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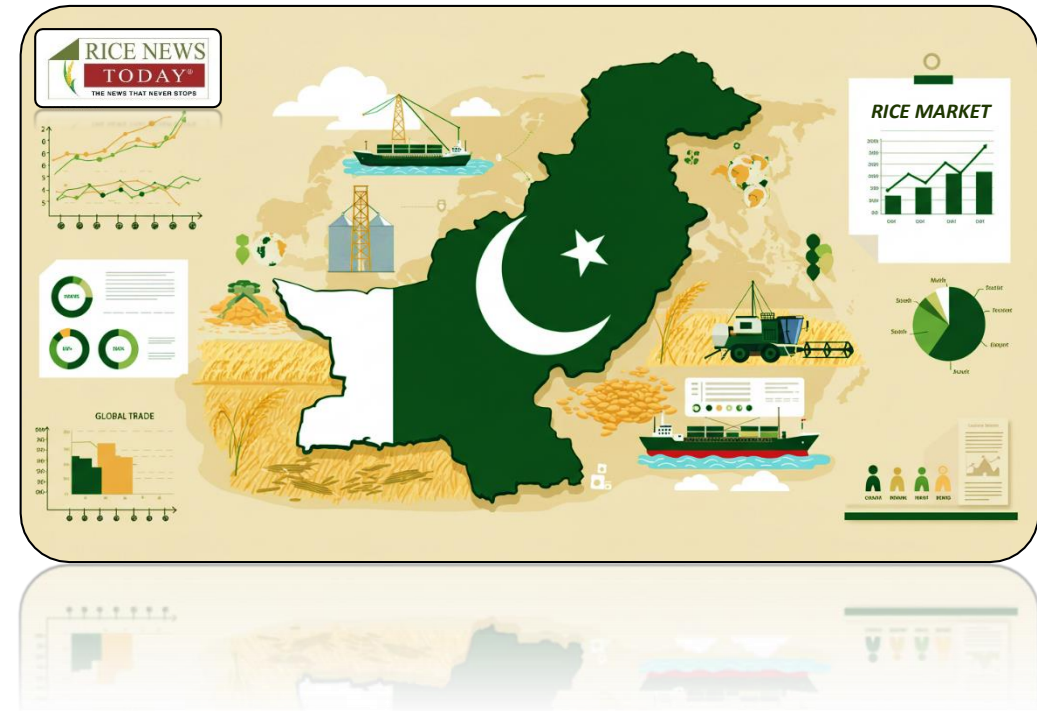
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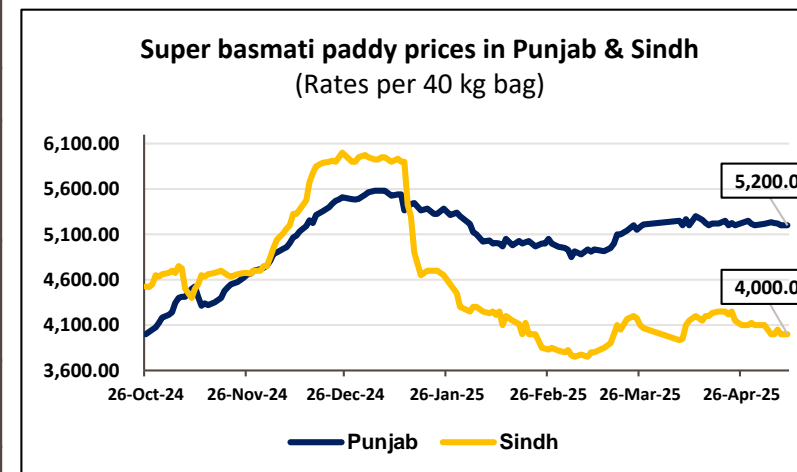
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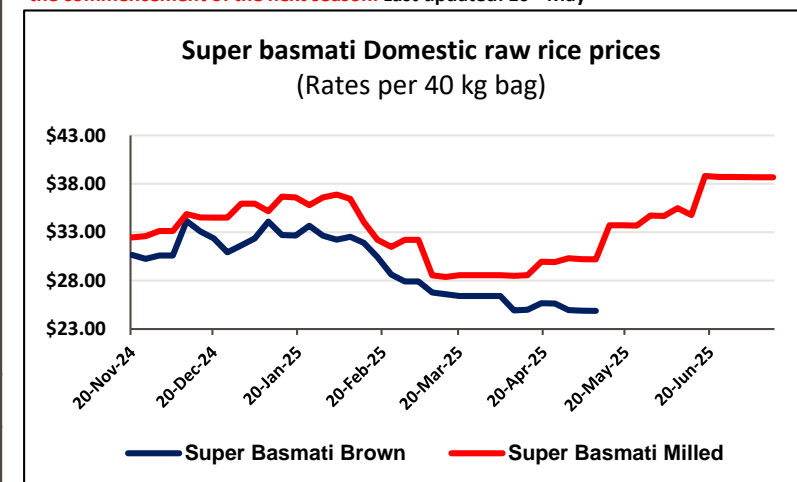
MAJOR RICE VARITIES GROWN IN PAKISTAN: (Basmati)

