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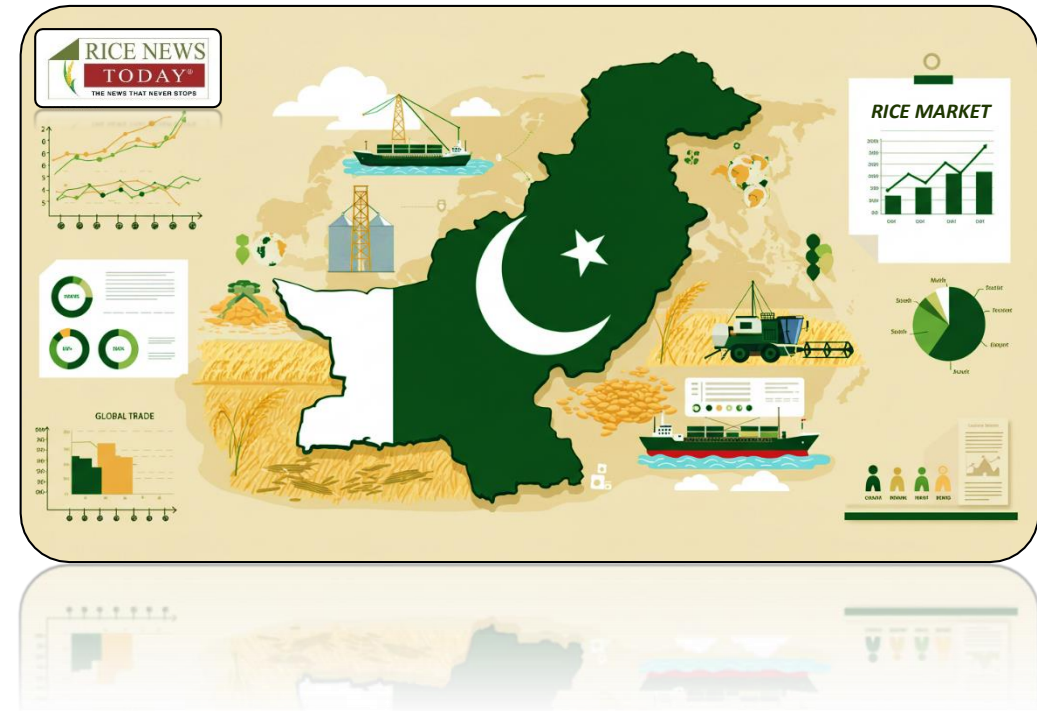
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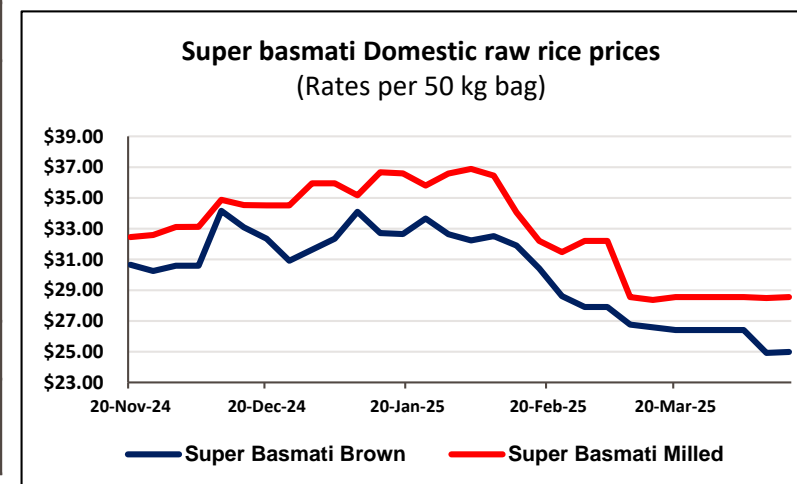
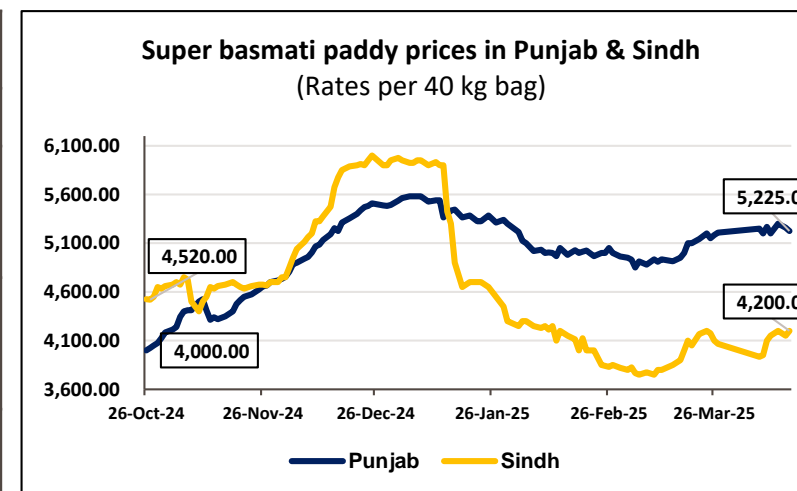
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MAJOR RICE VARITIES GROWN IN PAKISTAN: (Basmati)

(Production, consumption, supply and Demand)

Super Basmati		
Growing Region	Punjab: Major quantity	Sindh: Relatively good quantity
Production Area	Punjab: 17% Decline in area 2024-25: 13,13,000 Acers 2023-24: 15,78,000 Acers	Sindh: N/A
Quality of the crop year (2024-25)	Punjab: Good Quality followed by previous year crop, low yield in some areas.	Sindh: Cracks in grains, high broken% due to high temperature and low irrigation.
Variants Available	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Super basmati brown Super basmati milled 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Super basmati parboiled brown Super basmati parboiled Milled
Major Markets	Europe, Gulf region and UK.	
Supply and Demand	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> During Ramadan, the Super Basmati rice market experienced a slight improvement, driven by moderate trading activity. Some interest was shown by EU buyers for Super Basmati brown rice, although overall volumes remained limited. The paddy prices of Punjab has shown an upward trend where the domestic raw rice prices remain sluggish. 	
Local Consumption	Super basmati is consumed locally in a lower proportion.	
Competition	Pakistan: 1020 – 1050 USD per ton F.O.B (Super Basmati Milled)	India: 780 – 830 USD per ton F.O.B (Pusa Basmati Milled)

