

RICE MARKET REPORT

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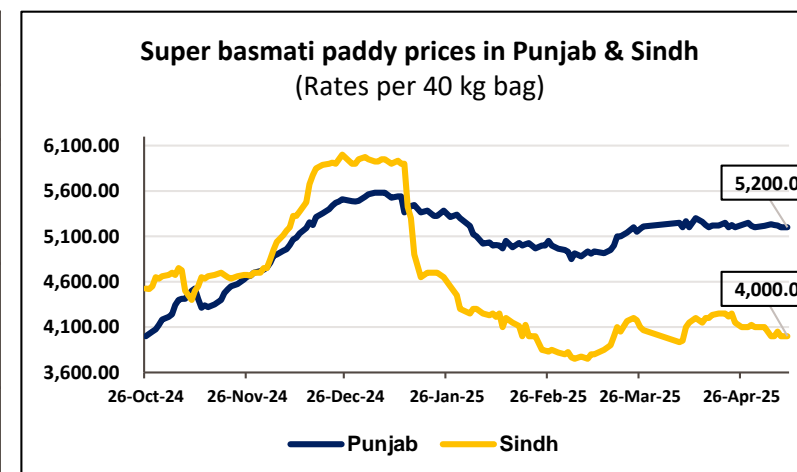
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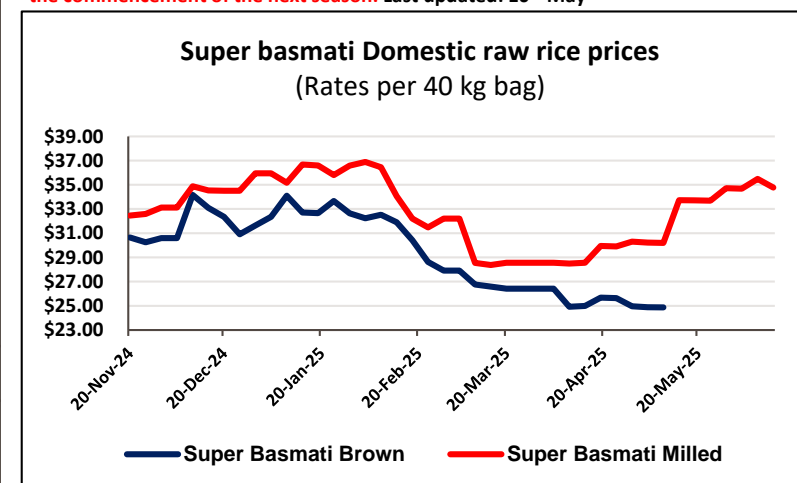
MAJOR RICE VARITIES GROWN IN PAKISTAN: (Basmati)

(Production, consumption, supply and Demand)

Super Basmati		
Growing Region	Punjab: Major quantity	Sindh: Relatively good quantity
Production Area	Punjab: 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"> It has been reported that, Due to the Iran-Israel conflict, Iran has been actively purchasing rice, anticipating possible border closures. This may lead to increased Basmati demand soon. Stockiest are holding supplies to benefit from expected price hikes. While Pakistan's market remains quiet, a rise is possible. India continues to offer tough competition, keeping overall export markets under pressure. A timely monsoon is expected, which may benefit the upcoming crop. Domestically, Super Basmati prices in Pakistan have shown a recent upward trend. 	
Local Consumption	Super basmati is consumed locally in a lower proportion.	
Competition	Pakistan: 1100 – 1130 USD per ton F.O.B (Super Basmati Milled)	India: 900 – 950 USD per ton F.O.B (Pusa Basmati Milled)



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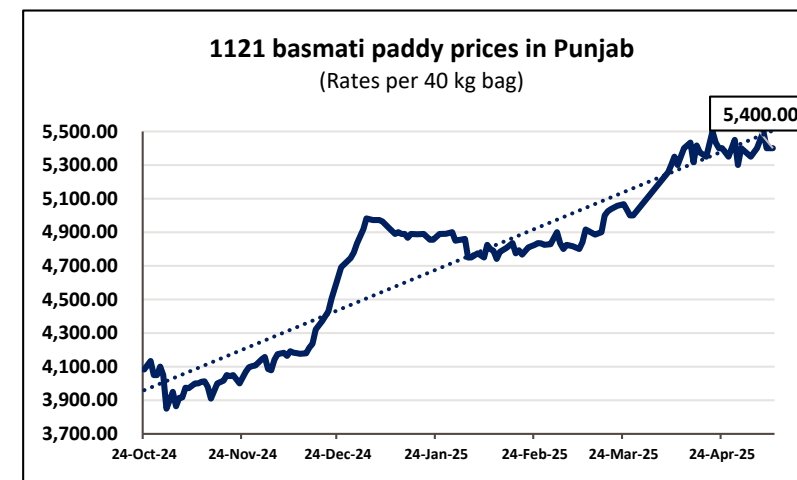


