MAJOR RICE VARITIES GROWN IN PAKISTAN: (Basmati)

(Production, consumption, supply and Demand)

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



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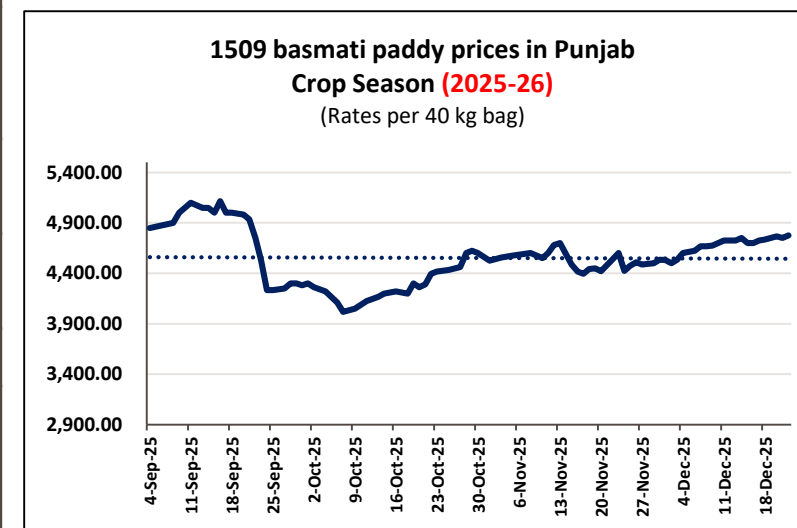


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MAJOR RICE VARITIES GROWN IN PAKISTAN: (Basmati)

(Production, consumption, supply and Demand)

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



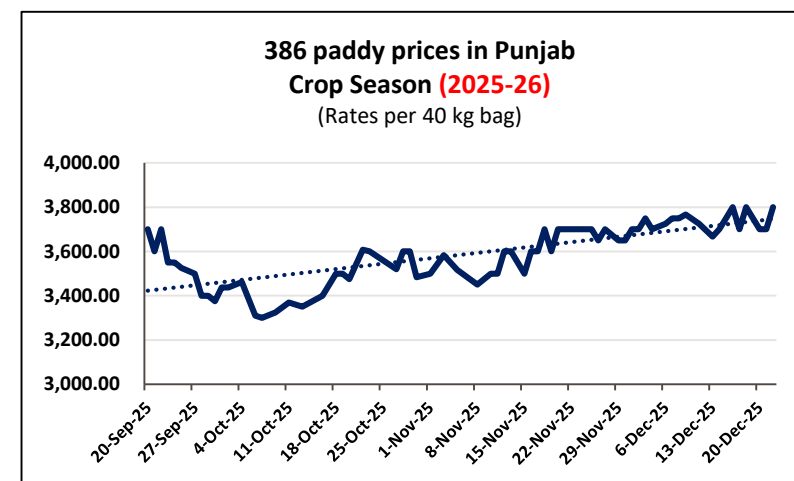
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MAJOR RICE VARITIES GROWN IN PAKISTAN: (Non-Basmati)

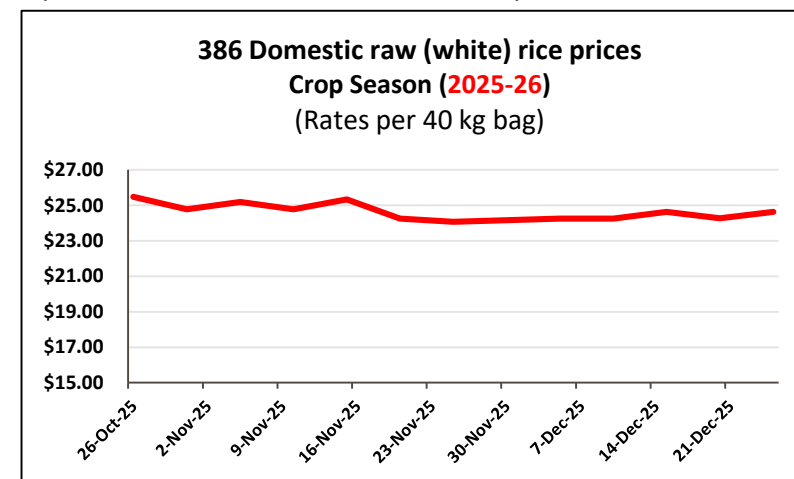
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PK-386		
Growing Region	Punjab: Major Quantity	Sindh: Not available in Sindh
Production Area	Punjab: 147% Decline in area 2025-26: 1,79,000 Acers 2024-25: 4,43,000 Acers	Sindh: N/A
Quality of the crop year (2025-26)	Good quality of the crop is being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



