

RICE MARKET REPORT

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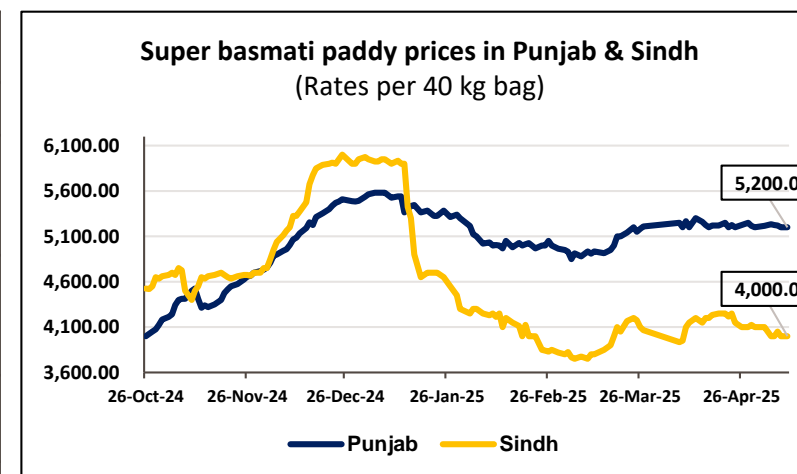


MAJOR RICE VARITIES GROWN IN PAKISTAN: (Basmati)

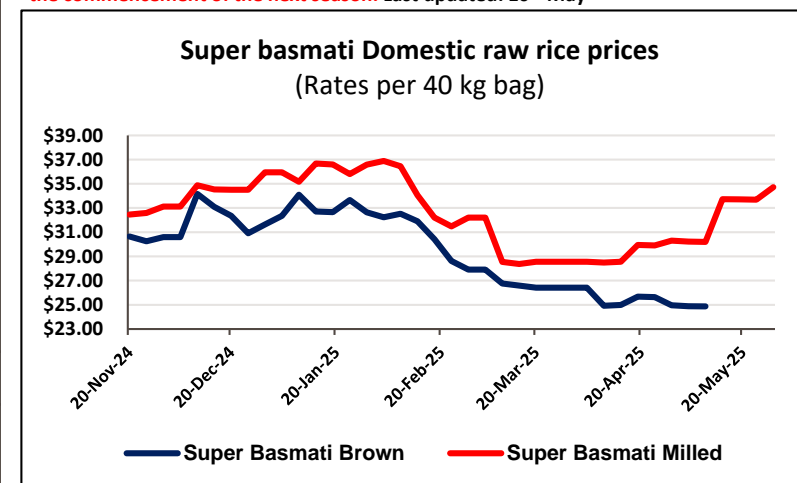
(Production, consumption, supply and Demand)



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 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 updates, The market witnessed increased demand for milled Super Basmati rice, as well as 1121 and 386 varieties, particularly from Iran, following the issuance of new import licenses. With this development, more structured and consistent trade activity is expected in the near term. Domestically, rice stocks have declined as millers are actively converting Super Basmati brown rice into milled form for export. A significant volume is being shipped to Gulf countries, where seasonal demand has surged due to traditional Eid-related buying patterns. Additionally, rising local consumption is further contributing to the upward pressure on domestic Super Basmati milled rice prices. 	
Local Consumption	Super basmati is consumed locally in a lower proportion.	
Competition	Pakistan: 1050 – 1100 USD per ton F.O.B (Super Basmati Milled)	India: 905 – 960 USD per ton F.O.B (Pusa Basmati Milled)



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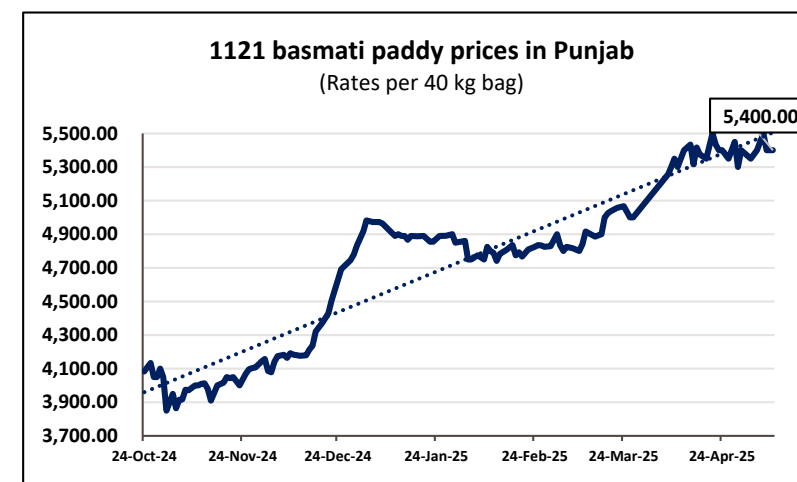