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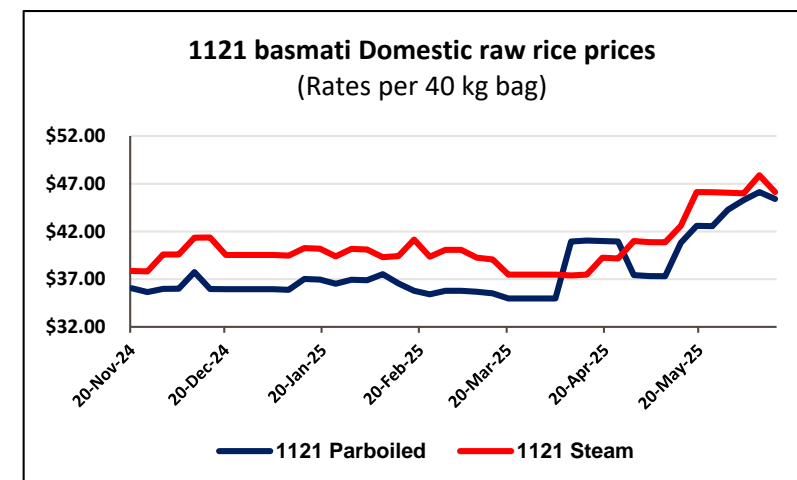
MAJOR RICE VARITIES GROWN IN PAKISTAN: (Basmati)

(Production, consumption, supply and Demand)

1121/Kainat Basmati		
Growing Region	Punjab: Major quantity	Sindh: Very low quantity
Production Area	Punjab: 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"> In Iran-Israel tensions, Iran has shown increased interest in rice procurement, anticipating possible border disruptions—signaling potential demand growth for 1121 Basmati. Many traders are holding stocks in anticipation of better pricing. While Pakistan's rice market remains stable for now, upward movement is likely. Domestically, 1121 prices have edged up in recent weeks. A favorable monsoon outlook may support the upcoming harvest. 	
Local Consumption	1121 basmati rice is consumed locally	
Competition	Pakistan: 1200 – 1230 USD per ton F.O.B (1121 Steam rice)	India: 1100 – 1150 USD per ton F.O.B (1121 Steam rice)



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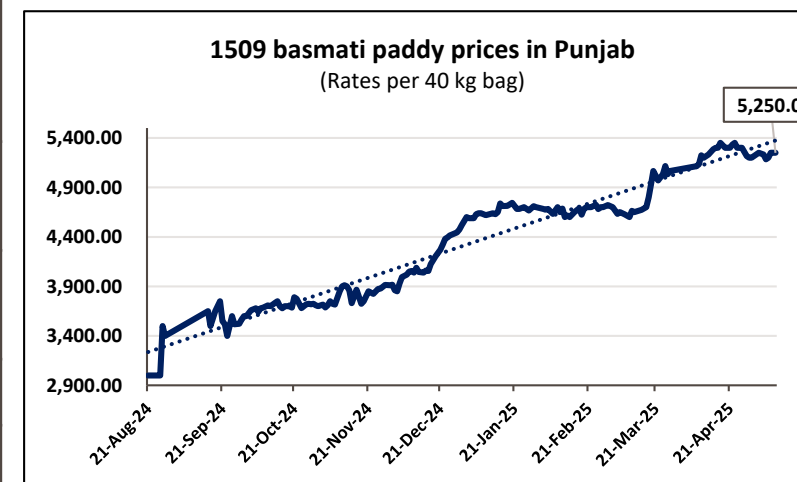


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MAJOR RICE VARITIES GROWN IN PAKISTAN: (Basmati)

(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"> 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.	



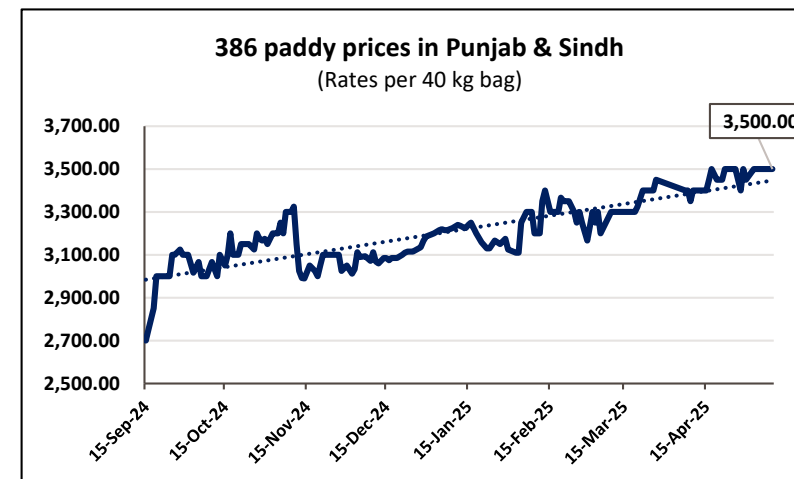
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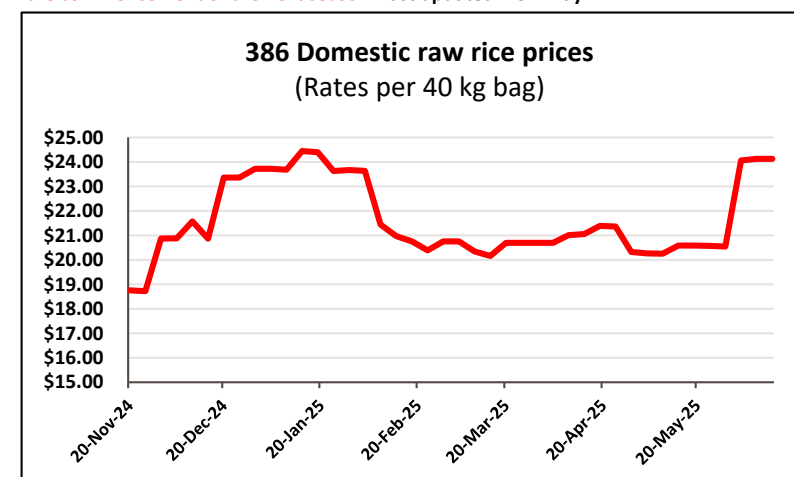
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386		
Growing Region	Punjab: Major Quantity	Sindh: Not available in Sindh
Production Area	Punjab: 24% Increase in area 2024-25: 4,43,000 Acers 2023-24: 3,56,000 Acers	Sindh: N/A
Quality of the crop year (2024-25)	Punjab: 386 maintained good quality 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, driven by active buying from Iran. Gulf countries are also witnessing higher imports, in line with their traditional purchasing season. • Despite increased export activity, domestic raw rice prices also witnessed a price hike this week. • Preparations for the new crop harvest are now underway, supported by expected seasonal timelines. 	
Local Consumption	386 rice is consumed locally.	