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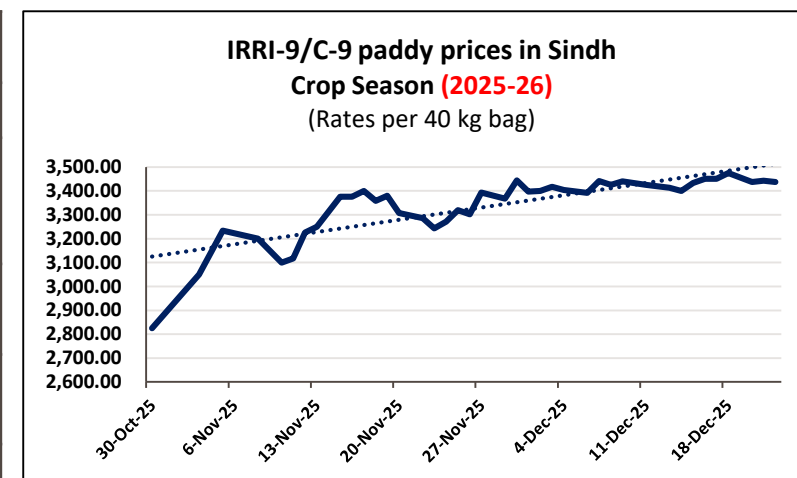
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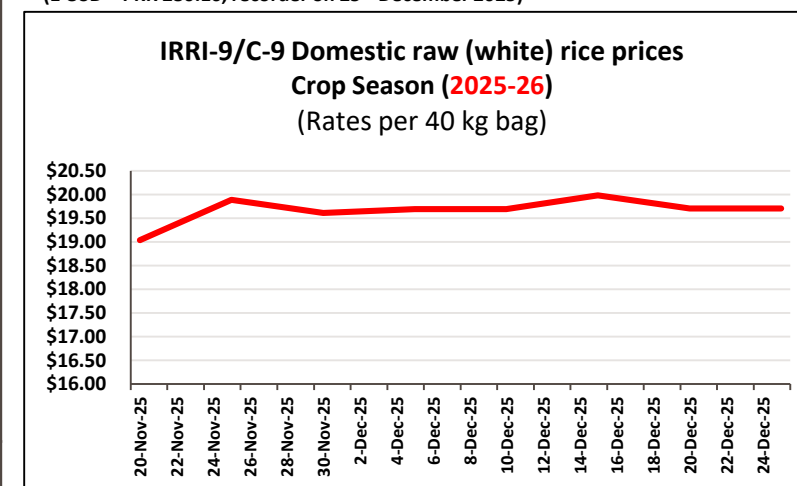
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IRRI- 9		
Growing Region	Punjab: Lower Quantity.	Sindh: Major Quantity.
Production Area	Punjab: 108% Decline in area 2025-26: 59,000 Acers 2024-25: 1,23,000 Acers	Sindh: N/A
Quality of the crop year (2025-26)	Good quality of the crop is being reported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