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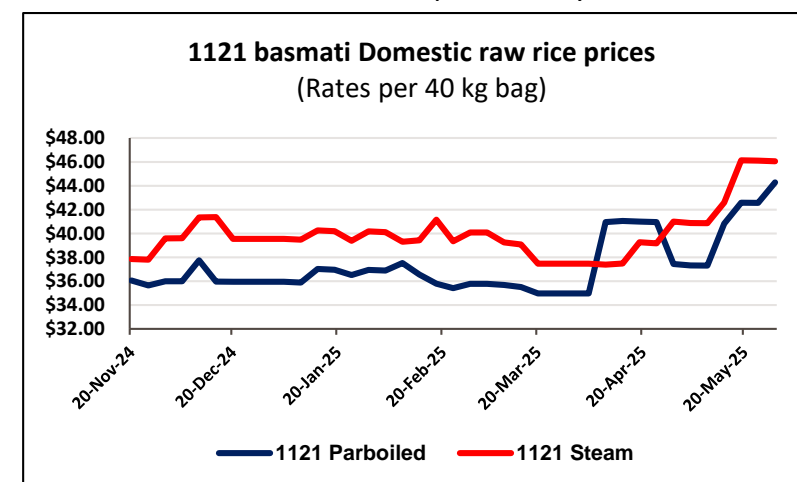
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1121/Kainat Basmati		
Growing Region	Punjab: Major quantity	Sindh: Very low quantity
Production Area	Punjab: 14% Decline in area 2024-25: 20,17,000 Acers 2023-24: 23,36,000 Acers	Sindh: N/A
Quality of the crop year (2024-25)	Punjab: 1121 Basmati maintained 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"> 1121 Basmati rice has seen a noticeable rise in demand, driven primarily by renewed interest from Iranian buyers following the release of import licenses. The Gulf region, in particular, is witnessing high import activity due to seasonal Eid-related purchasing traditions. At the same time, increasing local consumption is adding momentum to the firming trend in domestic prices for 1121 Basmati rice. 	
Local Consumption	1121 basmati rice is consumed locally	
Competition	Pakistan: 1190 – 1230 USD per ton F.O.B (1121 Steam rice)	India: 1110 – 1160 USD per ton F.O.B (1121 Steam rice)



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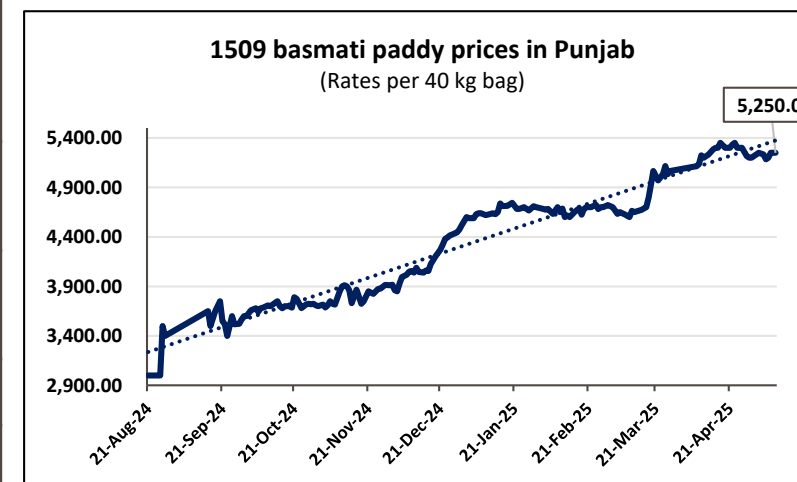


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1509/Kisan Basmati		
Growing Region	Punjab: Major Quantity	Sindh: Not available in Sindh
Production Area	Punjab: 30% Increase in area 2024-25: 11,08,000 Acers 2023-24: 8,50,000 Acers	Sindh: N/A
Quality of the crop year (2024-25)	Punjab: 1509 Basmati 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"> Preparations for the new crop are underway, with 1509 Basmati expected to be the first to arrive in the market ahead of 1121 and Super Basmati. A good harvest is anticipated this season. While 1509 is primarily consumed in the domestic market, a portion is also exported alongside 1121 Basmati. 	
Local Consumption	1509 basmati rice is consumed locally and also exported in some proportion.	



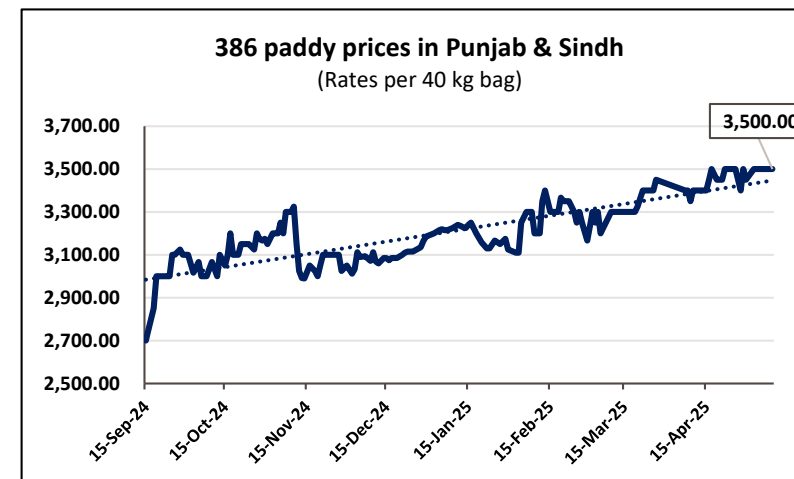
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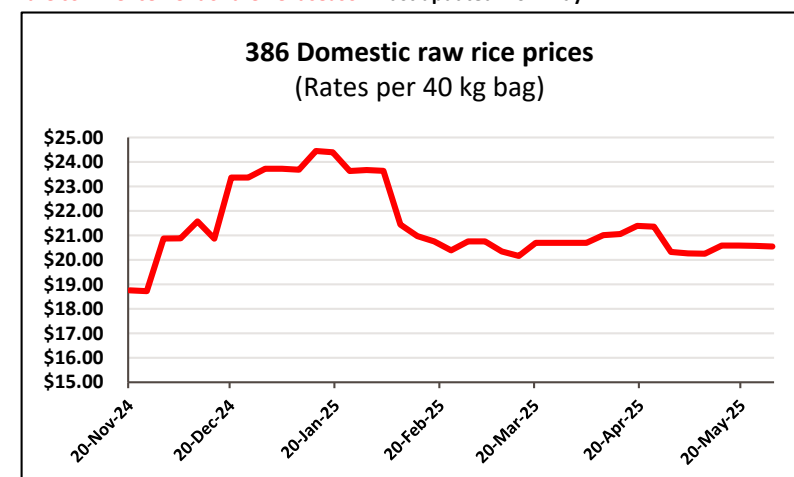
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386		
Growing Region	Punjab: Major Quantity	Sindh: Not available in Sindh
Production Area	Punjab: 24% Increase in area 2024-25: 4,43,000 Acers 2023-24: 3,56,000 Acers	Sindh: N/A
Quality of the crop year (2024-25)	Punjab: 386 maintained good quality 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"> • Demand for 386 rice has strengthened significantly, supported by buying from Iran following the issuance of import licenses. • The Gulf countries are witnessing elevated imports ahead of Eid, a period characterized by traditional bulk purchasing. • However the domestic raw rice prices remained stable this week. 	
Local Consumption	386 rice is consumed locally.	