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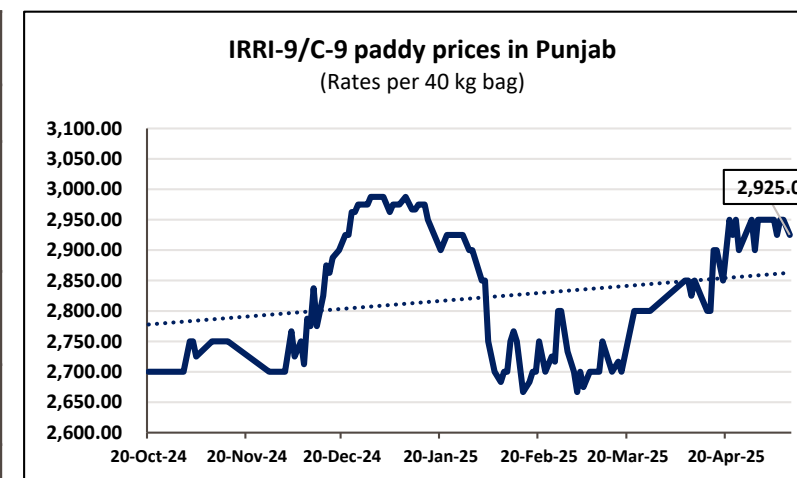
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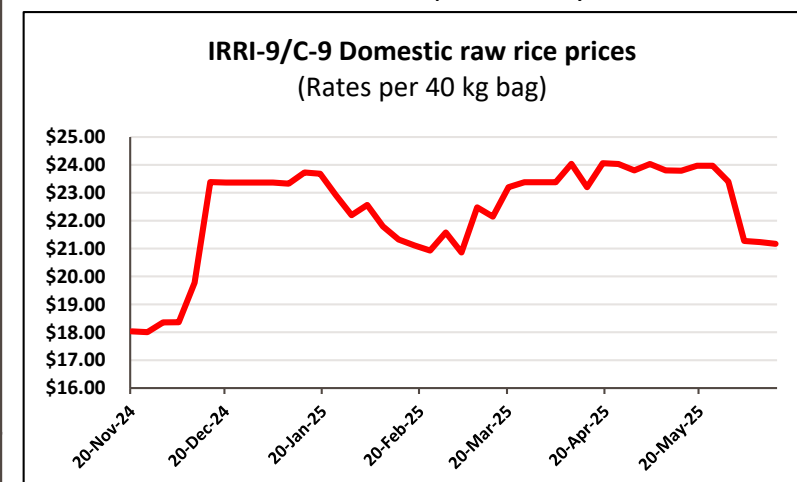
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IRRI- 9		
Growing Region	Punjab: Lower Quantity.	Sindh: Major Quantity.
Production Area	Punjab: 54% Increase in area 2024-25: 1,23,000 Acers 2023-24: 80,000 Acers	Sindh: N/A
Quality of the crop year (2024-25)	Sindh: The IRRI-9 crop was badly affected 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 Iran and other Gulf countries However, The domestic raw rice prices for IRRI-9 have maintained sluggish, down from 23\$ per 40kg to 21\$ per 40 kg . 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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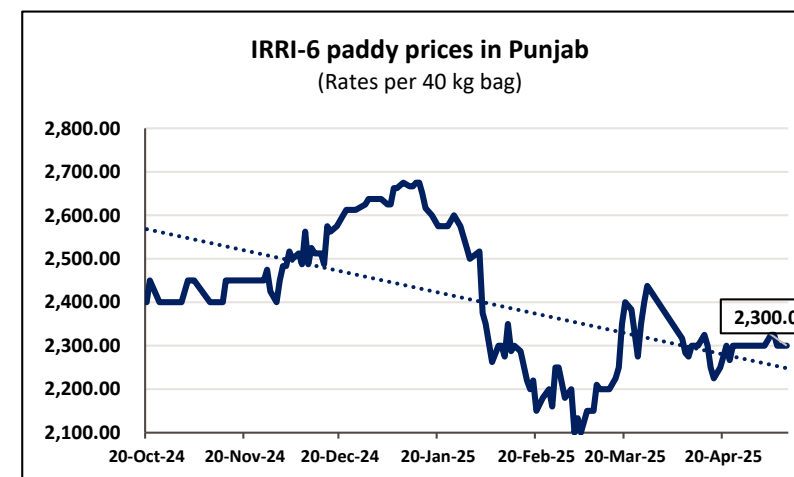
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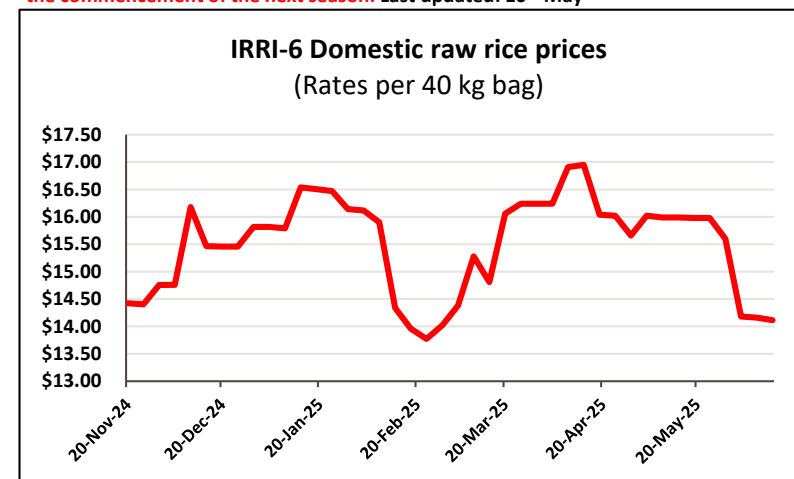
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IRRI- 6		
Growing Region	Punjab: Relatively good Quantity.	Sindh: Major Quantity.
Production Area	Punjab: 32% Increase in area 2024-25: 2,07,000 Acers 2023-24: 1,57,000 Acers	Sindh: N/A
Quality of the crop year (2024-25)	Sindh: The IRRI-6 crop was 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 from Iran and other Gulf countries. However, Domestic raw rice prices for IRRI-6 have remained sluggish this week from 15.5\$ per 40kg to 14.2\$ per 40 kg. A favorable harvest is expected for the upcoming season, supported by stable cultivation trends. 	
Local Consumption	IRRI-6 rice is consumed locally.	

