

# RICE MARKET REPORT

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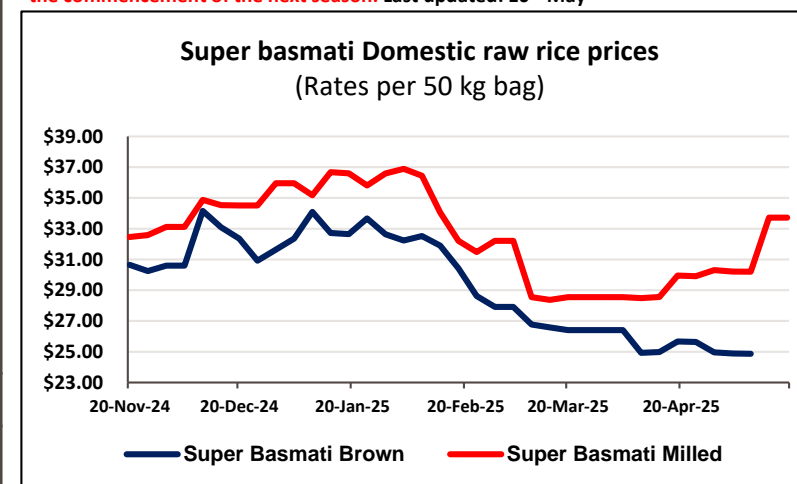
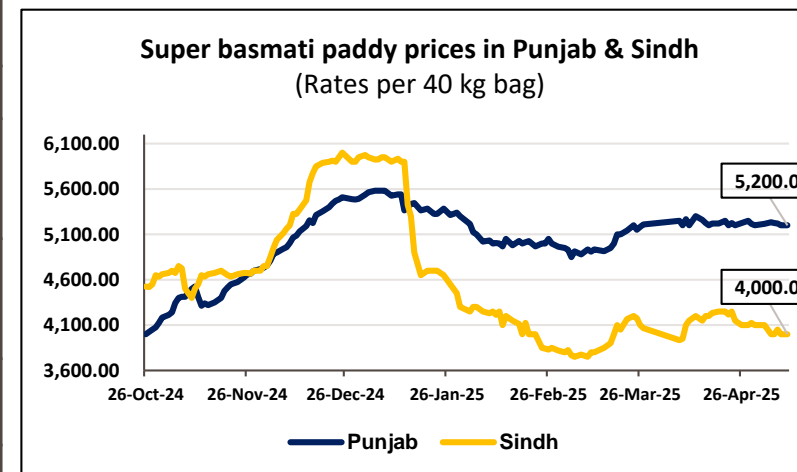
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# MAJOR RICE VARITIES GROWN IN PAKISTAN: (Basmati)

(Production, consumption, supply and Demand)

Super Basmati		
Growing Region	Punjab: Major quantity	Sindh: Relatively good quantity
Production Area	Punjab: <b>17%</b> 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"> <li>Super basmati brown</li> <li>Super basmati milled</li> <li>Super basmati parboiled brown</li> <li>Super basmati parboiled Milled</li> </ul>	
Major Markets	Europe, Gulf region and UK.	
Supply and Demand	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As preparations for the new crop season begin. There are still large stocks in both Sindh and Punjab, while Punjab offers better quality.</li> <li>However, recent data indicates that <b>Super Basmati brown</b> rice shipments to the <b>EU</b> have declined significantly this year—reportedly down by <b>approximately 57%</b> compared to the same period last year.</li> <li>This sharp decline is attributed to unjustified pricing by local traders, which limited Pakistan's ability to maintain its market share in the <b>EU and UK</b>.</li> <li>Additionally, <b>India's</b> strong return to <b>international markets</b> has further impacted Pakistan's exports. India conducted aggressive sales campaigns for both <b>basmati</b> and <b>non-basmati rice</b> and currently holds substantial rice stocks, enhancing its export capacity.</li> </ul>	
Local Consumption	Super basmati is consumed locally in a lower proportion.	
Competition	Pakistan: 1050 – 1080 USD per ton F.O.B (Super Basmati Milled)	India: 890 – 960 USD per ton F.O.B (Pusa Basmati Milled)