(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 Super basmati parboiled brown Super basmati parboiled Milled 	
Major Markets	Europe, Gulf region and UK.	
Supply and Demand	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As per the news, Rice mills in Pakistan gear up for the upcoming harvest season, stock levels vary across regions. In Punjab, Super Basmati stocks are nearly depleted, while Sindh still holds ample reserves of brown rice and paddy. Despite overall rice exports declining by 14.72% during FY2024-25, Basmati exports rose by 4.48% in volume, with China emerging as a key growth market. Domestically, Super Basmati milled prices have remained stable. Meanwhile, recent monsoon rains are proving beneficial for crop development, but experts warn that potential flooding could pose a serious threat to the standing crop. 	
Local Consumption	Super basmati is consumed locally in a lower proportion.	
Competition	Pakistan: 1100 – 1120 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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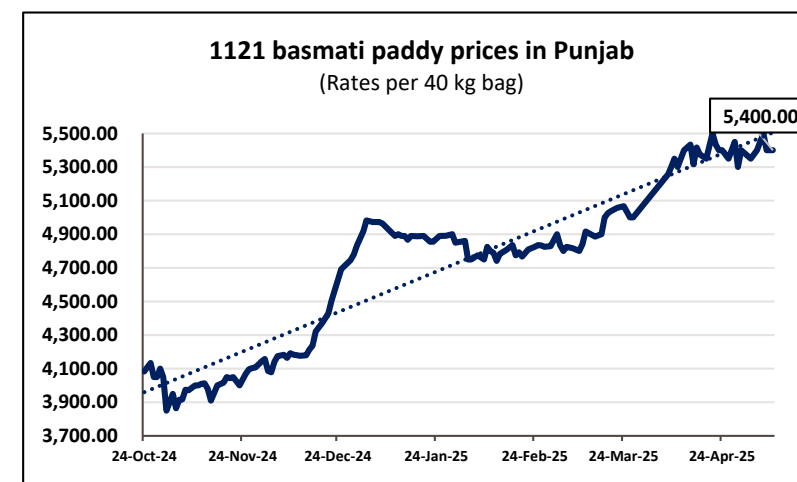


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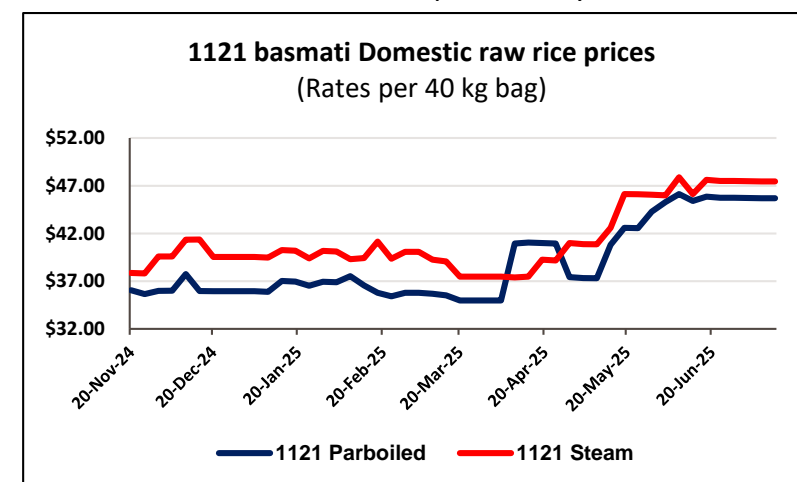
MAJOR RICE VARITIES GROWN IN PAKISTAN: (Basmati)