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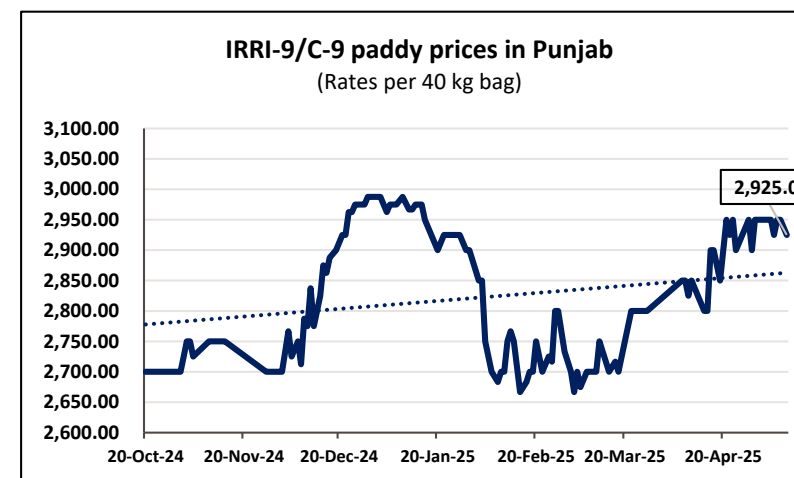
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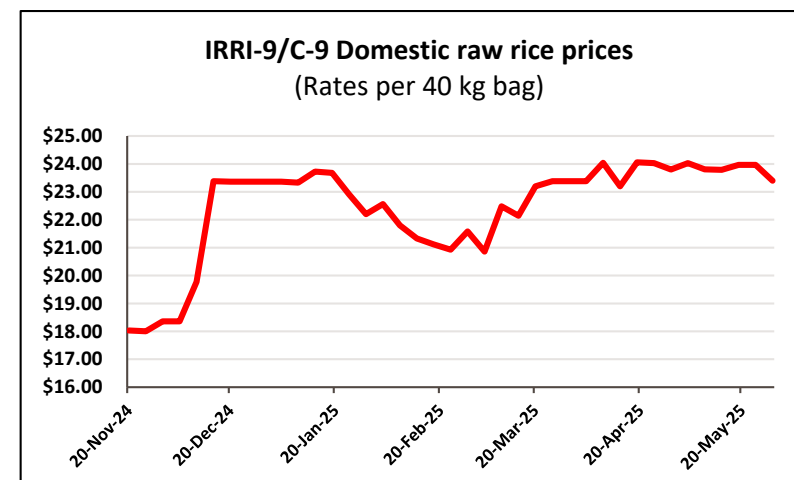
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IRRI- 9		
Growing Region	Punjab: Lower Quantity.	Sindh: Major Quantity.
Production Area	Punjab: 54% Increase in area 2024-25: 1,23,000 Acers 2023-24: 80,000 Acers	Sindh: N/A
Quality of the crop year (2024-25)	Sindh: The IRRI-9 crop was badly affected 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"> IRRI-9 milled rice is commonly traded. 	
Major Markets	Gulf & African countries.	
Supply and Demand	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> IRRI-9 rice is seeing increased demand from Gulf nations as buyers prepare their inventories for the upcoming Eid, leading to a rise in export prices. The domestic raw rice prices for IRRI-9 have maintained stability, supported by consistent local availability and supply. A favorable harvest is expected in the upcoming season, backed by consistent cultivation patterns. 	
Local Consumption	IRRI-9 rice is consumed locally.	