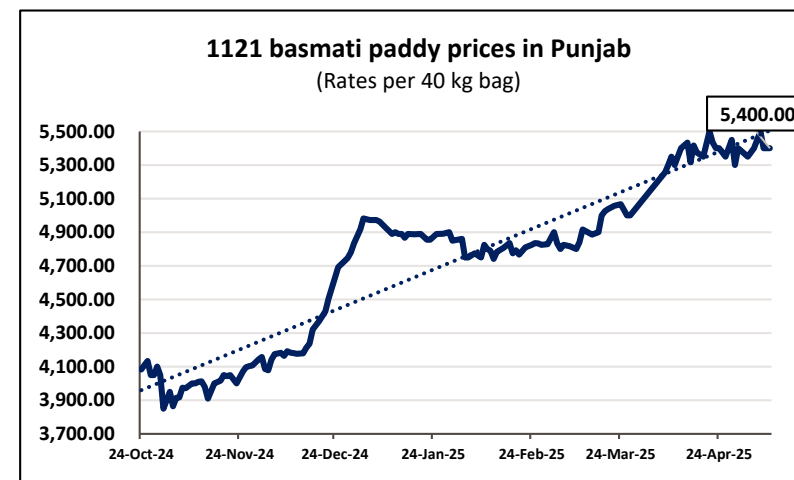


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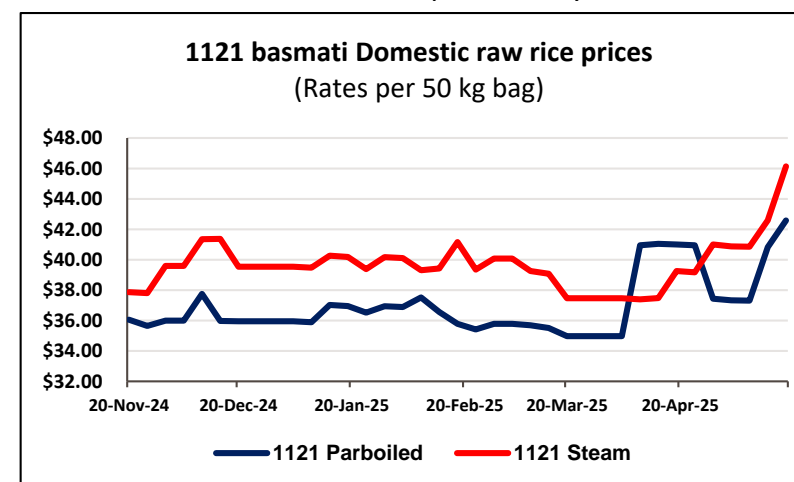
# MAJOR RICE VARITIES GROWN IN PAKISTAN: (Basmati)

(Production, consumption, supply and Demand)

1121/Kainat Basmati		
Growing Region	Punjab: Major quantity	Sindh: Very low quantity
Production Area	<b>Punjab:</b> 14% Decline in area <b>2024-25:</b> 20,17,000 Acers <b>2023-24:</b> 23,36,000 Acers	<b>Sindh:</b> N/A
Quality of the crop year (2024-25)	<b>Punjab:</b> 1121 Basmati maintained good quality followed by previous season crop.	
Variants Available	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1121 basmati Parboiled</li> <li>1121 basmati Steam</li> <li>1121 basmati Milled</li> </ul>	
Major Markets	Europe, Gulf region and UK.	
Supply and Demand	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As per reports, Export market sales of <b>1121 Basmati</b>—both parboiled and steam—remained largely consistent with last year, showing only a minor decline.</li> <li>Early indications for the upcoming crop season suggest that some farmers are considering a shift <b>from 1121 to 1718</b>, citing better returns and agronomic advantages.</li> <li>Meanwhile, domestic prices of <b>1121 Basmati</b> parboiled and steam showed a bullish trend this week, with a notable increase of <b>USD 5–7 per ton</b>. More accurate insights are expected in the coming months as planting progresses.</li> </ul>	
Local Consumption	1121 basmati rice is consumed locally	
Competition	<b>Pakistan:</b> 1190 – 1210 USD per ton F.O.B (1121 Steam rice)	<b>India:</b> 1110 – 1160 USD per ton F.O.B (1121 Steam rice)



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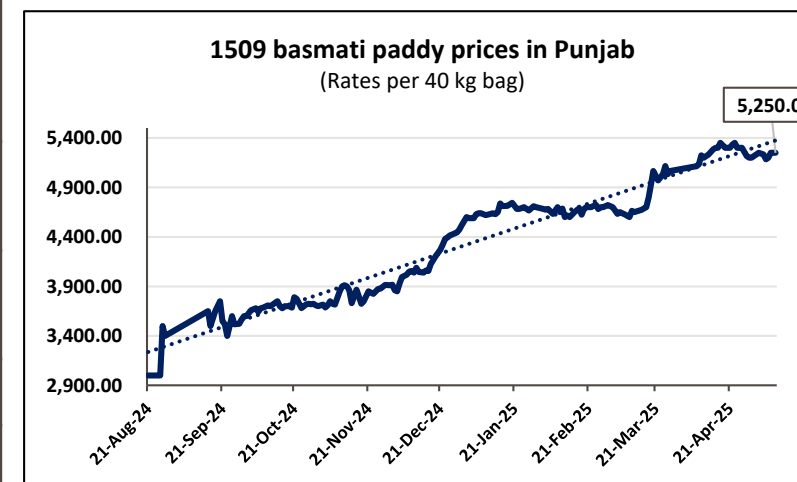


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# MAJOR RICE VARITIES GROWN IN PAKISTAN: (Basmati)

(Production, consumption, supply and Demand)

1509/Kisan Basmati		
Growing Region	Punjab: Major Quantity	Sindh: Not available in Sindh
Production Area	Punjab: 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"> <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>Preparations for the new crop are underway, with <b>1509 Basmati</b> expected to be the first to arrive in the market ahead of <b>1121</b> and <b>Super Basmati</b>. A good harvest is anticipated this season. While <b>1509</b> is primarily consumed in the domestic market, a portion is also exported alongside <b>1121 Basmati</b>.</li> </ul>	
Local Consumption	1509 basmati rice is consumed locally and also exported in some proportion.	