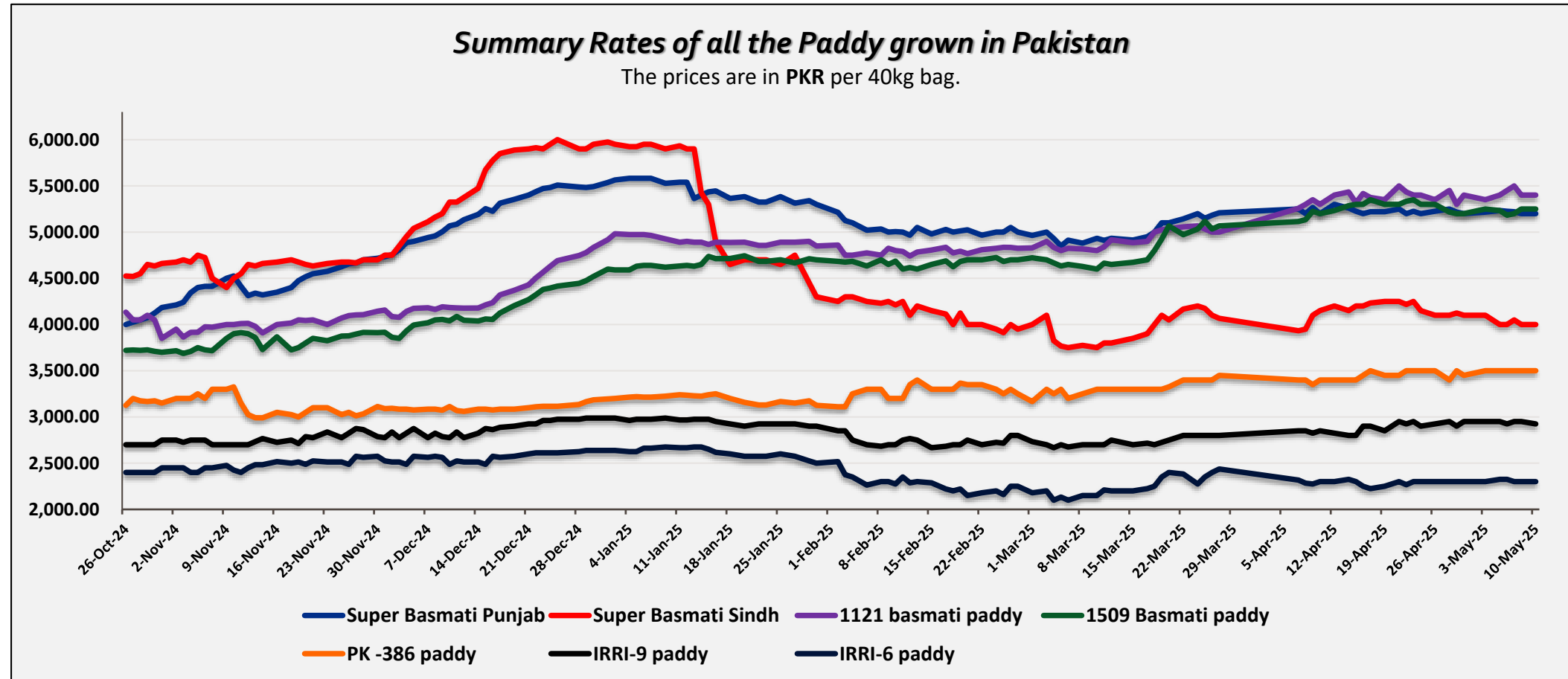


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SUMMARY RATES OF ALL THE PADDY GROWN IN PAKISTAN



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/Pakistan-Domestic-Market)

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	
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:

- The **Pakistan Kissan Ittehad (PKI)** has raised alarms over a **worsening agricultural crisis**, though rice was not the central focus of the report. However, the broader sector's collapse—including **falling productivity, rising input costs, and lack of fair pricing**—also threatens rice farmers. PKI demands urgent reforms, including a transparent commodity pricing mechanism and support prices for all crops, to protect farmers' incomes and ensure food security. These measures would directly benefit rice growers struggling under the same systemic challenges affecting the wider **crop sector**. [Read More](#) (7th June).
- Punjab has launched efforts to **boost rice production and exports**, with around six million acres cultivated annually during the Kharif season. The Agriculture Department plans to promote mechanized farming by distributing modern transplanters, harvesters, and **5,000 super seeders**. Only **approved pesticides** will be allowed on rice crops. Stakeholder input from a recent consultative conference will be integrated into the **province's rice development action plan**. [Read More](#) (6th June).
- **The Standing Committee on Commerce** has called for urgent improvements by the Department of **Plant Protection** to address **delays in rice export inspections**, which have disrupted trade and **harmed Pakistan's global credibility**. Lawmakers stressed that these inefficiencies threaten the livelihoods of **thousands of farmers and exporters**. Officials assured that corrective measures are underway to ensure smooth and uninterrupted rice exports. [Read More](#) (4th June).



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:

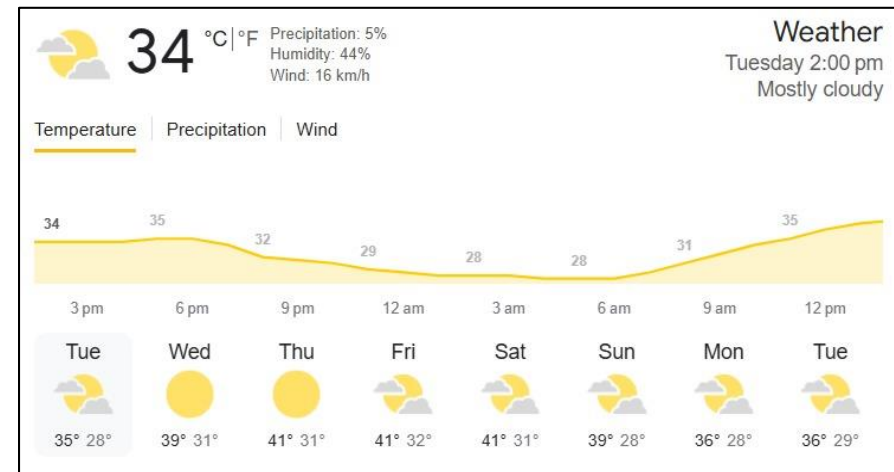
Pakistan's Agriculture Under Stress: Water Cuts, Crop Losses, and a Fragile Hope:

- Pakistan's agriculture sector is facing an unprecedented crisis, with farmers suffering massive losses due to repeated crop failures and crashing commodity prices. In **FY2024–25**, the sector contracted by **5.84%**, and major crops shrank by over **13%**. Wheat and cotton were hit hardest, while rice — a traditional export strength — saw a **15% drop** in earnings to **\$3.3 billion**. Fertilizer usage and tractor sales are down, signaling reduced farm investment and raising alarms over national food security.
- The crisis has deepened with India's suspension of the **Indus Waters Treaty**, resulting in a **17% drop in Indus River water flow to Pakistan**. This cut, during the crucial **Kharif season**, threatens crop yields in key **rice-growing regions of Sindh and Punjab**. With India planning canals and tunnels to divert water to its own states, **Pakistan** now faces both irrigation shortages and growing uncertainty over water availability.
- Despite the bleak outlook, **the June monsoon forecast offers cautious hope**. The **Pakistan Meteorological Department** expects near- to above-normal rainfall in southern parts of the country, which may help stabilize **rice cultivation**. However, risks of extreme weather events, including heatwaves and flooding, remain. Without urgent policy action, even favorable rains may not be enough to rescue **Pakistan's struggling agriculture sector**.