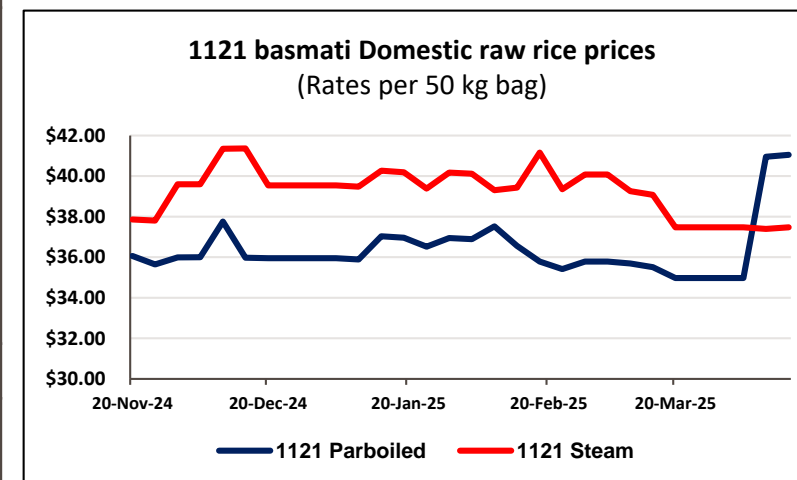
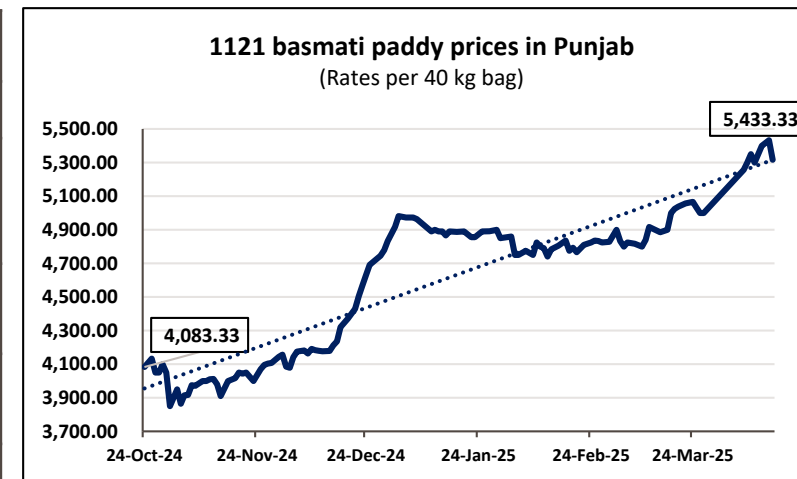


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MAJOR RICE VARITIES GROWN IN PAKISTAN: (Basmati)

(Production, consumption, supply and Demand)

1121/Kainat Basmati		
Growing Region	Punjab: Major quantity	Sindh: Very low quantity
Production Area	Punjab: 14% Decline in area 2024-25: 20,17,000 Acers 2023-24: 23,36,000 Acers	Sindh: N/A
Quality of the crop year (2024-25)	Punjab: 1121 Basmati maintained good quality followed by previous season crop.	
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"> This week, the domestic paddy market of 1121 Basmati rice prices 1121 Basmati rice continues to experience strong demand from Africa, Europe, and Gulf countries. Both local and export markets are showing a bullish trend, driven by sustained buyer interest and high demand. Domestic market prices, along with paddy rates for 1121 Basmati, surged significantly during and after Ramadan. While prices for 1121 steam rice remained relatively stable, 1121 parboiled rice saw a sharp increase, reflecting aggressive pricing in response to tight supply and robust demand. 	
Local Consumption	1121 basmati rice is consumed locally	
Competition	Pakistan: 1100 – 1150 USD per ton F.O.B (1121 Steam rice)	India: 960 – 1000 USD per ton F.O.B (1121 Steam rice)

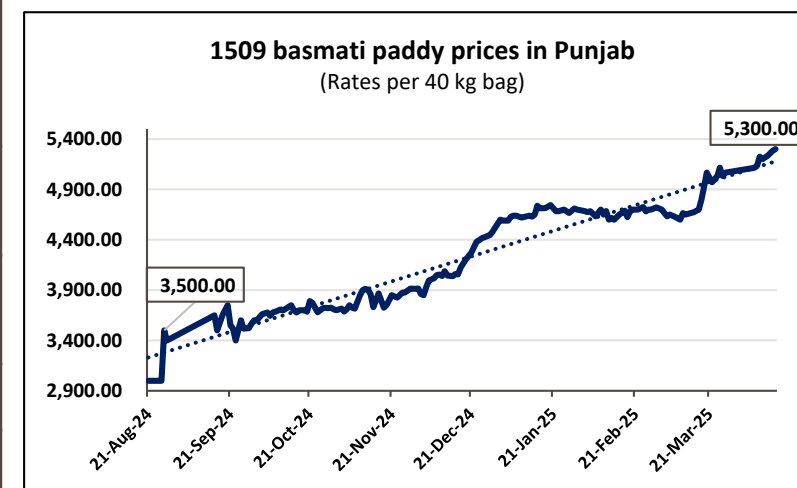


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MAJOR RICE VARITIES GROWN IN PAKISTAN: (Basmati)

(Production, consumption, supply and Demand)

1509/Kisan Basmati		
Growing Region	Punjab: Major Quantity	Sindh: Not available in Sindh
Production Area	Punjab: 30% Increase in area 2024-25: 11,08,000 Acers 2023-24: 8,50,000 Acers	Sindh: N/A
Quality of the crop year (2024-25)	Punjab: 1509 Basmati maintained good quality followed by previous season crop.	
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"> The prices of 1509 paddy rice have shown a notable upward trend, moving in tandem with 1121 Basmati. This rise is largely driven by sustained demand across both local and international markets, particularly from the Middle East and African regions. Exporters and millers are actively procuring 1509 paddy in anticipation of continued demand, contributing to firm market sentiment 	
Local Consumption	1509 basmati rice is consumed locally and also exported in some proportion.	