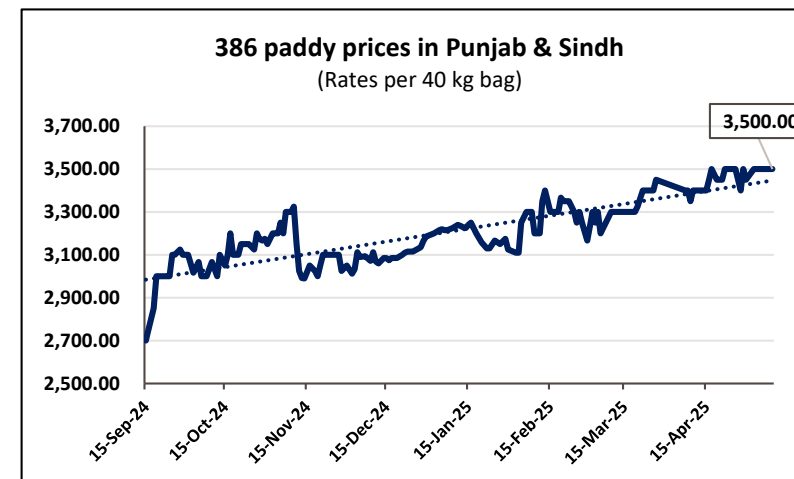
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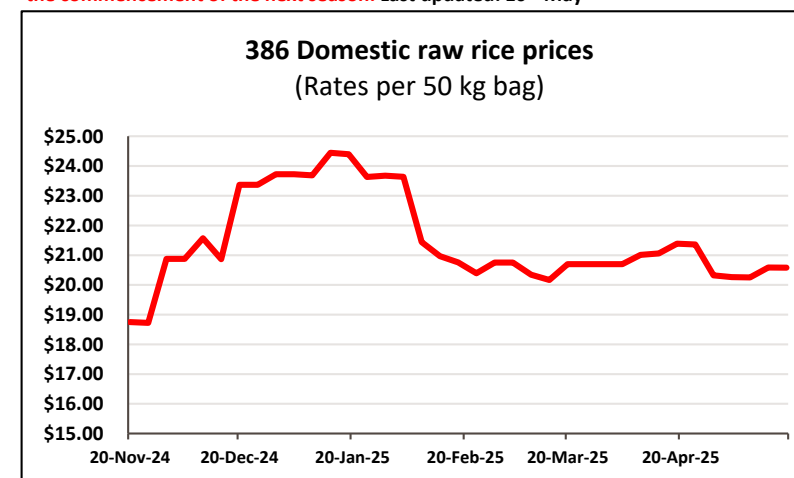
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386		
Growing Region	Punjab: Major Quantity	Sindh: Not available in Sindh
Production Area	<b>Punjab:</b> 24% Increase in area <b>2024-25:</b> 4,43,000 Acers <b>2023-24:</b> 3,56,000 Acers	<b>Sindh:</b> N/A
Quality of the crop year (2024-25)	<b>Punjab:</b> 386 maintained good quality followed by previous season crop.	
Variants Available	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 386 brown rice</li> <li>• 386 milled rice</li> <li>• 386 parboiled rice</li> </ul>	
Major Markets	African and Gulf countries.	
Supply and Demand	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Exports of Non-basmati rice variety <b>386</b> maintained as usual this season. Demand from key international markets remains robust, contributing to steady export activity.</li> <li>• A good harvest is anticipated in the upcoming season, supported by stable cultivation trends.</li> <li>• Domestically, prices for 386 raw rice have remained steady, reflecting balanced supply and demand.</li> </ul>	
Local Consumption	386 rice is consumed locally.	



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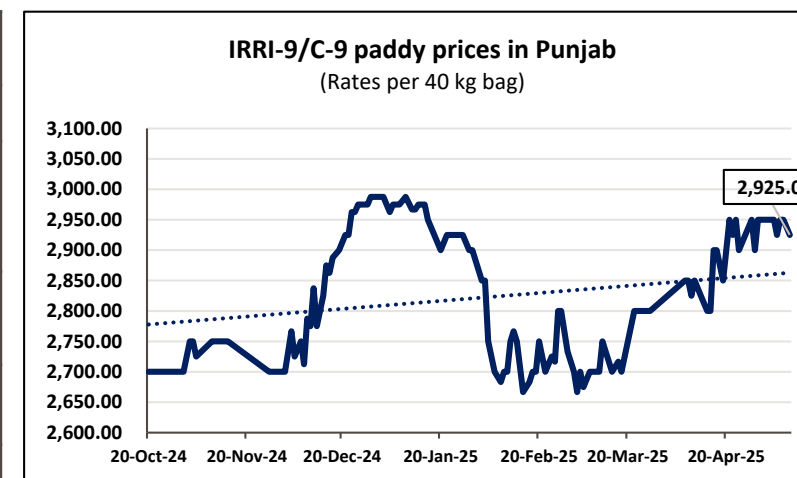
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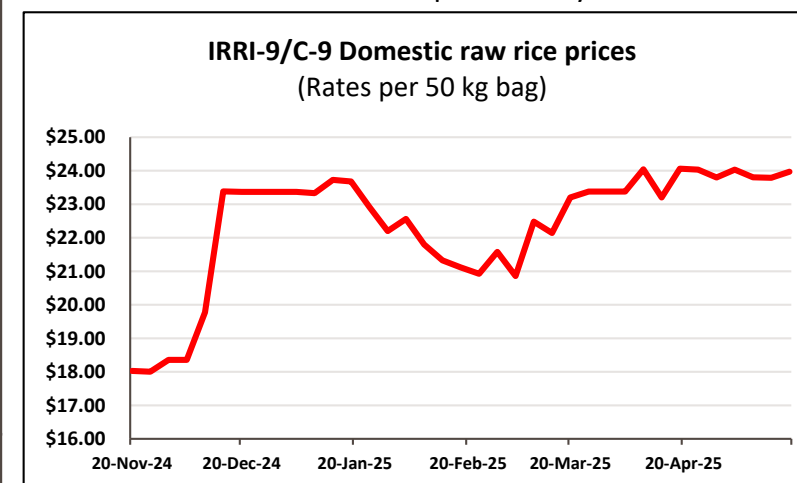
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IRRI- 9		
Growing Region	Punjab: Lower Quantity.	Sindh: Major Quantity.
Production Area	Punjab: 54% Increase in area 2024-25: 1,23,000 Acers 2023-24: 80,000 Acers	Sindh: N/A
Quality of the crop year (2024-25)	Sindh: The IRRI-9 crop was badly affected 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"> <li>IRRI-9 milled rice is commonly traded.</li> </ul>	
Major Markets	Gulf & African countries.	
Supply and Demand	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Exports of <b>non-basmati rice varieties</b>, like <b>IRRI-9</b>, showed solid performance this season, with volumes exceeding last year's figures.</li> <li>Export activity was further supported by regional demand, including shipments to traditional markets. Philippines purchased rice stocks of <b>(71,125.68 MT)</b> from <b>Pakistan</b>.</li> <li>A favorable harvest is expected in the upcoming season, backed by consistent cultivation patterns.</li> <li>In the domestic raw rice market, <b>IRRI-9</b> prices remained stable throughout the week.</li> </ul>	
Local Consumption	IRRI-9 rice is consumed locally.	