Source: Publications & News



Source: AI



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

MAJOR UPDATE THIS WEEK:

Israel-Iran Tensions Shake Basmati Trade — Pakistan Steps In

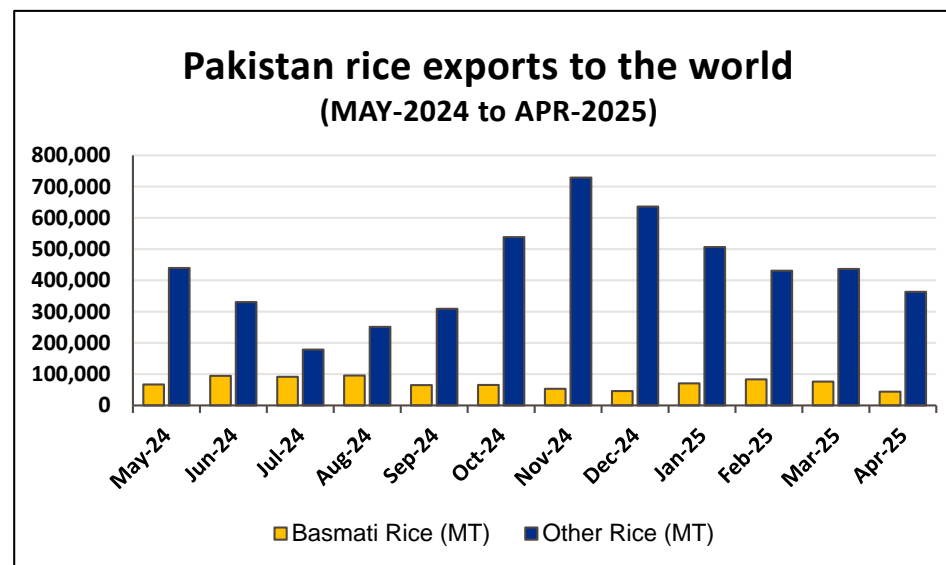
- **Strait of Hormuz Tensions Disrupt Indian Trade:** Rising **Iran-Israel tensions** threaten shipping through the **Strait of Hormuz**, a key route for **30% of global oil**. **Indian basmati exporters** fear halted shipments and financial losses if conflict escalates — especially to Gulf countries.
- **Iran- India's Key Market Faces Setbacks:** India **exported 8.55 lakh tonnes of basmati rice** worth **₹6,374 crore to Iran in 2024–25**, about **12.6% of total exports**. However, payment delays — often up to 180 days — are creating serious cash flow problems for Indian exporters.
- **Pakistan Gains Strategic Ground in Iran:** Pakistan is stepping in smartly — using its land border and barter trade (rice for petroleum, copper, and electricity) to grow its **market share in Iran**. With smoother logistics and no formal banking hurdles, **Pakistan is filling the gap left by India**.
- **Price Swings and Rising Costs Hit India:** After a short-lived price surge (15–20%), Indian basmati export prices are softening (\$900–950/ton). Freight costs and 20% higher insurance premiums are further burdening Indian exporters amid this uncertainty.
- **Pending Dues and Calls for Indian Policy Shift:** Indian traders are owed around ₹1,000–1,200 crore by Iranian buyers. With just 20% advance and rest on long credit, trade is at risk. Meanwhile, Pakistan's stable and faster trade mechanism is proving to be a competitive advantage.