(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"> Despite an overall decline in rice exports, 1121 Basmati rice continues to gain momentum, especially in premium export markets. With its long grain, aroma, and cooking quality, 1121 has seen growing demand from countries like China and Iran. On the domestic front, 1121 Basmati prices remain stable. As monsoon rains support crop development, the outlook for the upcoming harvest is positive; however, flood risk remains a serious concern, especially in low-lying areas. Exporters and rice mills are closely tracking both weather conditions and trade signals as they prepare for the new season 	
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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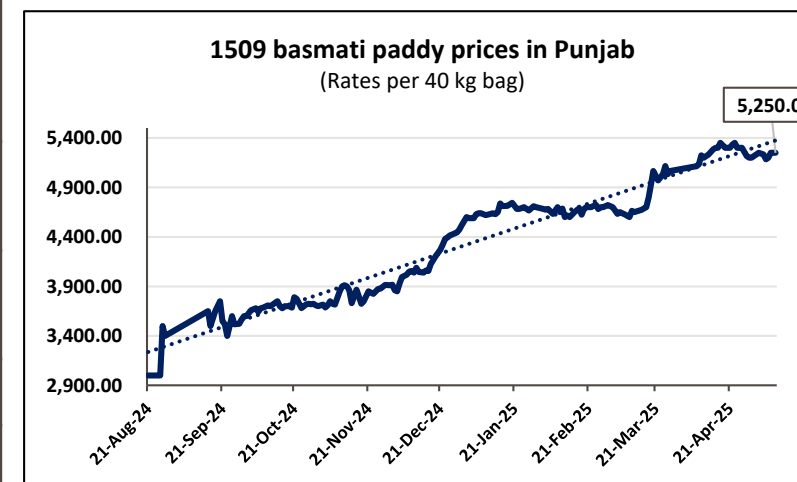


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MAJOR RICE VARITIES GROWN IN PAKISTAN: (Basmati)

(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 rice crop are in progress, with 1509 Basmati expected to reach the market ahead of 1121 and Super Basmati. A strong harvest is anticipated this season. While 1509 is largely consumed domestically, a portion is also exported alongside 1121 Basmati. 	
Local Consumption	1509 basmati rice is consumed locally and also exported in some proportion.	



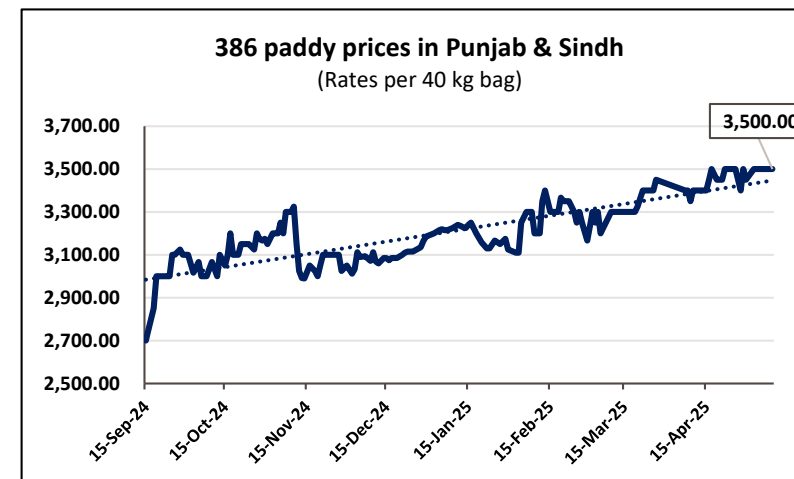
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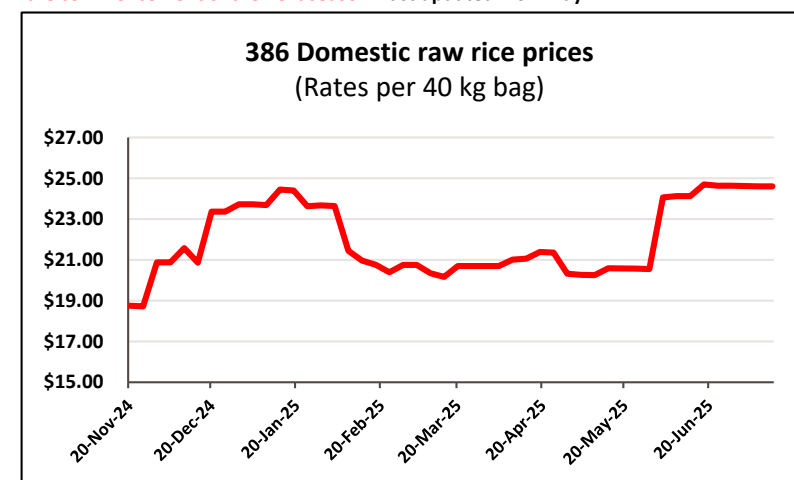
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386		
Growing Region	Punjab: Major Quantity	Sindh: Not available in Sindh
Production Area	Punjab: 24% Increase in area 2024-25: 4,43,000 Acers 2023-24: 3,56,000 Acers	Sindh: N/A
Quality of the crop year (2024-25)	Punjab: 386 maintained good quality 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"> As per the news, a 17.42% drop in non-basmati rice export value is recorded to \$2.522 billion in FY2024–25, shipment volumes remained significant at 5.009 million tonnes, reflecting resilience in key markets. Domestic prices for 386 rice have remained stable. The preparations for the new crop harvest progress in line with seasonal timelines. However, flood risks during monsoon season remain a key concern, particularly in low-lying rice-growing areas. 	
Local Consumption	386 rice is consumed locally.	