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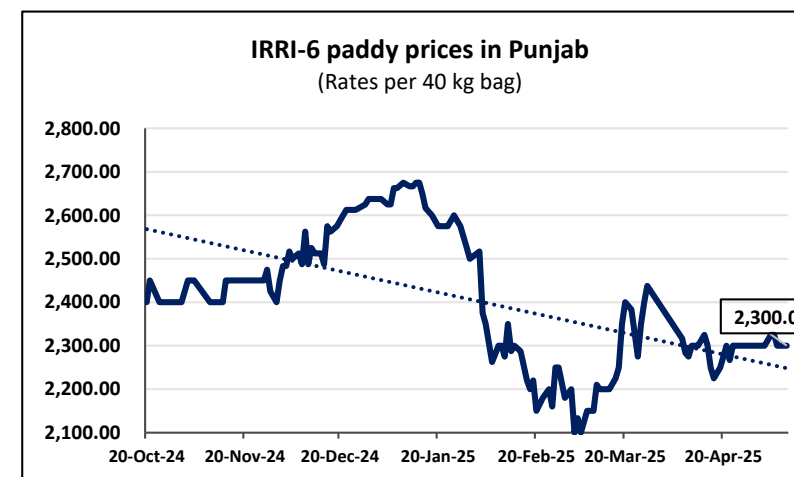
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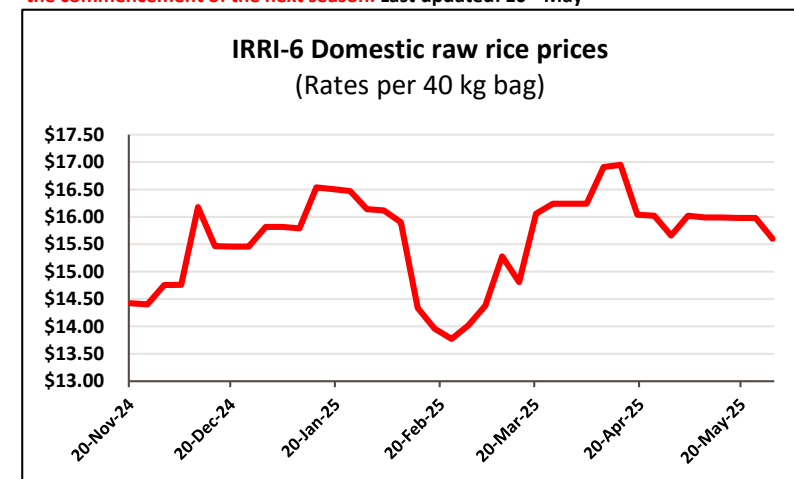
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IRRI- 6		
Growing Region	Punjab: Relatively good Quantity.	Sindh: Major Quantity.
Production Area	Punjab: 32% Increase in area 2024-25: 2,07,000 Acers 2023-24: 1,57,000 Acers	Sindh: N/A
Quality of the crop year (2024-25)	Sindh: The IRRI-6 crop was 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"> 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 rice is experiencing good demand in the Gulf countries driven by traditional seasonal purchasing and stockpiling ahead of Eid. This heightened export activity has contributed to an increase in export prices for non-basmati rice varieties. However, despite the export market dynamics, domestic raw rice prices for IRRI-6 have remained stable, reflecting balanced supply conditions within the local market. A favorable harvest is expected for the upcoming season, supported by stable cultivation trends. 	
Local Consumption	IRRI-6 rice is consumed locally.	