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

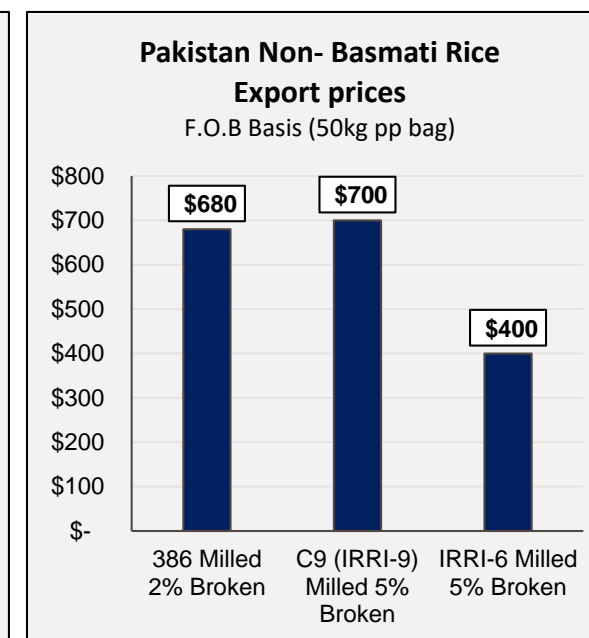
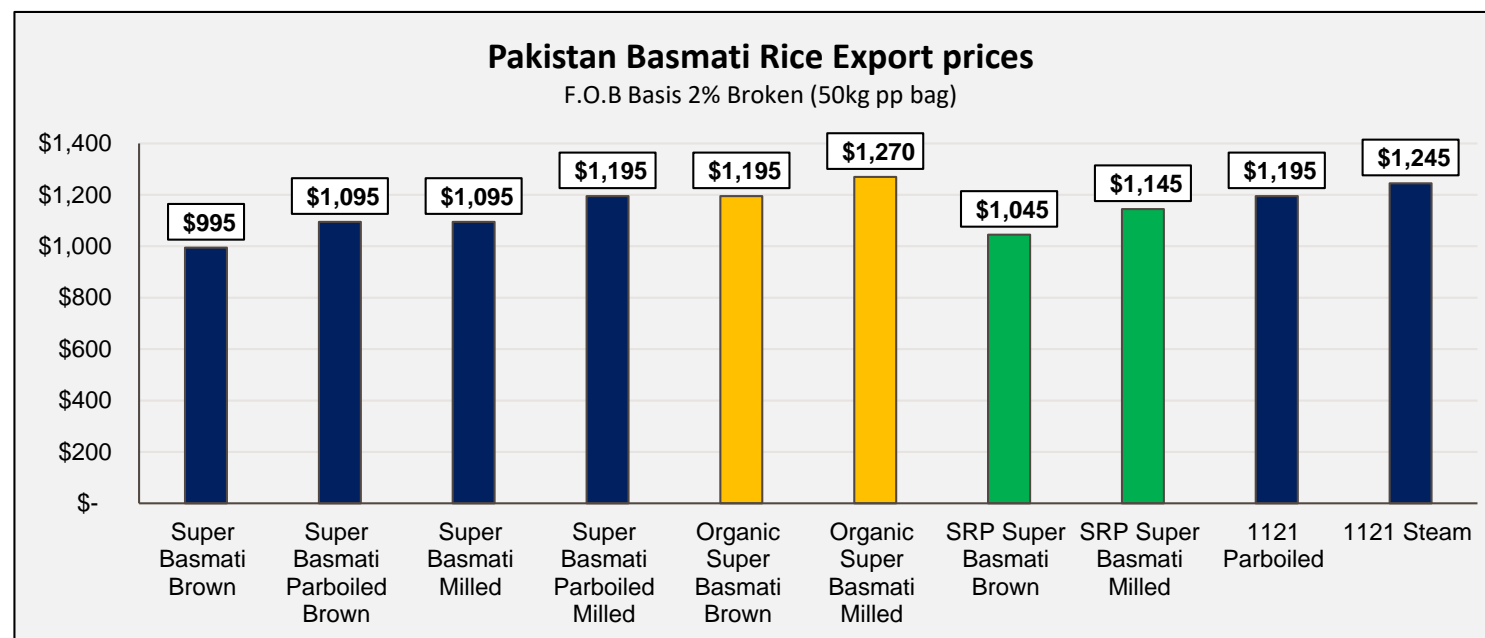
Pakistan Rice Production Volume (2024-25)
 Milled rice production in (1000 Tons): 10,000