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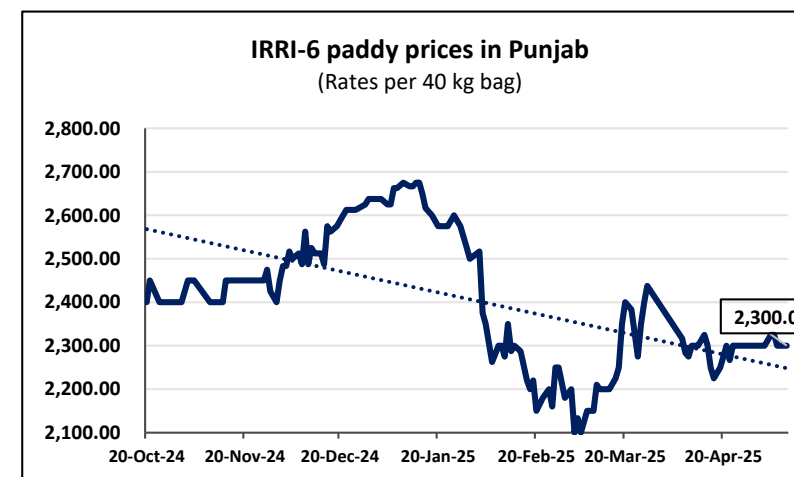


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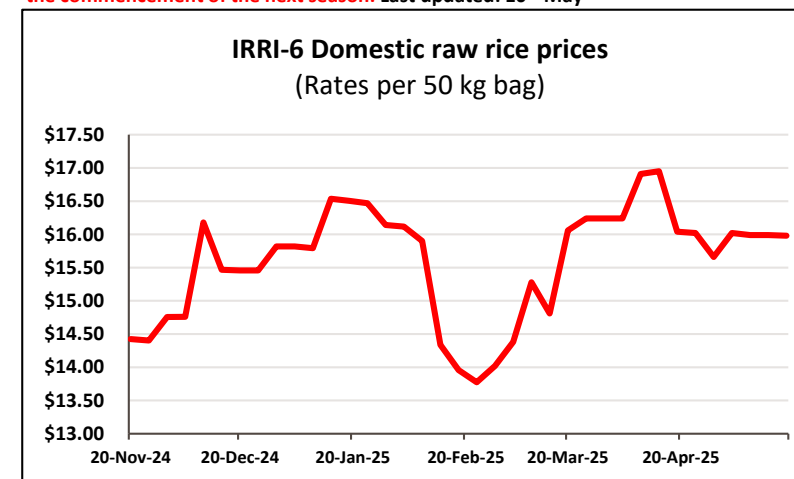
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IRRI- 6		
Growing Region	Punjab: Relatively good Quantity.	Sindh: Major Quantity.
Production Area	Punjab: 32% Increase in area 2024-25: 2,07,000 Acers 2023-24: 1,57,000 Acers	Sindh: N/A
Quality of the crop year (2024-25)	Sindh: The IRRI-6 crop was 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"> <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>	
Major Markets	Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines and African countries.	
Supply and Demand	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Exports of <b>non-basmati rice varieties</b>, including IRRI-6, performed well this season, with overall volumes higher than the previous year. While export activity was boosted by a <b>50,000-tons</b> G2G tender to Bangladesh. Philippines has also purchased rice stocks of <b>(71,125.68 MT)</b> from <b>Pakistan</b>.</li> <li>A favorable harvest is expected for the upcoming season, supported by stable cultivation trends.</li> <li>Domestic raw rice market of IRRI-6 prices remained steady.</li> </ul>	
Local Consumption	IRRI-6 rice is consumed locally.	



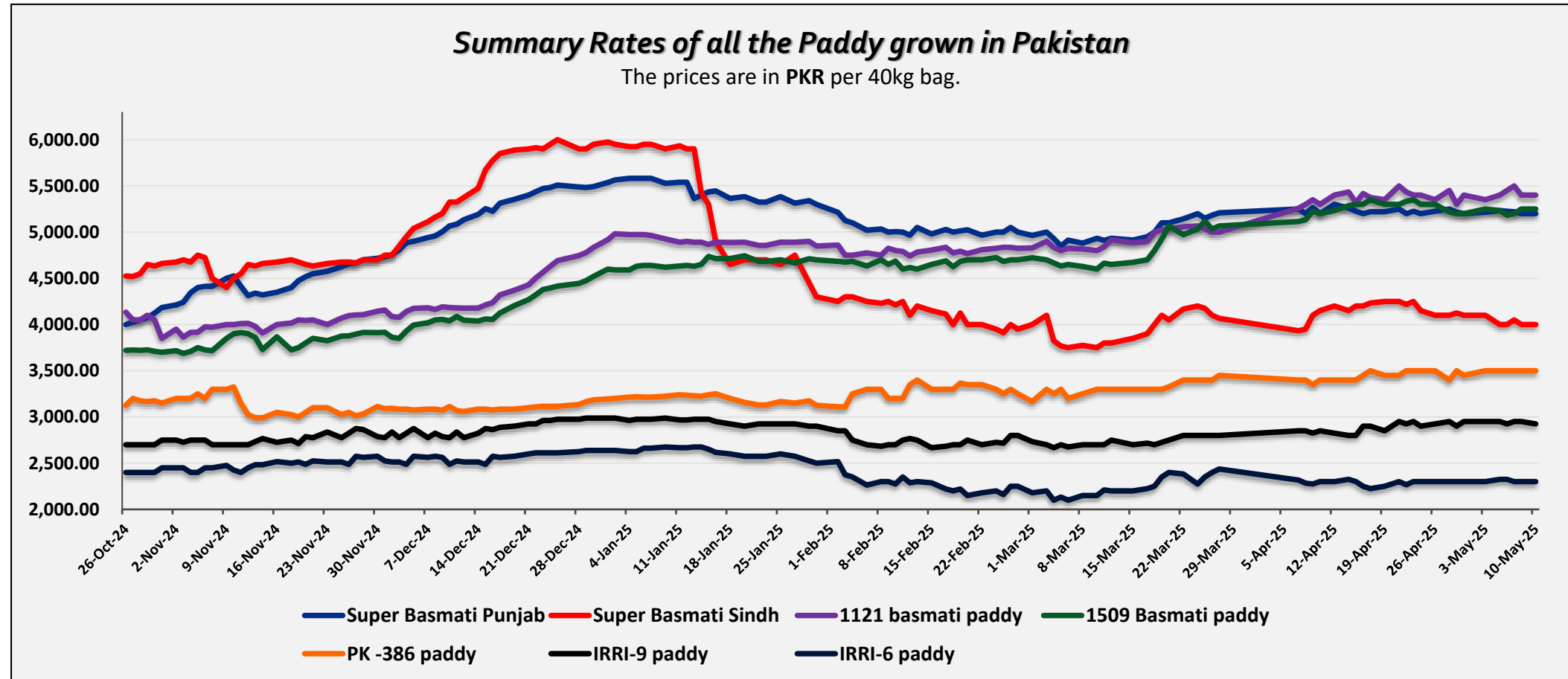
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# SUMMARY RATES OF ALL THE PADDY GROWN IN PAKISTAN