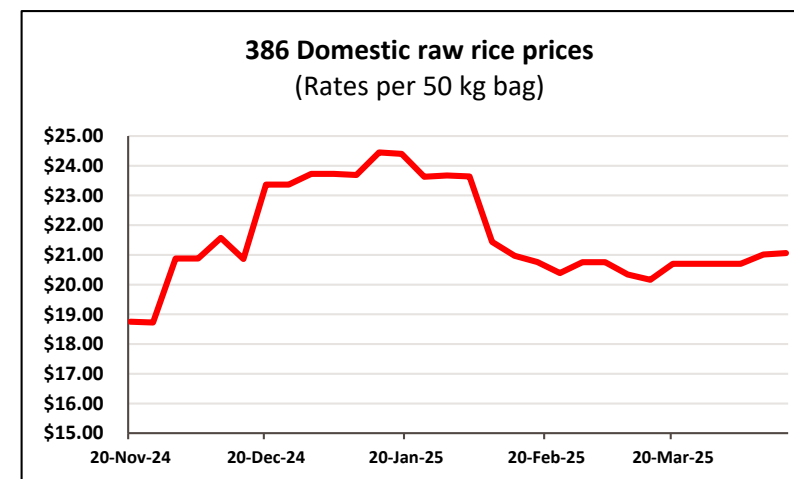
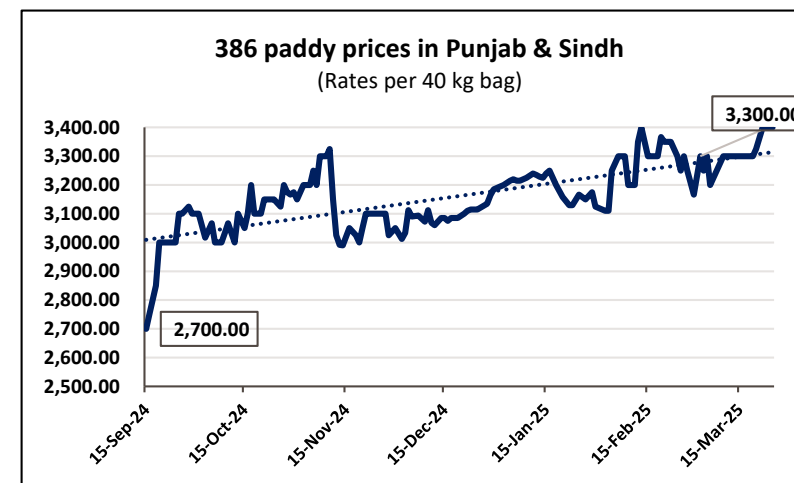
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MAJOR RICE VARITIES GROWN IN PAKISTAN: (Non-Basmati)

(Production, consumption, supply and Demand)



386		
Growing Region	Punjab: Major Quantity	Sindh: Not available in Sindh
Production Area	Punjab: 24% Increase in area 2024-25: 4,43,000 Acers 2023-24: 3,56,000 Acers	Sindh: N/A
Quality of the crop year (2024-25)	Punjab: 386 maintained good quality followed by previous season crop.	
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 long grain rice market is currently experiencing weak demand, putting pressure on overall trade activity. Despite this, 386 paddy prices have seen a slight increase, rising from PKR 3,250 to PKR 3,400 per 40 kg. • However, domestic prices for 386 raw rice prices have remained stable following previous prices. 	
Local Consumption	386 rice is consumed locally.	



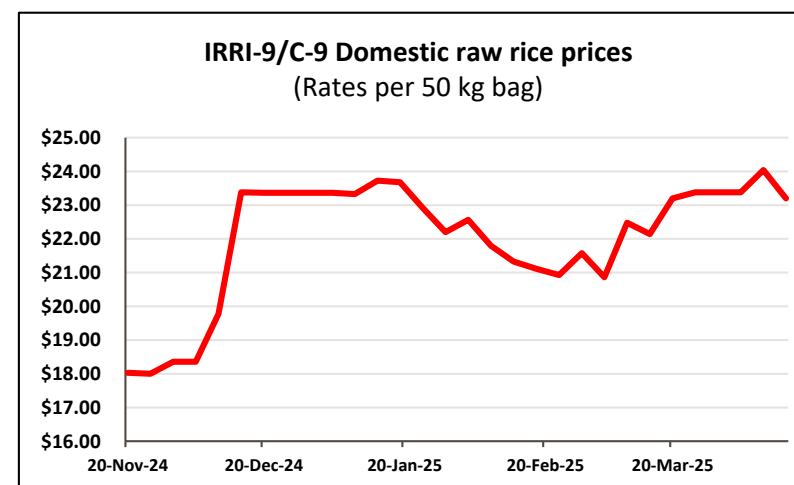
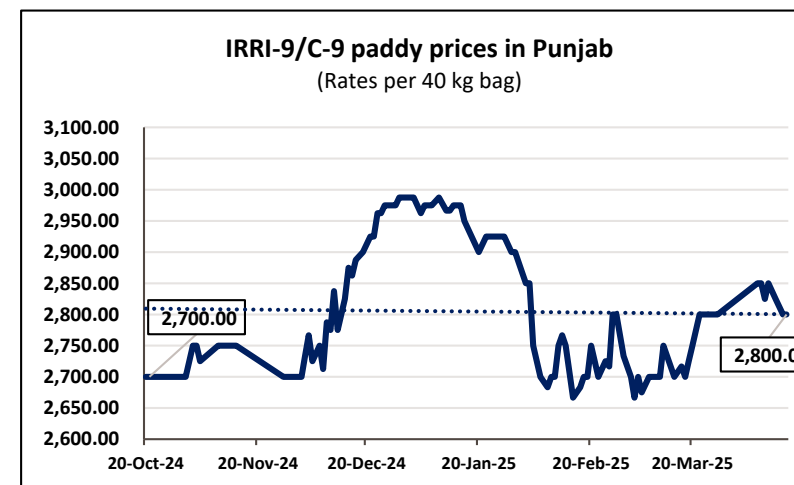
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MAJOR RICE VARITIES GROWN IN PAKISTAN: (Non-Basmati)