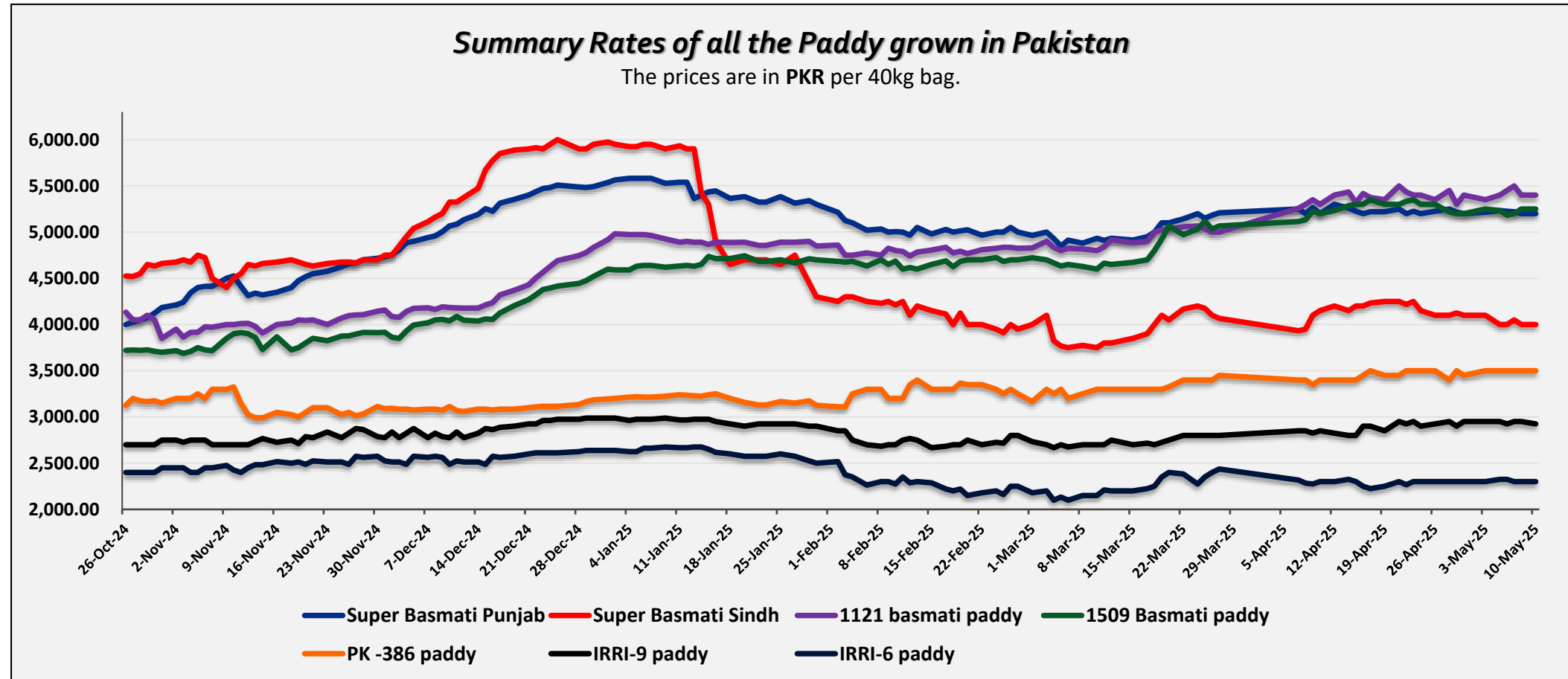


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SUMMARY RATES OF ALL THE PADDY GROWN IN PAKISTAN



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

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

EMERGING BASMATI VARIETIES FOR NEW SEASON

CROP: 2025–26



With the onset of the **2025–26 kharif season**, discussions have intensified around the adoption of new and emerging basmati rice varieties. A notable trend this season is the increasing interest in **variety 1718**, which is reportedly being considered as a potential replacement for the widely cultivated **1121 basmati**.

Key Emerging Basmati Varieties Observed This Season:

1. 1718 (reportedly replacing 1121 in some areas)
2. 1692
3. 1847
4. 1885
5. PB-07
6. Guard 101

- ❑ These varieties are gaining attraction among growers due to certain agronomic benefits such as Improved yield potential & Better grain quality for export markets.
- ❑ As sowing continues and harvesting begins by the end of this month, clearer insights will emerge regarding the scale of cultivation and performance of these varieties across key basmati-growing zones.

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	KSK- 282	NIBGE GSR 8
Sultan Super Basmati	Noor Basmati	KSK- 133	SKCB – 370-5-32
Basmati 198	Super Gold	NIAB IRRI-9	
Basmati 385	Super Basmati 2019	NIAB 2013	
Super Basmati	NIBGE Basmati 2020	KSK- 434	
Basmati 2000	PK 2021 aromatic	NIBGE -5	
Shaheen Basmati	KSK 111 H	NIAB ST-9	
Basmati 515	Sona Super Basmati	NIAB IRRI – 195	
PK 1121 aromatic	Vital Super Basmati	KSK- 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:

- The **National Assembly Standing Committee** on Commerce has directed the **Ministry of National Food Security** to enhance inspections of rice consignments amid ongoing export disruptions and **EU quality** concerns. The Department of Plant Protection was urged to improve container inspection protocols to prevent future issues. The committee also reviewed trade-related legislation and discussed targeted tax relief for the **food sector**. Additionally, two amendment bills related to **export development** and trade authority were forwarded to a new sub-committee for detailed review. [Read More](#) (31th May).
- **Rice prices in Pakistan** have surged sharply ahead of Eid, with **Super Basmati** now at **Rs340/kg after a Rs30 hike**, and Sella rice rising to **Rs340–350/kg**. Shopkeepers attribute the increase to rising **exports** and higher input costs in Punjab. Spices have also seen a **20–25% jump**, adding further strain on household budgets during the festive season. [Read More](#) (29th May).
- Pakistan's **rice exports** are facing **serious disruptions** due to internal **unrest in Sindh**, the temporary **closure of the Iran border**, and worsening relations with **India**. Port congestion and restricted transshipment access have further compounded logistics issues. Rising **shipping costs** and fears over water shortages due to India's unilateral actions on the Indus Water Treaty threaten future **rice production**. As a result, buyers are turning to India, which holds record rice stocks and stable supply. [Read More](#) (24th May).



PAKISTAN is the 4th 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:

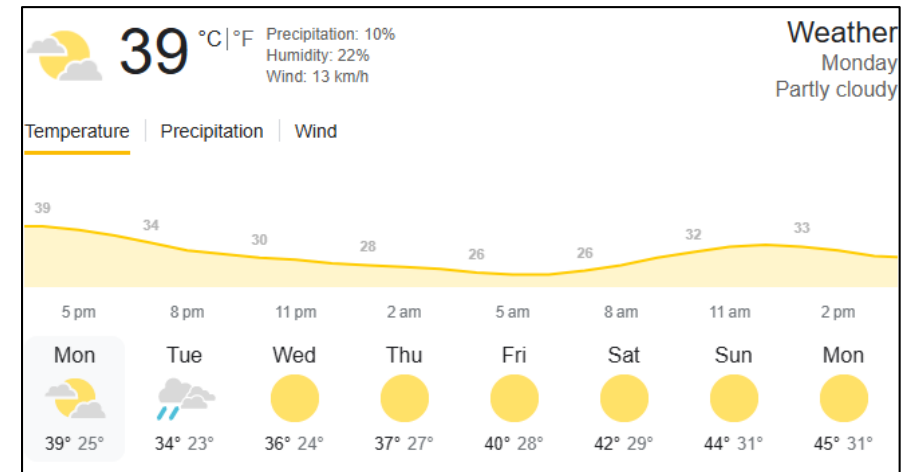
Pakistan Braces for Kharif Season Amid Water Challenges, Looks to Monsoon for Relief:

- As Pakistan enters its kharif sowing season, farmers in Punjab and Sindh are facing concerns over reduced water availability. The Mangla and Tarbela dams, crucial for irrigation, are currently operating below optimal capacity. The Indus River System Authority (IRSA) has reported a 21% water shortage and urged provinces to manage reservoir usage wisely. Despite these challenges, farming communities are preparing as usual, hopeful that conditions may improve.
- The recent dip in Chenab River inflows, following India's regulatory measures and suspension of the Indus Waters Treaty, has added complexity. With regular data sharing halted, managing river flows has become more difficult. Still, Pakistan is taking administrative steps to ensure water distribution remains efficient during this crucial season. Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif also raised the issue internationally, emphasizing the importance of fair regional water cooperation.
- While short-term relief may rely on upcoming monsoon rains, there is cautious optimism. Pakistan's agriculture sector has shown resilience in the past, and with focused efforts and timely coordination, the season can still be managed effectively. Authorities remain engaged with provincial departments to support farmers and mitigate potential impacts. [Read More](#)

Source: Publications & News



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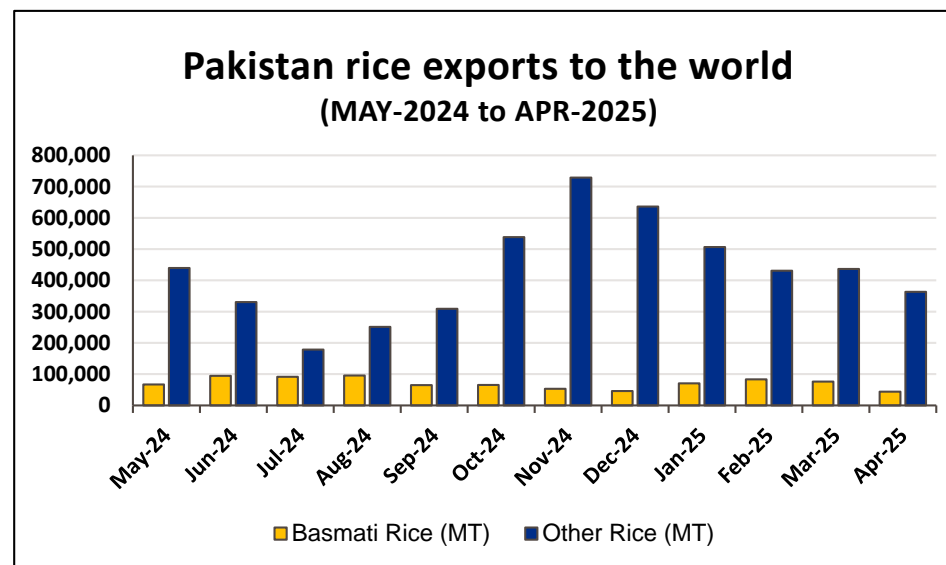
Source: Google Weather
Weather forecast from 2nd June and onward.

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
Total	852,050	\$900,580	5,150,497	\$2,712,621	6,002,547	\$3,613,201

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

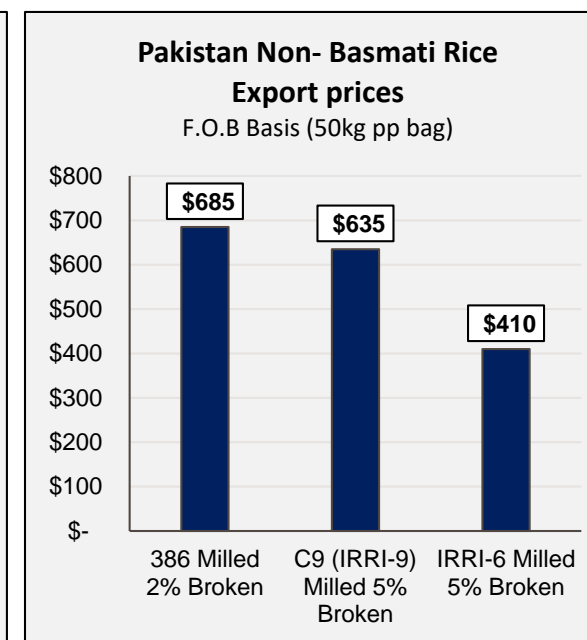
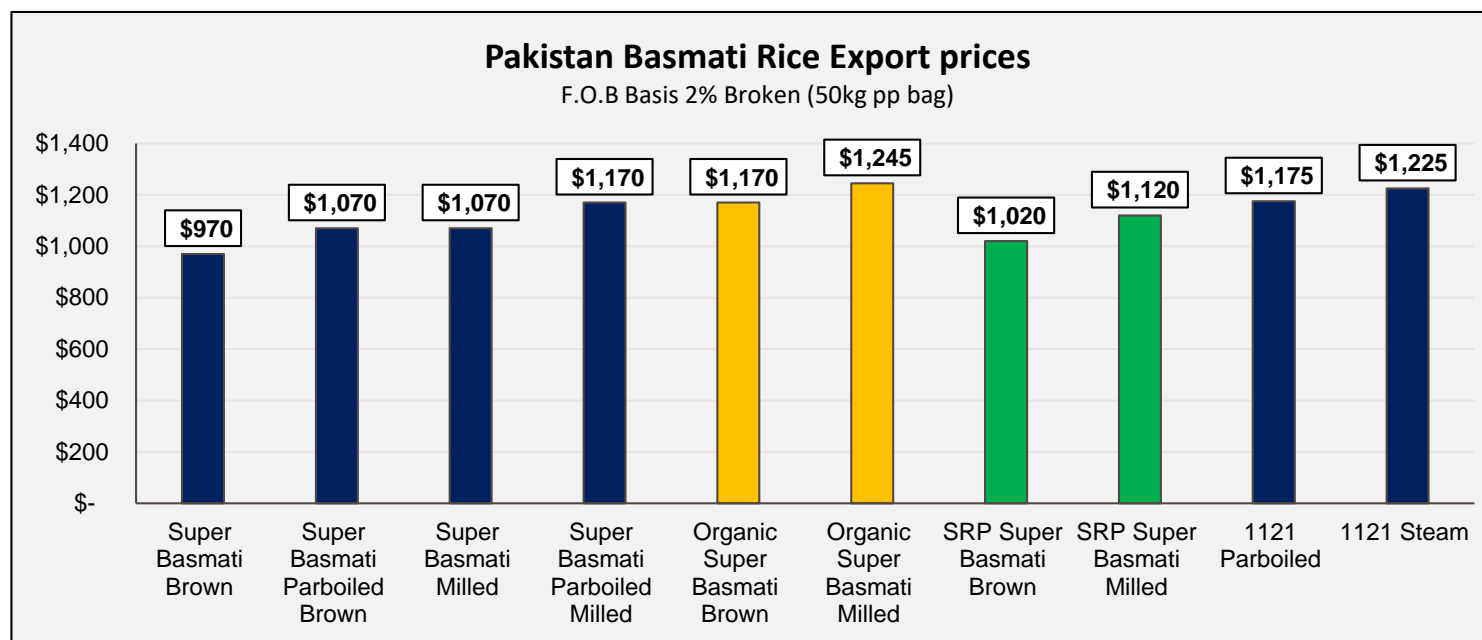
Pakistan Rice Production Volume (2024-25)
 Milled rice production in (1000 Tons): 10,000
 Rough rice production in (1000 Tons): 15,002