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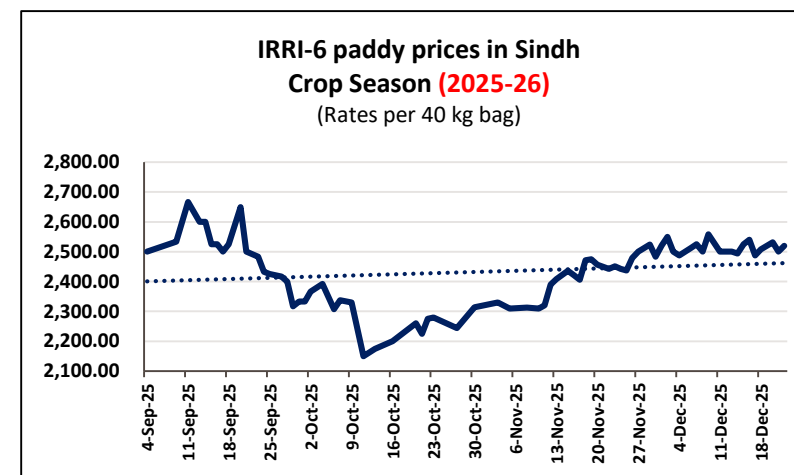


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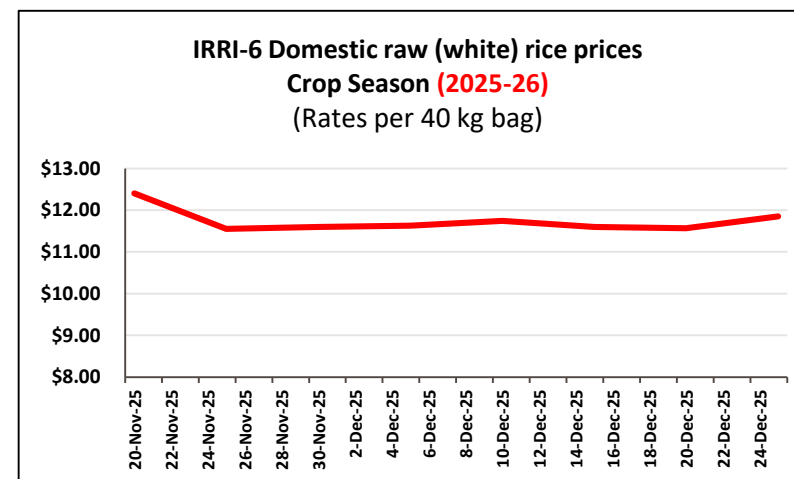
MAJOR RICE VARITIES GROWN IN PAKISTAN: (Non-Basmati)

(Production, consumption, supply and Demand)