Here we present a comparative performance on all the varieties grown in Pakistan till the time being reported. (Last Updated: 10<sup>th</sup> May)

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

# PAKISTAN NEWS HIGHLIGHTS:

- Pakistan's **Basmati rice exports** dropped to **43,895 tons in April 2025** — the lowest monthly figure of the fiscal year — mainly due to the temporary closure of the **Iran border**, a key **export market**. This came despite a peak of **100,780 tons in February**. Over the first **10 months of FY25 (July–April)**, Basmati exports rose **15% to 707,875 tons**, up from **612,126 tons** last year. With exports to Iran recovering in May and steady demand from the UAE and Saudi Arabia, traders expect a stronger finish to the year.
- Non-Basmati rice exports declined slightly to **4.39 million tons from 4.47 million tons** in the same period last year. Analysts warn of a **3–4% annual drop** due to stiff competition from cheaper Indian rice in African markets. Overall rice exports remained flat at **5.08 million tons**. Late-April protests on the Indus Highway disrupted transport to Karachi Port, raising concerns about recurring trade disruptions amid ongoing **India-Pakistan tensions**.
- Experts stress the need to modernize Pakistan's rice sector. High production costs, outdated farming methods, and infrastructure gaps threaten long-term competitiveness, especially for non-Basmati varieties. Exporters are increasingly using air freight for **premium Basmati** to **Europe** and the **US**, where buyers prioritize quality. As the fiscal year closes, the rice trade outlook will depend heavily on monsoon rains and global price trends.  
[Read More](#) (19<sup>th</sup> May).



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

- **Pakistan's rice exports** (Jul–Mar FY 2024–25) increased by **21.78%**, surpassing **773,000 tonnes** compared to the previous year.
- **Non-basmati** rice exports between July and March reached **663,000 tonnes**, up by **118,577 tonnes Y-O-Y**.
- 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:

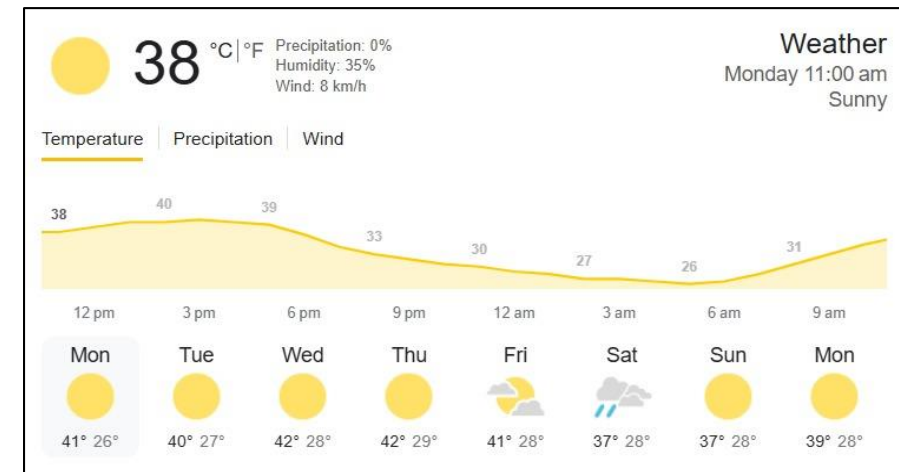
## Pakistan Faces Growing Water Shortage Amid Low Rainfall:

- Pakistan is experiencing water crisis due to lower-than-normal rainfall this year. As one of the water-stressed countries globally, the shortfall is placing severe pressure on agriculture, especially on water-intensive crops like **rice** and **wheat** that depend on timely irrigation.
- Preparations for the **new rice crop** have begun, with farmers carefully assessing which varieties to sow for both basmati and non-basmati—based on expected benefits for both their livelihoods and the country’s food security. In the coming weeks, clearer expectations for the season’s outcomes will emerge as planting decisions are finalized.
- Additionally, this year’s extreme heat and higher temperatures compared to the previous year pose further risks to crop development. While much depends on the forthcoming monsoon season, the combination of heat stress and water scarcity is raising concerns about potential yield reductions.
- With careful planning and a favorable monsoon, there is hope that farmers can navigate these challenges and secure a stable agricultural season for Pakistan.