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).



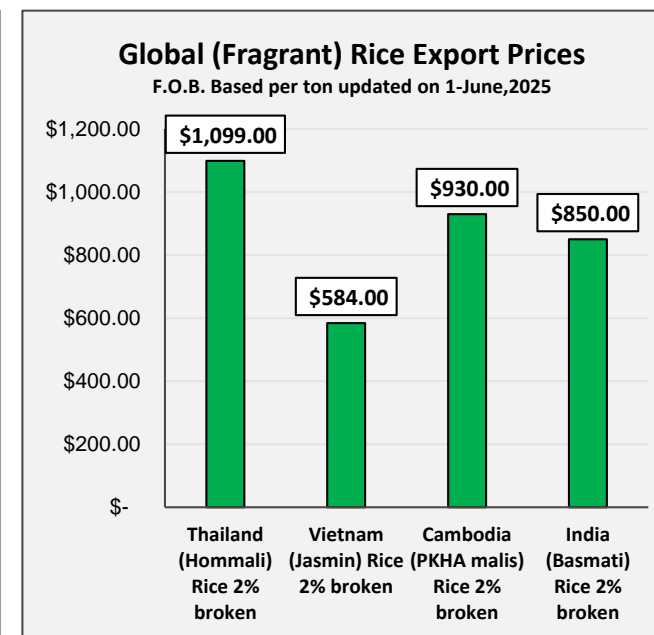
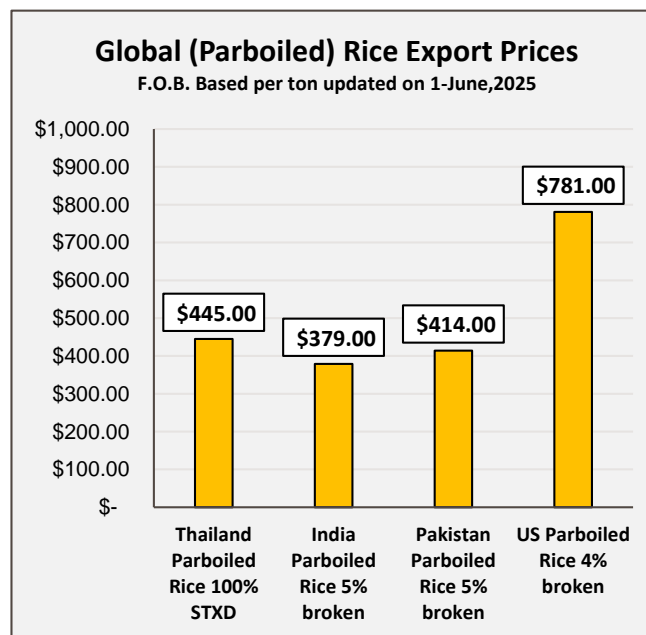
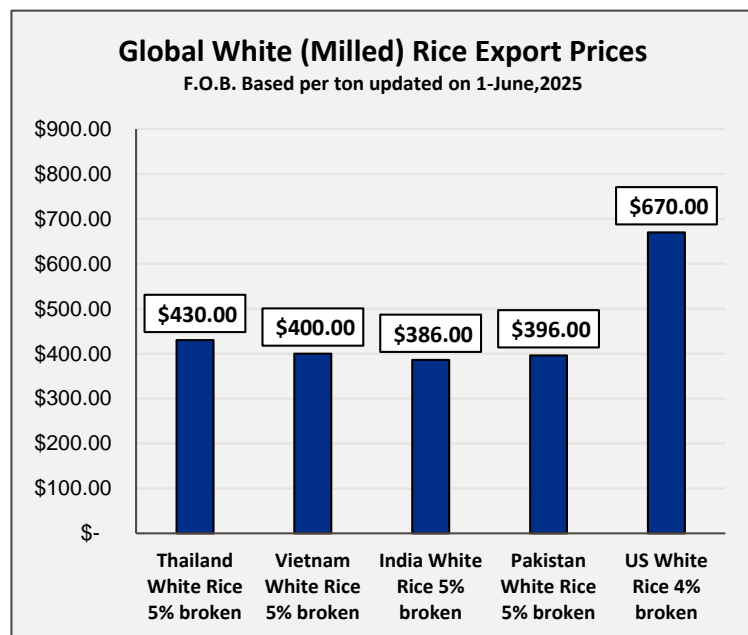
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- This week, rice prices showed a mixed trend. Super Basmati prices continued on a downward trajectory, while 1121 Basmati—Conventional and non-basmati varieties such as **386, IRRI-9, and IRRI-6** recorded an upward trend.
- The increase in non-basmati prices, particularly **386 milled rice**, was further supported by **strong demand from Iran**, coupled with seasonal buying from **Gulf countries** ahead of Eid, a period traditionally marked by higher rice consumption.