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

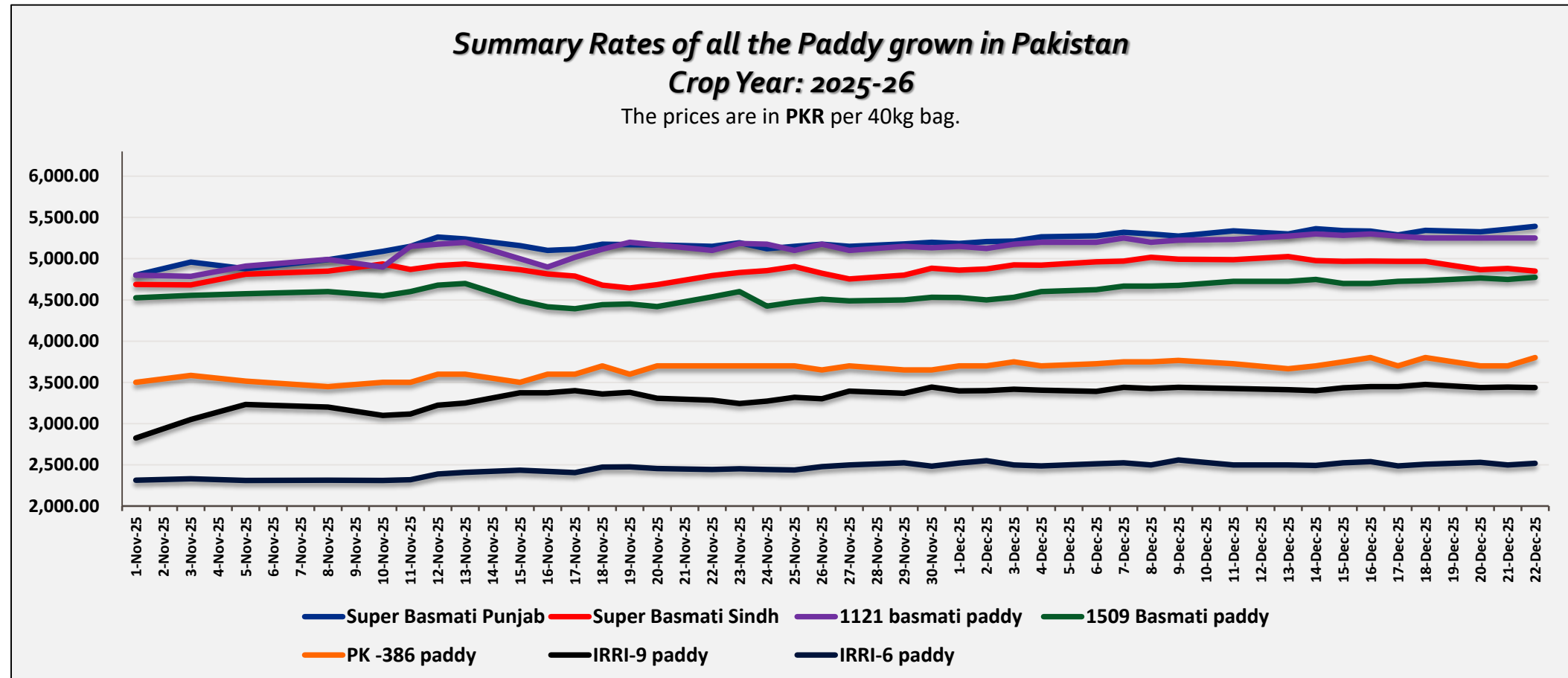


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SUMMARY RATES OF ALL THE PADDY GROWN IN PAKISTAN



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

For checking previous year rates and comparing various varieties please click here: [Pakistan Domestic Market](http://PakistanDomesticMarket.com)

EMERGING BASMATI VARIETIES FOR NEW SEASON CROP: 2025–26



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

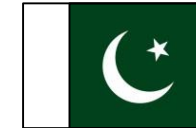
APPROVED BASMATI VARIETIES	
Basmati -370	Kissan Basmati
Basmati C 622	NIAB Basmati 2016
Sultan Super Basmati	Noor Basmati
Basmati 198	Super Gold
Basmati 385	Super Basmati 2019
Super Basmati	NIBGE Basmati 2020
Basmati 2000	PK 2021 aromatic
Shaheen Basmati	KSK 111 H
Basmati 515	Sona Super Basmati
PK 1121 aromatic	Vital Super Basmati
Punjab Basmati	NIAB HT 39
NIAB HT 18	NIAB S-39
GUARD 101	NIAB Super
Chenab Basmati	NIAB Basmati-2016

APPROVED NON-BASMATI VARIETIES	
IRRI-6	IRRI-9
KSK- 282	NIBGE GSR 8
KSK- 133	SKCB – 370-5-32
NIAB IRRI-9	
NIAB 2013	
KSK- 434	
NIBGE -5	
NIAB ST-9	
NIAB IRRI – 195	
KSK- 706	
NIBGE GSR 6	
NIBGE GSR 7	

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](#) (25th 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](#) (24th 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](#) (19th Dec).



PAKISTAN is the 4th 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:

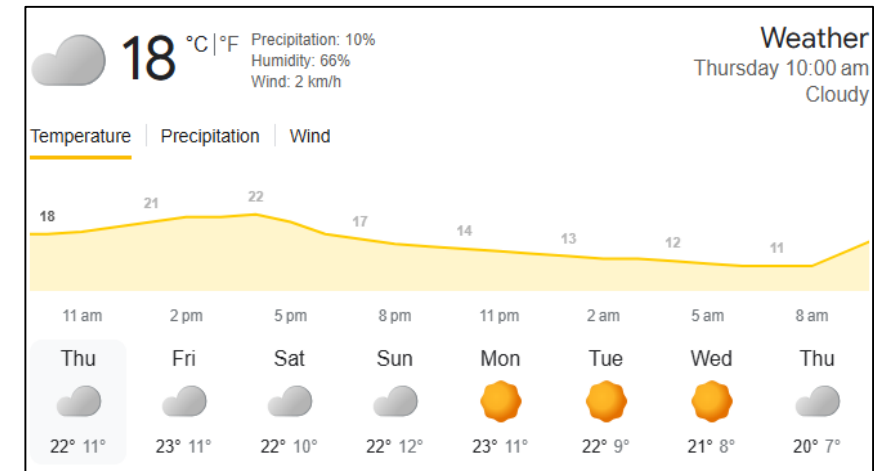
Guard Unveils High-Yield OP Basmati Varieties for 2026 Season