Source: Publications & News



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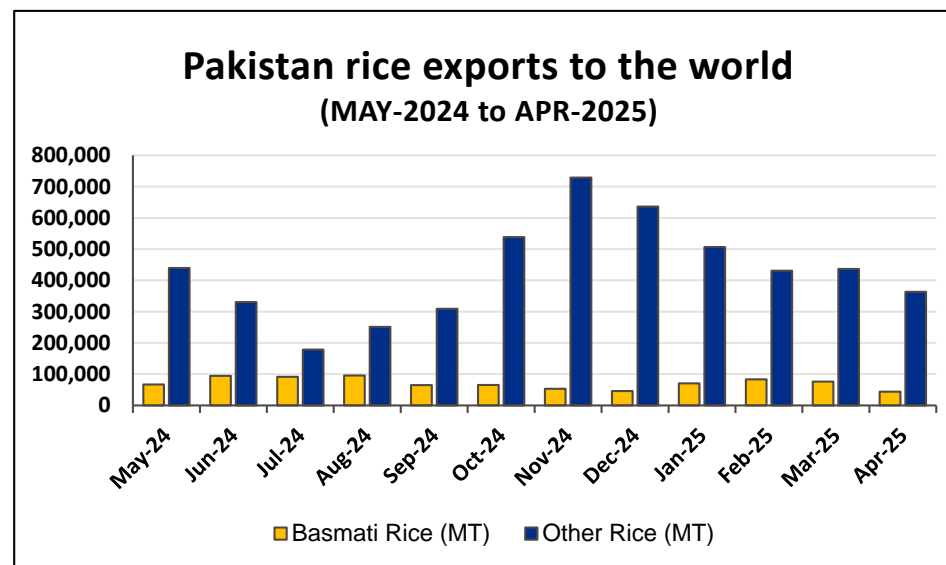
Source: Google Weather  
Weather forecast from 19<sup>th</sup> May and onward.

# 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) \$
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
Mar-25	75,994	\$77,002	436,683	\$197,333	512,677	\$274,335
Apr-24	43,895	\$45,741	363,434	\$160,555	407,329	\$206,296
<b>Total</b>	<b>852,050</b>	<b>\$900,580</b>	<b>5,150,497</b>	<b>\$2,712,621</b>	<b>6,002,547</b>	<b>\$3,613,201</b>

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

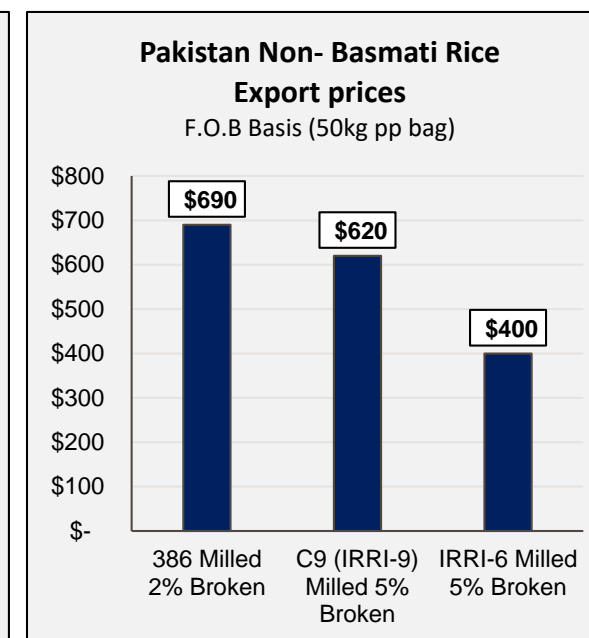
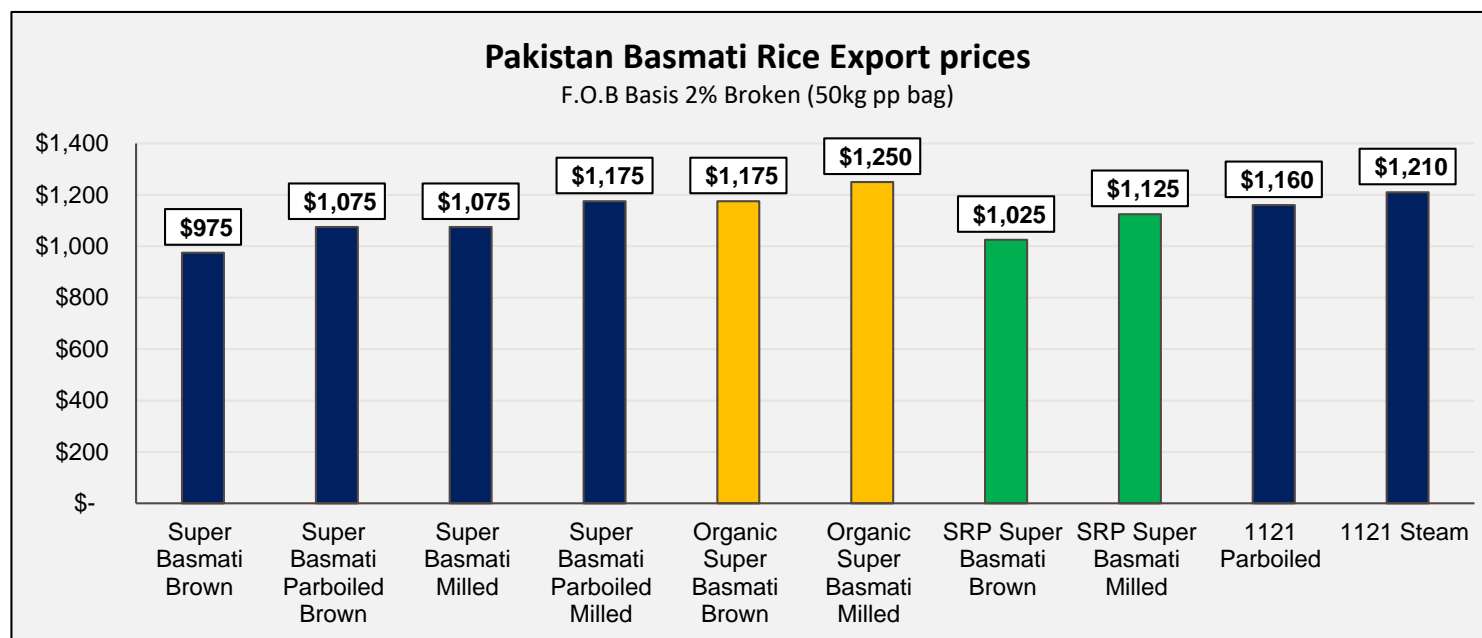
**Pakistan Rice Production Volume (2024-25)**  
 Milled rice production in (1000 Tons): 10,000  
 Rough rice production in (1000 Tons): 15,002