(Production, consumption, supply and Demand)



IRRI- 9		
Growing Region	Punjab: Lower Quantity.	Sindh: Major Quantity.
Production Area	Punjab: 54% Increase in area 2024-25: 1,23,000 Acers 2023-24: 80,000 Acers	Sindh: N/A
Quality of the crop year (2024-25)	Sindh: The IRRI-9 crop was badly affected due to low water in sindh and high temperature, resulting in cracks, high broken % and cooking issues.	
Variants Available	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> IRRI-9 milled rice is commonly traded. 	
Major Markets	Gulf & African countries.	
Supply and Demand	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> IRRI-9 paddy rice prices have shown a bullish trend during and after Ramadan, with rates increasing from PKR 2,700 to PKR 2,850 per 40 kg. A similar upward movement was observed in the domestic raw rice market, reflecting growing demand. Meanwhile, the Philippines white rice imports from Pakistan. To meet this urgent need, Manila aims to finalize a 1 million metric ton (MT) rice import deal by June 2025. Pakistan accounted for 11.1% of the Philippines' total rice imports, contributing to the nearly 600,000 metric tons received as of March 6. 	
Local Consumption	IRRI-9 rice is consumed locally.	



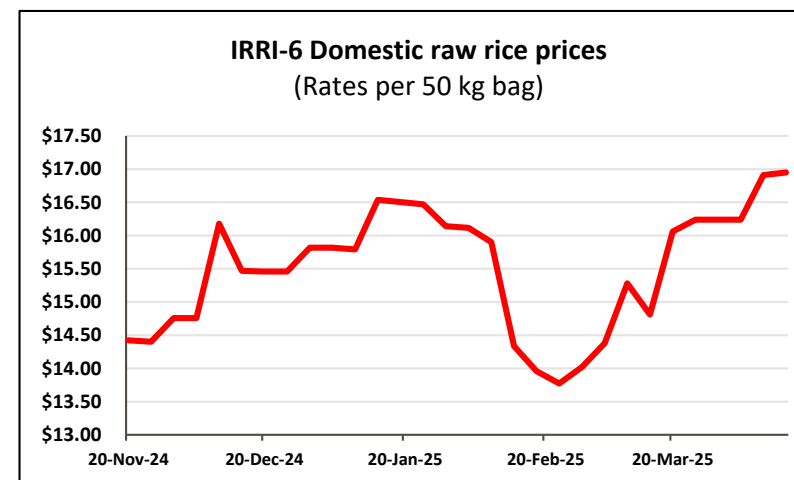
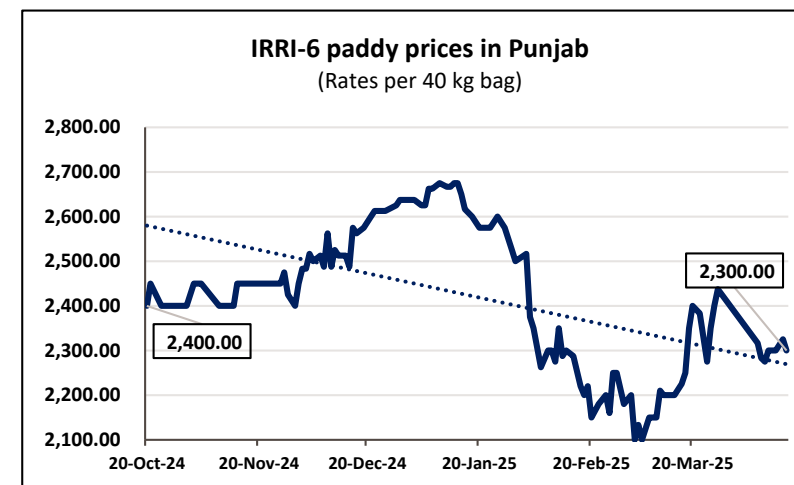
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MAJOR RICE VARITIES GROWN IN PAKISTAN: (Non-Basmati)

(Production, consumption, supply and Demand)