- 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



Source: AI



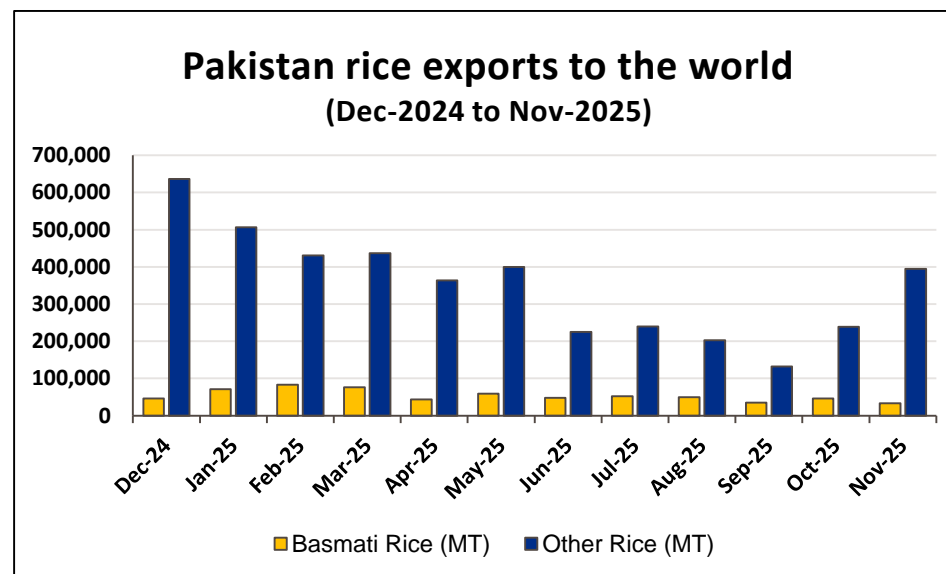
Source: Google Weather
Weather forecast from 18th December and onward.

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

Source: Pakistan Bureau of statistics



Pakistan Rice Production Area (2025-26)
 Basmati rice production area: 46,97,000 Acres
 Other rice production area: 13,15,000 Acres