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

Source: Punjab crop department & USDA

# PAKISTAN RICE PRICES:

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



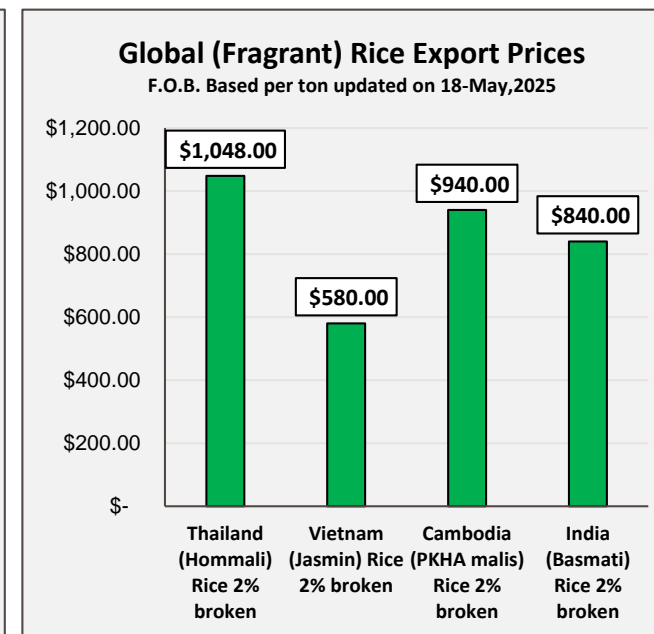
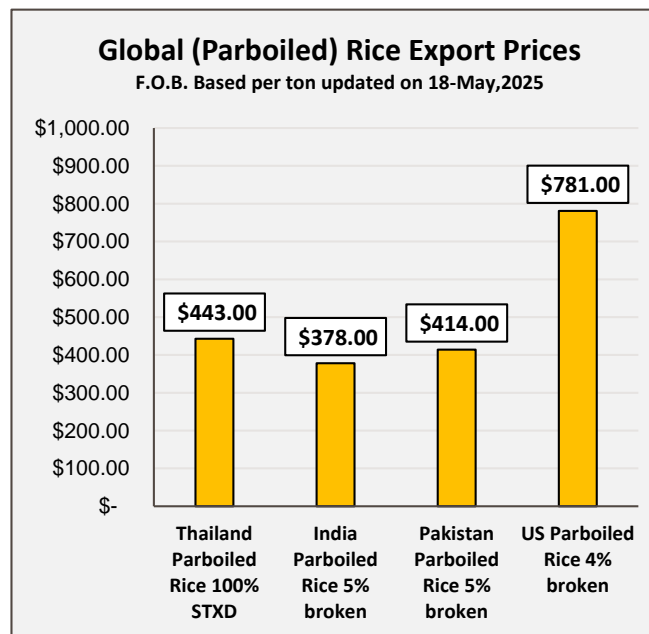
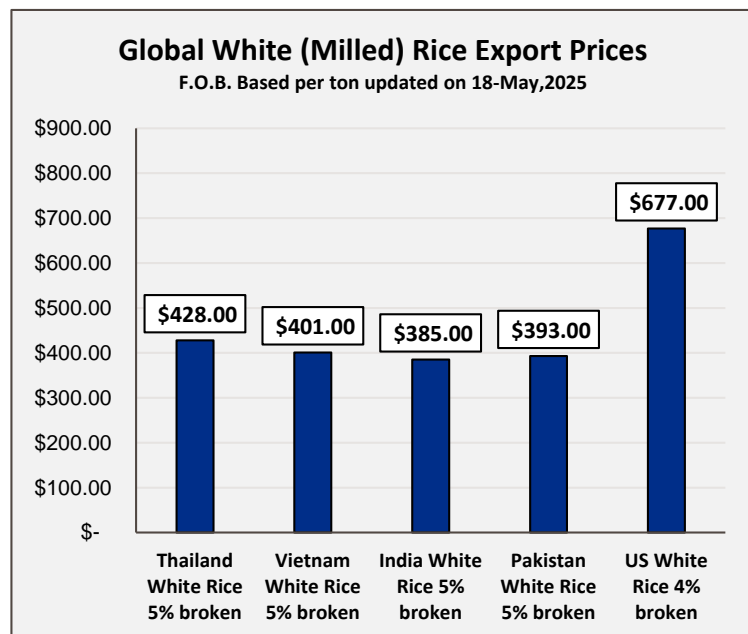
**All Prices were updated on 19<sup>th</sup> May 2025.**

- This week, both basmati and non-basmati rice prices showed an upward trend. **Super Basmati** and **1121 Basmati** varieties, across all grades—including conventional, organic, and SRP—recorded an increase of approximately **\$20 per ton**. Meanwhile, non-basmati **386 milled** rice demonstrated an aggressive upward trajectory.