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

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



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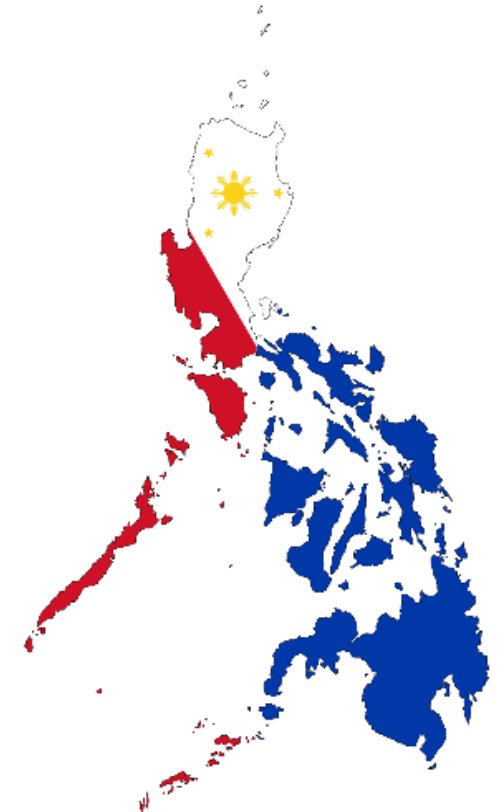
- As per the news, Rice export prices remained near a **two-year low** this week, with **India's 5% broken parboiled rice** steady at **\$379–\$389 per ton** and **white rice** at **\$375–\$385 per ton**, driven by ample supplies and a **forecast of above-average monsoon rains**. **Thailand's 5% broken rice** held at \$410–\$430 per ton amid quiet demand, while Vietnam's price edged down to \$400 per ton.

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

GLOBAL RICE TENDER & TRADE UPDATE:




Philippines' Rice Imports Drop Nearly 21% (Jan–May 2025)

- **Import Decline:** Rice imports fell by **20.9%** to **1.7 million tonnes** compared to the **same period in 2024**, due to a slight rise in domestic output.
- **Local Production:** Q1 2025 rice production was **4.69 million tonnes**, marginally up from **4.68 million tonnes** in Q1 2024.
- **USDA Forecast:** *The Philippines is projected to remain the world's top rice importer*, with imports reaching **5.4 million tonnes in 2025** and **5.5 million tonnes in 2026**.
- **Key Drivers:** Import growth is fueled by population growth, tourism, and rice being a dietary staple.
- **Tariff Policy:** Executive Order No. 62 cut rice **import tariffs to 15%** (effective till 2028), with reviews every four months.
- **Future Adjustments:** The Department of Agriculture may propose gradual tariff hikes during the local harvest to protect farmers.

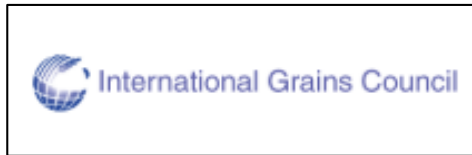


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GLOBAL NEWS HIGHLIGHTS OF THIS WEEK:

	<p>India's food grain production for 2024–25 is estimated at a record 354 million tonnes, with rice production reaching 149.074 LMT, up 112 LMT from the previous year. The surge is attributed to supportive government policies, including increased Minimum Support Prices (MSP) and timely fertiliser subsidies. READ MORE (30-May)</p>
	<p>US rice sales to Iraq have reached 220,000 tonnes for 2025, including a recent deal for 44,000 tonnes of long grain rice. Despite ongoing financial restrictions, Iraq remains a key export market for US rice, supporting both American farmers and Iraq's food security program. READ MORE (30-May)</p>
	<p>Vietnam's proposed rice export regulations are raising concerns due to new mandates requiring traders to own storage facilities and stockpile 1,250 tons of rice before securing contracts. The Vietnam Chamber of Commerce and Industry (VCCI) argues these rules increase costs, reduce competitiveness, and burden new businesses, urging their removal to maintain a market-friendly environment. READ MORE (29-May)</p>
	<p>Thailand is promoting high-quality rice varieties at the Thailand Rice Convention 2025, aiming to secure over 100,000 tonnes in orders and generate 2 billion baht in revenue. Despite a 30% drop in rice export volume and 34% fall in value during Jan–Apr 2025, the country maintains its 7.5 million tonne export target, with growth seen in Hom Mali and parboiled rice. READ MORE (29-May)</p>
	<p>Indonesia has achieved a historic milestone with government rice reserves reaching 4 million tons, the highest since 1969, reflecting improved farmer welfare and national food self-reliance. Agriculture Minister Andi Amran Sulaiman credited this success to President Prabowo's strategic policies and cross-sectoral collaboration, with rice production in H1 2025 projected to rise by 11.17% year-on-year. READ MORE (30-May)</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

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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