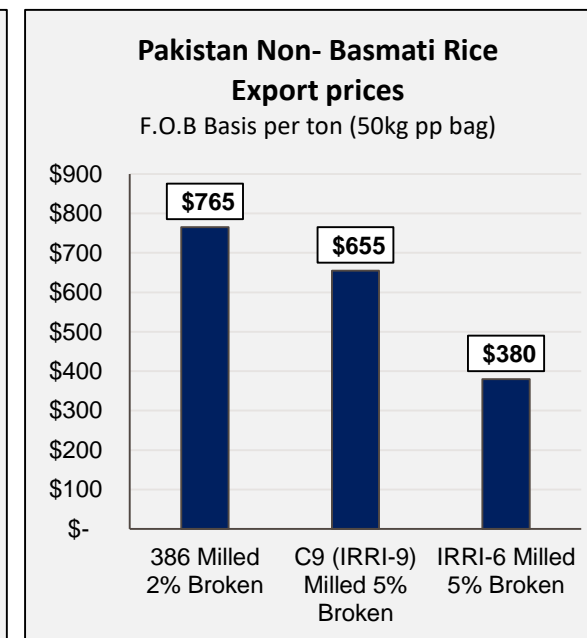
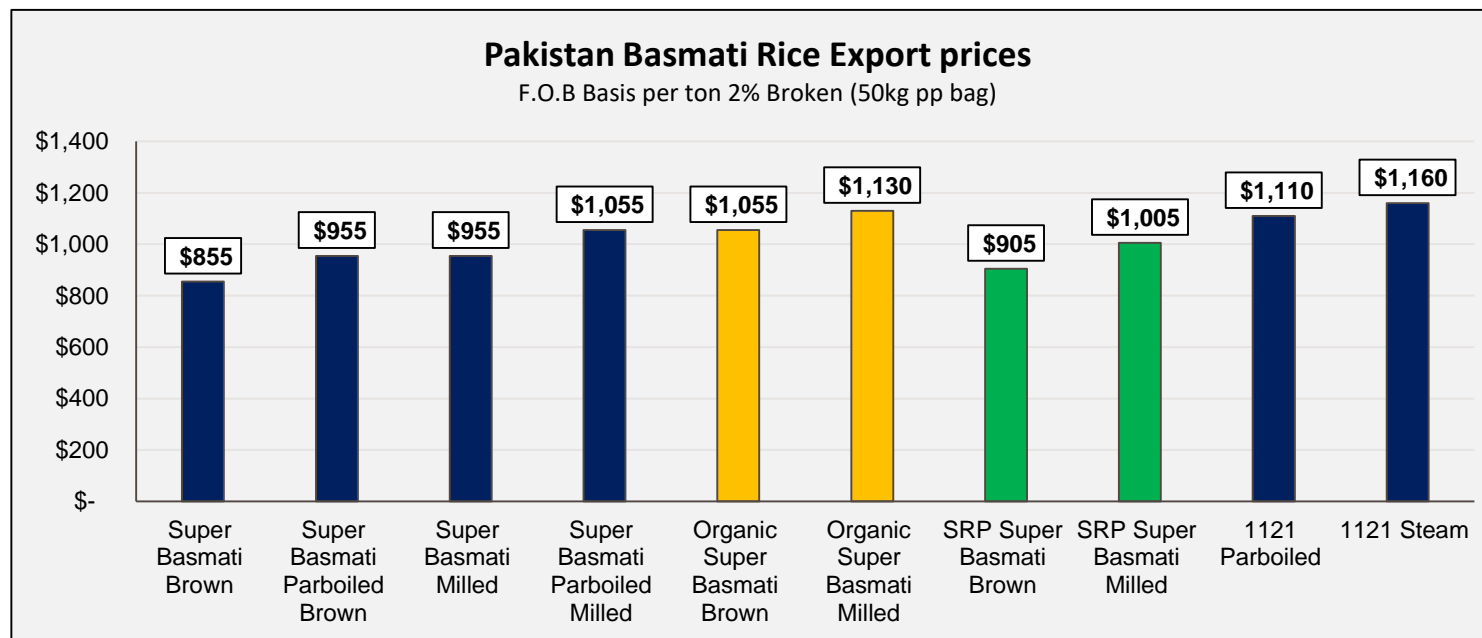
Pakistan Rice Production Volume (2024-25)
 Milled rice production in (1000 Tons): 10,000
 Rough rice production in (1000 Tons): 15,002

Pakistan Rice Ending stocks (2024-25)
 Ending stocks (Nov-2024)= 17,54,000 MT (USDA official)

Source: Punjab crop department & USDA

PAKISTAN RICE PRICES:

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



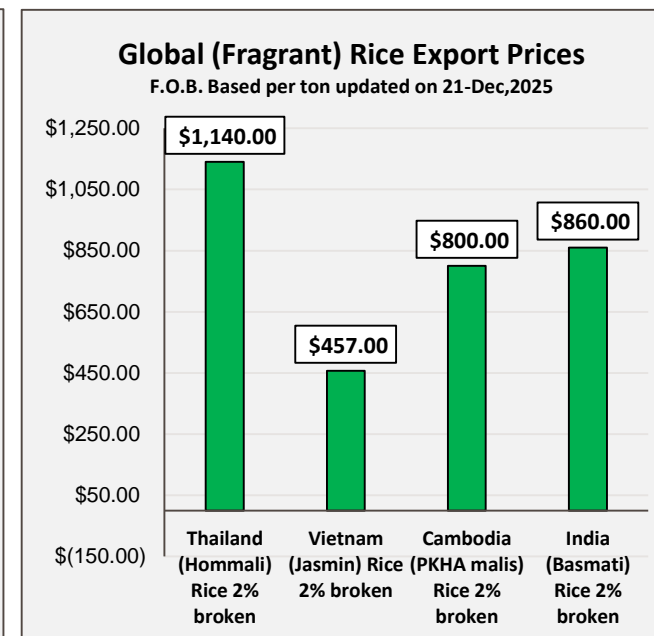
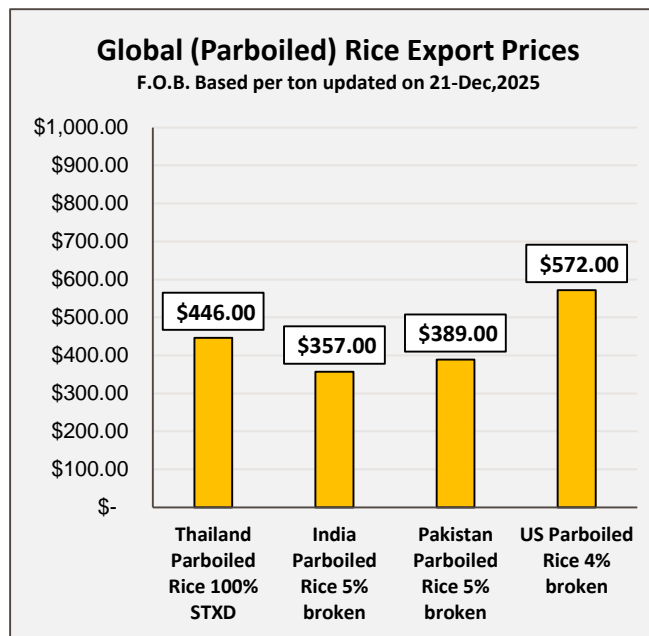
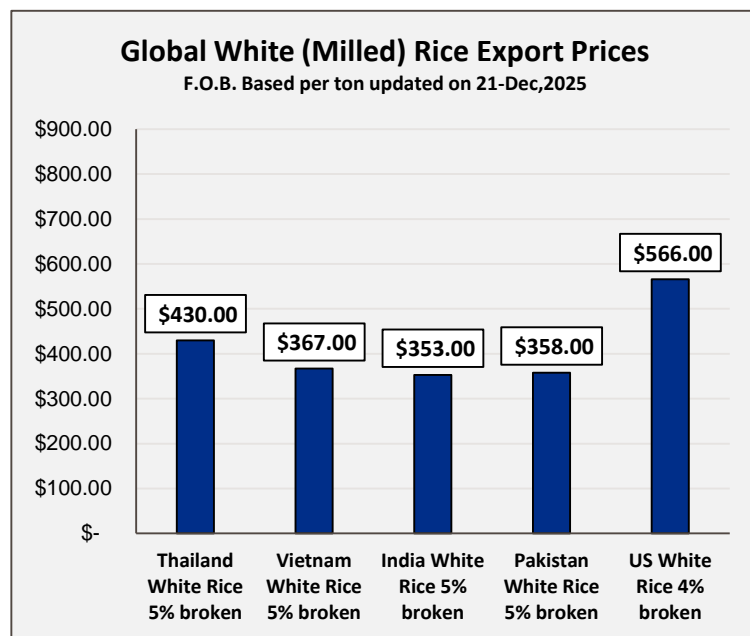
All Rice Prices were updated on 25th December 2025.

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](https://www.RiceNewsToday.com)

GLOBAL RICE PRICES:

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







All Prices were updated on 21st 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](http://www.RiceNewsToday.com)

GLOBAL NEWS HIGHLIGHTS OF THIS WEEK:

	<p>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)</p>
	<p>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)</p>
	<p>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)</p>
	<p>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)</p>
	<p>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)</p>

GLOBAL RICE TENDER & TRADE UPDATE:

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)*



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