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 18<sup>th</sup> May 2025.**

- As per the news, **Rice export prices** in Asia remained weak this week due to low demand and strong supplies. India's **5% broken parboiled** rice was steady at **\$384–\$391 per ton**, and **5% broken white rice** at **\$378–\$385**. **Thailand's 5% broken rice** dropped to **\$420** from **\$430**, while **Vietnam's 5% broken rice** was nearly unchanged at **\$399** from **\$400 per ton**. Traders cite stable prices and ample supply but sluggish buying interest across markets.

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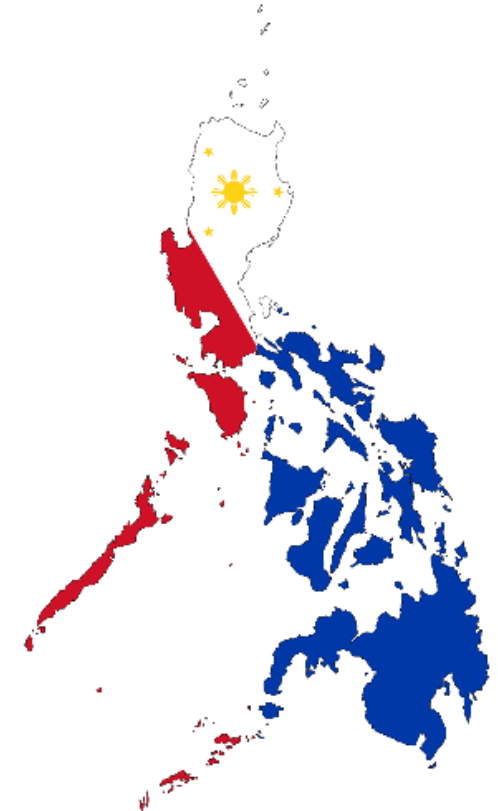


# GLOBAL RICE TENDER & TRADE UPDATE:

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## Philippines Set to Lead Global Rice Imports Again Despite Production Gains






- The **Philippines** is projected to remain the **world's top rice importer** for the **fourth consecutive year**, with the **USDA forecasting imports** to reach a record **5.5 million metric tons (MT)** in **MY 2025–2026**, up from **5.4 million MT**. This increase is driven by rising domestic consumption, fueled by population growth, improving tourism, and the country's continued dependence on rice as a staple food.
- Despite a projected rise in **local rice production** to **12.3 million MT**—a recovery from weather-related losses—the gap between demand and supply remains wide. Vietnam is expected to remain the Philippines' main source, supplying about **45% of its rice exports** to the country. Total rice demand, including residuals, is expected to hit **17.7 million MT**.
- The **USDA forecast** contrasts with earlier projections by its Manila office and the **Philippine Department of Agriculture**, which expected **imports to drop to between 3.8 and 5.2 million MT** due to better weather, higher carryover stocks, and improved harvests. Supporting this view, **Q1 2025 rice imports** fell **32% year-on-year to 804,347 MT**.



Source: Publications & News

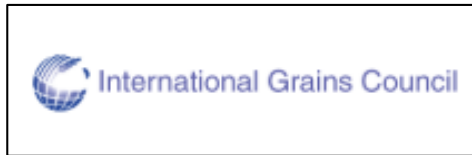


# GLOBAL NEWS HIGHLIGHTS OF THIS WEEK:

	<p>Rice prices in <b>Asia</b> have stabilized following easing <b>India-Pakistan tensions</b> and an early, favorable monsoon in <b>India</b>, which is set to <b>boost exports</b>. India's rice remains <b>competitively priced</b>, while both <b>India</b> and <b>Pakistan</b> play vital roles in supplying <b>key global markets</b>. Trade prospects are further supported by improving <b>India-US trade relations</b> and policy shifts like the removal of <b>India's minimum export price</b> on <b>basmati</b>. <a href="#">READ MORE</a> (19-May)</p>
	<p><b>Vietnam</b> is projected to become the world's second-largest rice importer by <b>2025–2026</b>, mainly to support its growing export demand amid declining domestic production. Despite importing rice—mostly from Cambodia and India—Vietnam is also set to surpass Thailand as the second-largest rice exporter, with <b>7.9 million tons</b> annually. In <b>2024</b>, the country exported a record <b>9.04 million tons</b>, earning <b>\$5.7 billion</b>. <a href="#">READ MORE</a> (17-May)</p>
	<p><b>Indonesia</b> plans to <b>export 2,000 tons</b> of non-premium rice monthly to <b>Malaysia</b>, marking a shift from being a major importer to an emerging exporter due to its <b>4 million ton stockpile</b>. The move has contributed to a <b>global rice price drop</b>, while Malaysia seeks <b>imports</b> to address high domestic prices and supply gaps. <a href="#">READ MORE</a> (16-May)</p>
	<p><b>Thailand</b> will host the <b>Thailand Rice Convention 2025</b> from <b>May 25–27</b> to <b>boost rice exports</b>, targeting at least <b>100,000 tons</b> in purchase orders worth over <b>2 billion baht</b>. The event will connect global buyers with <b>Thai exporters</b> and support small-scale traders through THAIFEX – Anuga Asia 2025, expected to generate over <b>500 million baht</b> in orders. <a href="#">READ MORE</a> (15-May)</p>
	<p>The National Food Authority has begun distributing <b>35,000 bags</b> of rice in Cebu under the <b>P20-per-kilo rice program</b>, a pilot initiative backed by a <b>₱4.5 billion</b> fund from President Marcos. The program, sourcing rice from local farmers, is being piloted in the Visayas and selected areas, with <b>673,000 bags</b> ordered by participating provinces. It aims to ease consumer burdens and support farmers through subsidized pricing. <a href="#">READ MORE</a> (15-May)</p>

# UPCOMING EVENTS:

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## **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**

**116 Pall Mall, London, UK**



## **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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