 Rough rice production in (1000 Tons): 15,002

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).



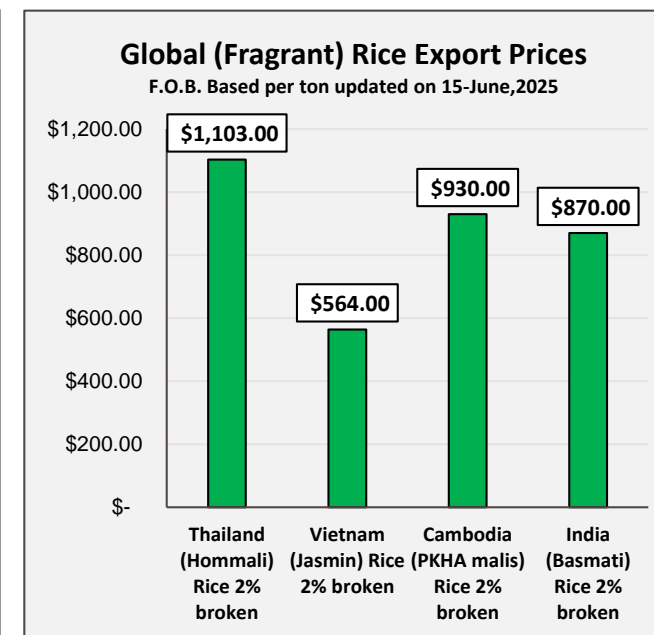
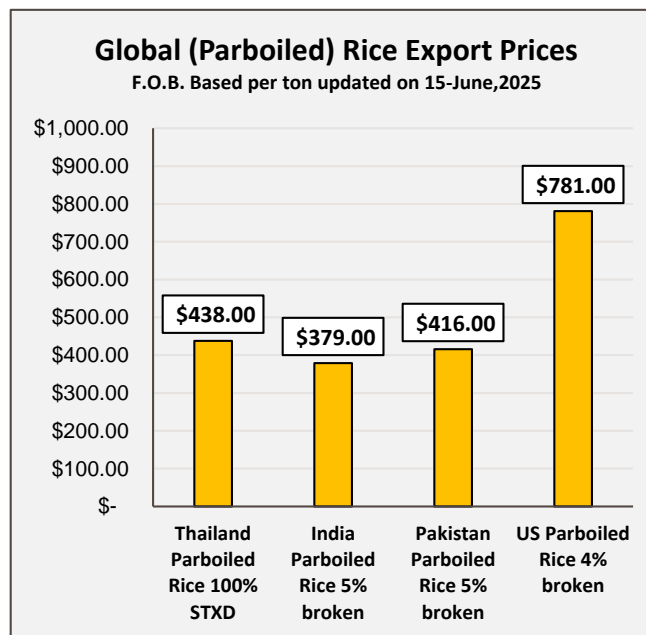
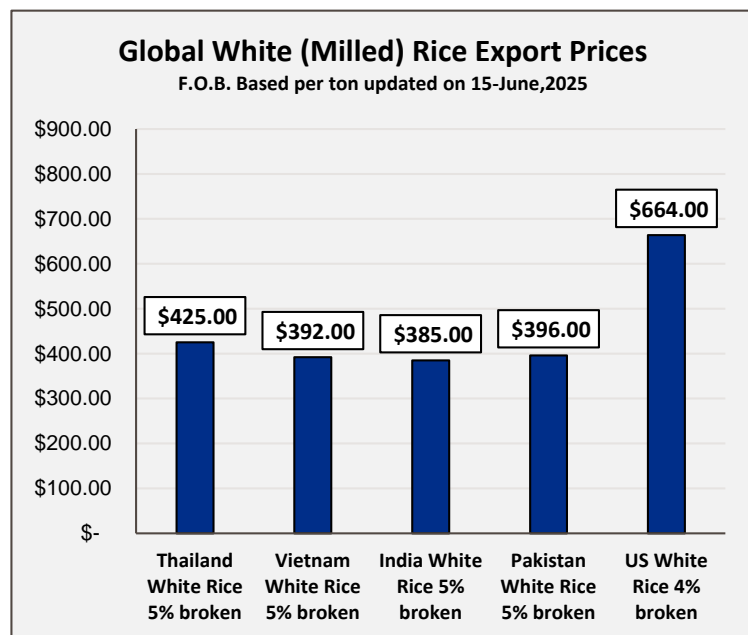
All Prices were updated on 13th June 2025.