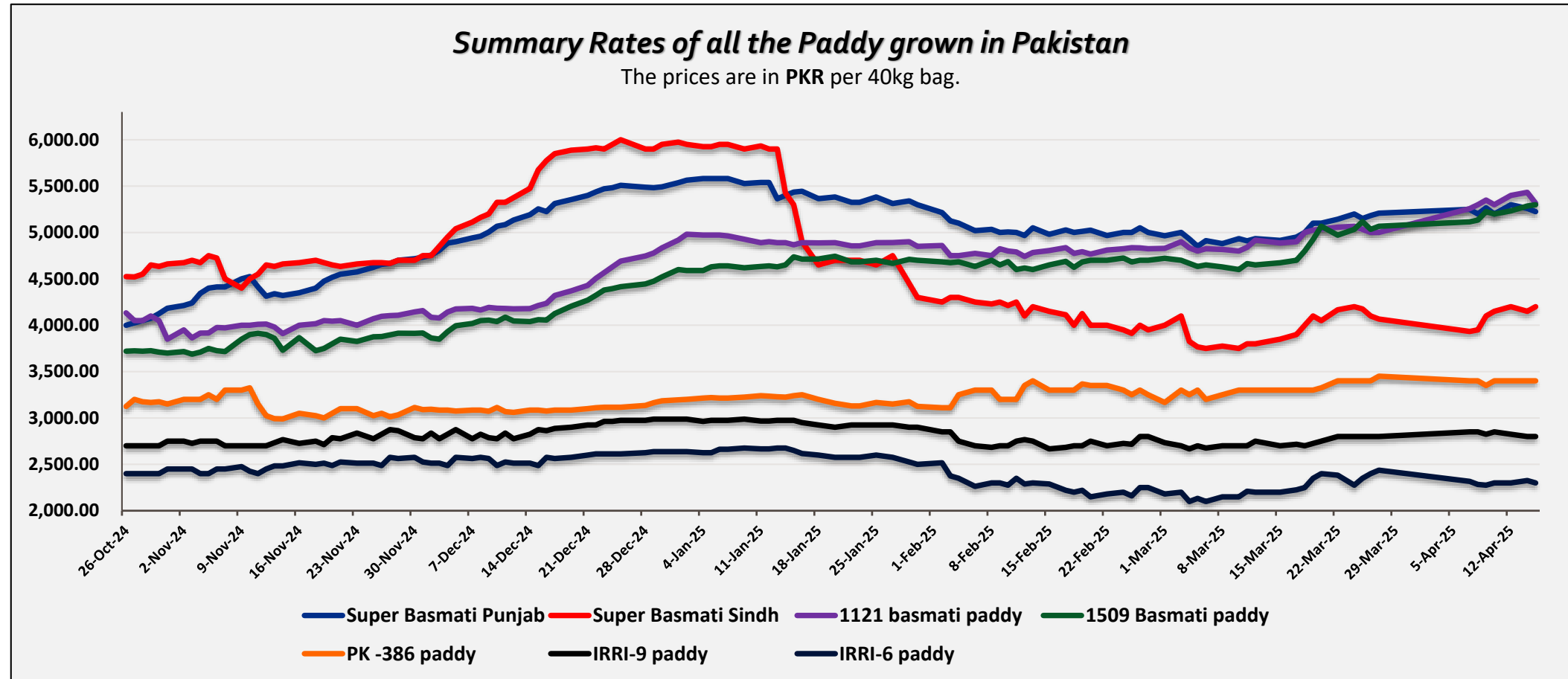


IRRI- 6		
Growing Region	Punjab: Relatively good Quantity.	Sindh: Major Quantity.
Production Area	Punjab: 32% Increase in area 2024-25: 2,07,000 Acers 2023-24: 1,57,000 Acers	Sindh: N/A
Quality of the crop year (2024-25)	Sindh: The IRRI-6 crop was badly affected due to low water in sindh and high temperature, resulting in cracks, high broken % and cooking issues.	
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"> The IRRI-6 paddy market has shown a bullish trend over the past few weeks, with prices rising from PKR 2,200 to 2,400 per 40 kg, and currently stabilizing around PKR 2,300. Domestic raw rice prices have also surged, jumping from USD 15.5 to approximately USD 17 per 50 kg, reflecting firm demand and limited availability. 	
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.

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

PAKISTAN NEWS HIGHLIGHTS:

- Pakistan's claim to **Basmati** as part of its cultural and agricultural heritage has been central to the ongoing GI dispute with India. While it granted Basmati GI status domestically in **2021 and expanded the claim from 14 to 44 districts**, this move risks undermining geographical authenticity. Pakistan's membership in **UPOV 1978** also places it under pressure to adopt stricter seed ownership regimes, which could impact farmers' rights. With increasing **EU rejections of Basmati exports over pesticide residues**, Pakistan must also strengthen its quality controls to maintain global market access and safeguard its share in this shared legacy. [Read More](#) (17th Apr).
- **Punjab's Agriculture Minister Syed Ashiq Hussain Kirmani** announced that the second phase of the '**Kissan Card**' initiative will start on May 15, offering **Rs75 billion** in interest-free loans for Kharif crops. Eligible **farmers owning 8–10 acres** will be able to use **25%** of the loan for diesel and receive **30% in cash**, while timely repayments will qualify them for **Rs5,000 per acre support**. The government also plans to distribute **10,000–20,000** subsidized green tractors in the next phase. Construction of agriculture malls in four cities is **80% complete**, with ten more malls proposed. Additionally, **2,000 agricultural graduates** will be recruited, and **5,000 super seeders** will be distributed by September under the Smog Control Program.. [Read More](#) (17th Apr).



PAKISTAN is the 4th largest rice exporting country in the world.

In previous **FY 2023-24** Pakistan Exported over **(6 Million tons)**. Generating **(4 billion dollars)** revenue.

Rice exporters of Pakistan Plans for achieving **(5 Billion dollar)** revenue in **FY 2025**.

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

WEATHER CONDITIONS IN PAKISTAN:

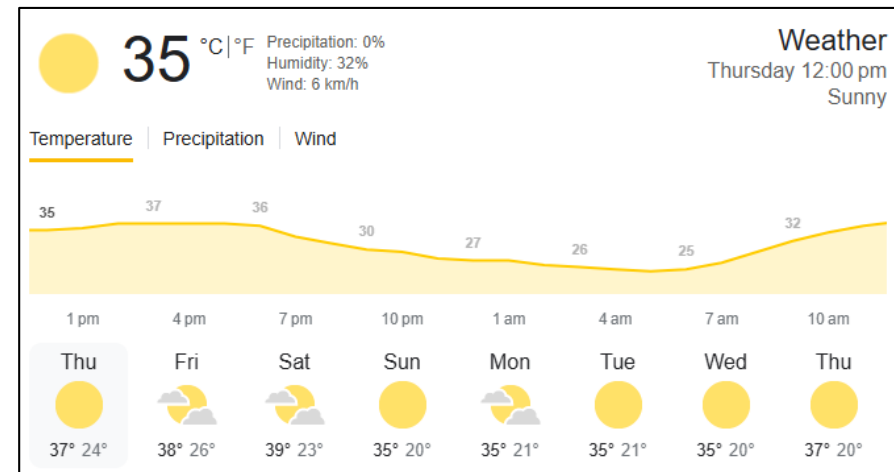
Pakistan's water crisis: the cost of sugarcane and rice:

- Pakistan is edging closer to a severe water crisis that threatens its agriculture, economy, and food security. Among the most water-stressed countries in the world, it continues to cultivate water-intensive crops like sugarcane and rice. In Punjab, where agriculture thrives, over **50 million acre-feet (MAF)** of groundwater is extracted annually—far exceeding the nation's surface water storage of **13.5 MAF**. This overuse, coupled with erratic rainfall and inefficient irrigation, is depleting aquifers and degrading soil, putting long-term food production at risk.
- Sindh, on the other hand, suffers from excessive irrigation, leading to widespread waterlogging and salinity. Almost half of Upper Sindh's irrigated land is affected. Infrastructure like the Sukkur Barrage loses nearly **4 MAF** of water yearly through seepage and inefficient distribution. Despite this, sugarcane—spread across **3.2 million acres** and consuming **18 MAF** of water—is still encouraged by subsidies, even though its water productivity lags behind global standards. The refining process further increases water consumption, using **1.75 cubic meters** to produce just one kilogram of sugar.
- Rice cultivation presents similar challenges. With **8.9 million acres** under cultivation, it uses **14 MAF of water each year**, often due to flood irrigation. Pakistan also exports 4 million tons of rice annually, effectively sending **8.1 MAF** of virtual water abroad. Combined, sugarcane and rice account for **32 MAF** in water usage. Without adopting water-efficient farming methods and stronger policy reforms, Pakistan risks further straining its most precious resource—water. [Read More](#)

Source: Publications & News



Source: AI



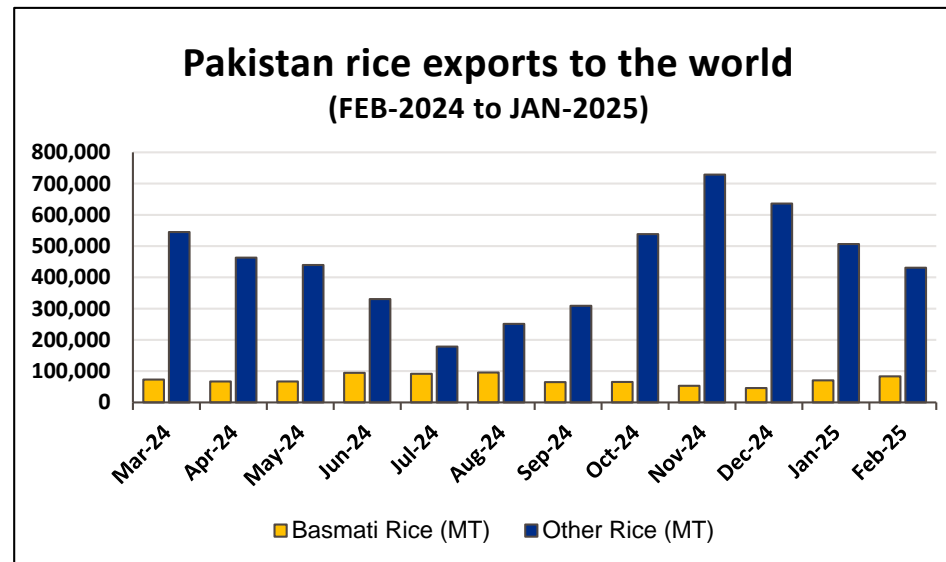
Source: Google Weather
Weather forecast from 17th April and onward.

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) \$
Mar-24	72,919	\$82,946	545,000	\$330,453	617,919	\$413,399
Apr-24	66,863	\$76,861	463,035	\$274,815	529,898	\$351,676
May-24	66,902	\$74,777	439,414	\$270,660	506,316	\$345,437
Jun-24	94,675	\$103,093	330,379	\$200,676	425,054	\$303,769
Jul-24	91,303	\$92,532	178,617	\$113,214	269,920	\$205,746
Aug-24	95,646	\$100,079	251,413	\$158,843	347,059	\$258,922
Sep-24	65,063	\$70,551	309,265	\$186,646	374,328	\$257,197
Oct-24	65,544	\$68,657	538,600	\$293,672	604,144	\$362,329
Nov-24	52,918	\$54,299	728,964	\$377,072	781,882	\$431,371
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
Total	871,943	\$937,644	5,358,415	\$2,960,001	6,230,358	\$3,897,645

Source: Pakistan Bureau of statistics



Pakistan Rice Production Area (2024-25)
 Basmati rice production area: 48,40,000 Acers
 Other rice production area: 18,37,000 Acers

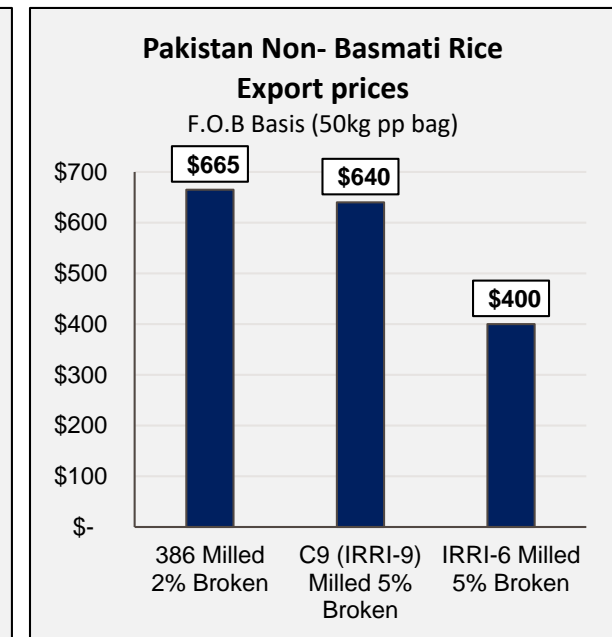
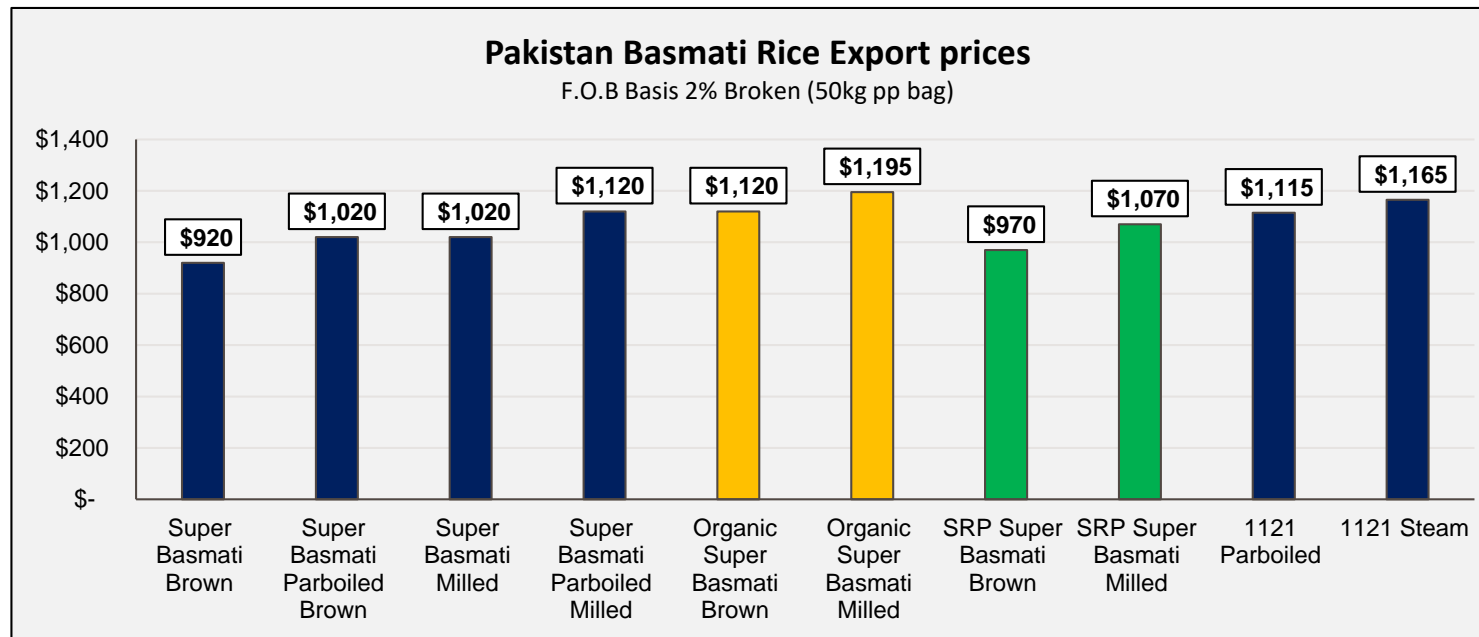
Pakistan Rice Production Volume (2024-25)
 Milled rice production in (1000 Tons): 10,000
 Rough rice production in (1000 Tons): 15,002

Pakistan Rice Ending stocks (2024-25)
 Ending stocks of rice (Jul-2025)= 9,10,000 MT

Source: Punjab crop department & USDA

PAKISTAN RICE PRICES:

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



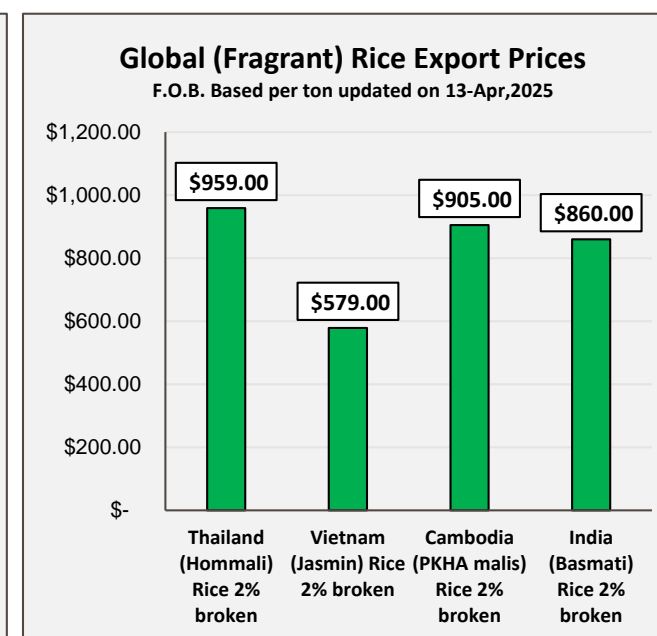
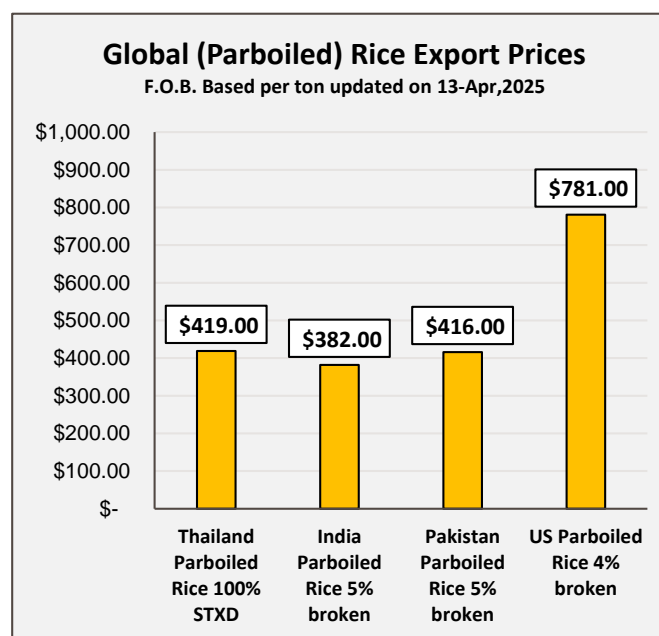
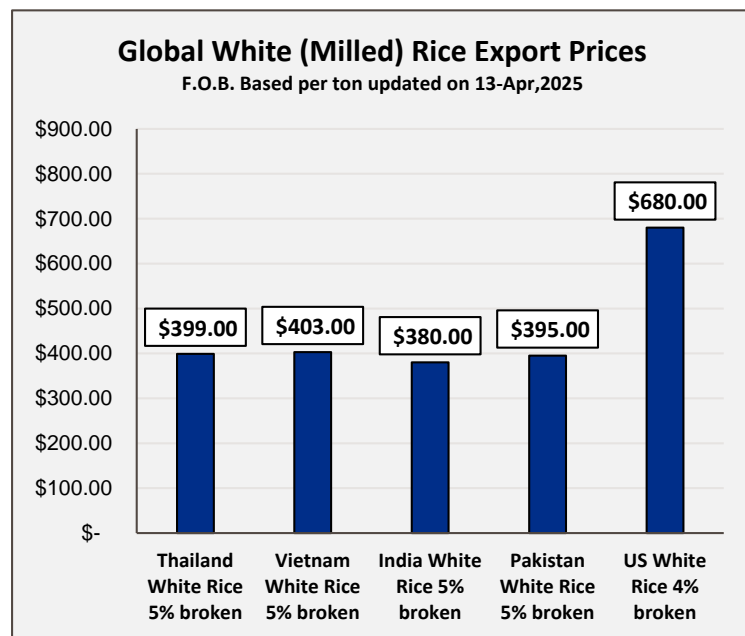
All Prices were updated on 14th April 2025.