- This week, rice prices remained largely stable across both basmati and non-basmati varieties, with only minor fluctuations of **\$5–\$10 per ton**. **Super Basmati, 1121 Basmati**—Conventional, Organic and SRP also varieties like 386, IRRI-9, and IRRI-6 prices held steady showing limited movement.

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 15th June 2025.

- **Indian rice export prices** have dropped to a **two-year low** due to **rupee depreciation** and expectations of another **bumper crop**, with **5% broken parboiled** rice at \$379–\$385/ton. **Thailand's** prices held steady at \$425/ton amid **weak demand**, while **Vietnam's 5% broken** rice remained at \$392/ton as the Philippines reduced purchases. Vietnam exported **1.1 million tons in May**, bringing **Jan–May exports to 4.5 million tons**.

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GLOBAL NEWS HIGHLIGHTS OF THIS WEEK:

	<p>India's rice production for the 2025–26 season is projected to reach a record 151 million tonnes, up 1% from last year, driven by stable sowing over 51 million hectares and record yields. Favorable weather and early sowing have supported strong crop progress. Global rice production is also expected to hit an all-time high, though export demand remains weak due to large buyer inventories. Meanwhile, India holds record rice stocks of nearly 38 million tonnes as of June 1. READ MORE (16-Jun)</p>
	<p>Vietnam's rice exports rose 12.2% to 4.5 million tonnes in the first five months of 2025, but export value fell 8.9% due to a sharp 18.7% drop in average prices. Despite stable domestic paddy prices, the global market remains volatile, with the Philippines still Vietnam's top buyer. Meanwhile, Vietnams is shifting focus to premium markets like Japan and Europe to offset risks. Global rice prices are also under pressure, with India and Thailand experiencing similar trends. READ MORE (16-Jun)</p>
	<p>Thailand is boosting agricultural exports to China, focusing on rice and cassava, as demand from China continues to rise. From January to April 2025, rice exports to China surged by 77.7% in volume and 31.3% in value year-on-year. This growth follows a recent trade agreement and reflects Thailand's strategic push to strengthen food trade ties in the Asia-Pacific region. READ MORE (16-Jun)</p>
	<p>Philippines became the world's top rice importer, with 4.7 million metric tons, sparking food security concerns. An IRDF report blames land conversion, tariff cuts, and weak policies for the rice sector's decline. Farmers face low prices, rising debt, and poor support. Experts urge urgent reforms, including a minimum support price and passage of the National Land Use Act. READ MORE (11-Jun)</p>
	<p>Indonesia will send 10,000 tonnes of rice to Palestine as humanitarian aid, using national reserves and transport via the Armed Forces. The move is backed by Indonesia's record-high rice reserves of over 4 million tonnes—the largest in 57 years. The aid is funded by the Ministry of Finance's Indonesian Aid Foundation, with logistics handled by Bulog. Indonesia also plans to export rice to Malaysia and explore further regional cooperation. READ MORE (13-Jun)</p>

UPCOMING EVENTS:



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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