- This week, rice prices remained stable, with no significant changes observed across super basmati, non-basmati varieties.

For more details on Pakistan market rice prices Please click here: [Pakistan Rice Market](http://www.RiceNewsToday.com)

GLOBAL RICE PRICES:

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



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➤ The **Global rice export market remained** Stable with minor fluctuations.

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GLOBAL RICE TENDER & TRADE UPDATE:

Recent Rice Procurement Efforts and Trade Initiatives in Bangladesh.

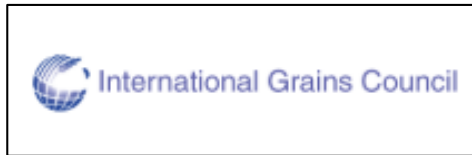
- The MV PHU THANH vessel carrying **10,000 metric tonnes of rice from India** has arrived at Chattogram Port, part of a **500,000 metric tonne import** agreement, with **353,000 tonnes** already delivered. Unloading will begin after sample testing. **(16-Apr)**
- Rice imports through Dinajpur's Hili Land Port surged ahead of the April 16 deadline, with **267,857 tonnes imported** since November, as traders rushed to bring in rice before the government's duty-free import period ends. **(15-Apr)**
- Bangladesh's state grains buyer has purchased **50,000 metric tons of non-basmati parboiled rice at \$416.44 per ton** in a **March 27** international tender, following crop damage. **(13-Apr)**
- A ship carrying **36,100 metric tons of rice from India** has arrived at Chattogram Port. The MV FROSSO K, transporting the rice via an international open tender, will be unloaded promptly. **(13-Apr)**
- Rice prices in Bangladesh remain high despite importing **820,000 tonnes since November**, with fine rice up by **11.35%** and medium varieties **by 8.85%**. Hilsa prices have surged ahead of Pahela Baishakh, with fish priced up to **Tk2,300 per kg**, while vegetable prices have also climbed. **(12-Apr)**
- A total of **5,447 tons of rice** were imported from **India** through Hili Land Port in Dinajpur on Sunday, with 126 trucks delivering the shipment. The rice import period has been extended until April 15 by the Ministry of Food, and import activities are expected to increase further. **(7-Apr)**



GLOBAL NEWS HIGHLIGHTS OF THIS WEEK:

	<p>The US has postponed proposed tariffs on Indian basmati rice imports for 90 days, providing relief to exporters and allowing uninterrupted shipment of existing consignments. India exported 3.15 LMT of basmati rice to the US in 2022–23 and 3.08 LMT in 2023–24, even as total basmati exports rose from 52.42 LMT to 59.42 LMT in 2024–25. The extension offers a key window to finalize deals and manage logistics before the new crop arrives. READ MORE (11-Apr)</p>
	<p>Indonesia is projecting a rice surplus of up to 12 million tons in 2025, with state agency Bulog already absorbing 840,000 tons by April—a 2,000% increase year-on-year. Backed by land expansion, infrastructure upgrades, and higher floor prices, the government aims to shift from being a top importer (4.52 million tons in 2024) to a global rice exporter under President Prabowo’s food sovereignty agenda. READ MORE (12-Apr)</p>
	<p>Cambodia exported 211,058 tonnes of milled rice worth US\$160.5 million in Q1 2025, with 47 companies shipping to 55 countries. China remained a key buyer, importing 37,821 tonnes valued at \$22.6 million. Fragrant rice dominated exports, accounting for over 81% of the total volume. READ MORE (14-Apr)</p>
	<p>Vietnam is expected to export around 4.35 million tonnes of rice to the Philippines in 2025, maintaining its position as the leading supplier with a 40-45% share of the market. Despite efforts by the Philippines to diversify suppliers and control retail rice prices, Vietnam's competitive pricing, quality, and stable supply make it a dominant player in the market. READ MORE (16-Apr)</p>
	<p>Myanmar earned over US\$1.129 billion from exporting 2.48 million tonnes of rice and broken rice in the 2024–2025 fiscal year, nearly meeting its 2.5 million tonne export target. Most exports occurred via maritime trade, with border trade contributing minimally. In contrast, the previous year saw only 1.6 million tonnes exported due to monetary policy and El Niño impacts. READ MORE (09-Apr)</p>

UPCOMING EVENTS:



IGC Grains Conference 2025

Preparations for the 34th IGC Grains Conference to be held in London on 10-11 June 2025 are well underway and the IGC Secretariat is busy developing the 2-day programme.

10 – 11 June 2025

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USA Rice Millers Association

RMA Convention. Colorado Springs, Colorado

June 10-12, 2025



The Federation of the European Rice Millers

The next FERM Convention will take place in **Marbella**, Spain

10-12 September 2025

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