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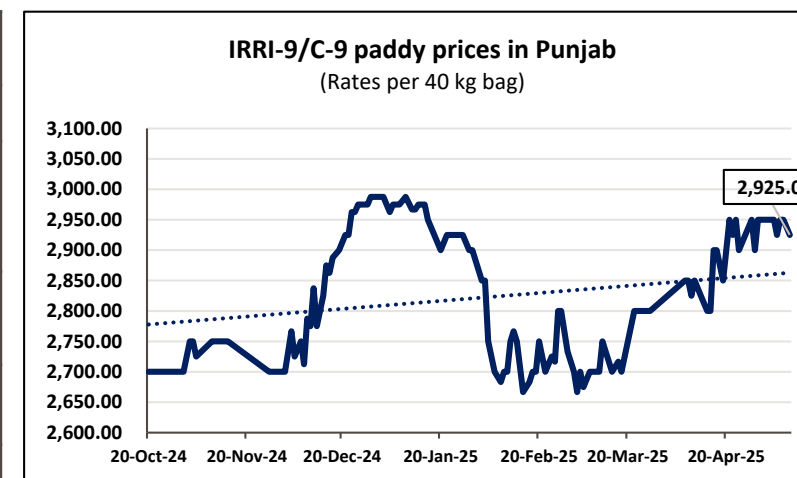
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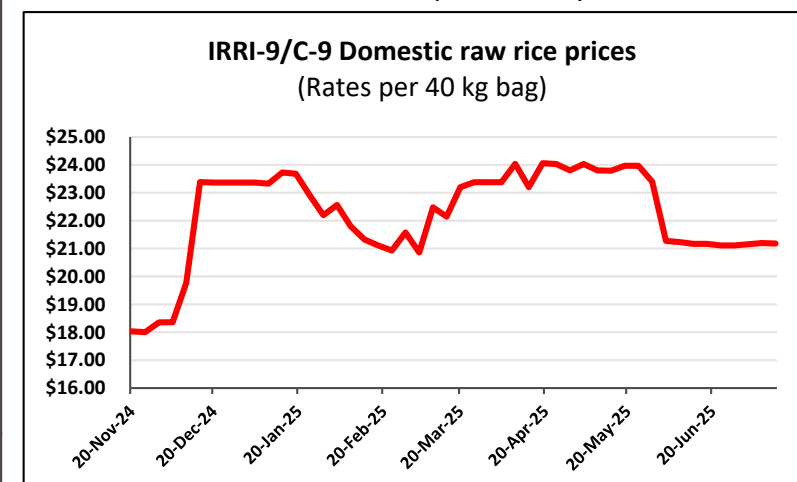
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IRRI- 9		
Growing Region	Punjab: Lower Quantity.	Sindh: Major Quantity.
Production Area	Punjab: 54% Increase in area 2024-25: 1,23,000 Acers 2023-24: 80,000 Acers	Sindh: N/A
Quality of the crop year (2024-25)	Sindh: The IRRI-9 crop was badly affected 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"> Pakistan's non-basmati rice exports declined by 17.42% in FY2024-25. IRRI-9 stocks are running low, following steady local trade and earlier bulk movement. Despite softer export demand, domestic prices for IRRI-9 have remained stable, supported by consistent market activity. Monsoon rains are aiding crop progress, though flood threats in vulnerable growing areas remain a concern as the new season approaches. 	
Local Consumption	IRRI-9 rice is consumed locally.	



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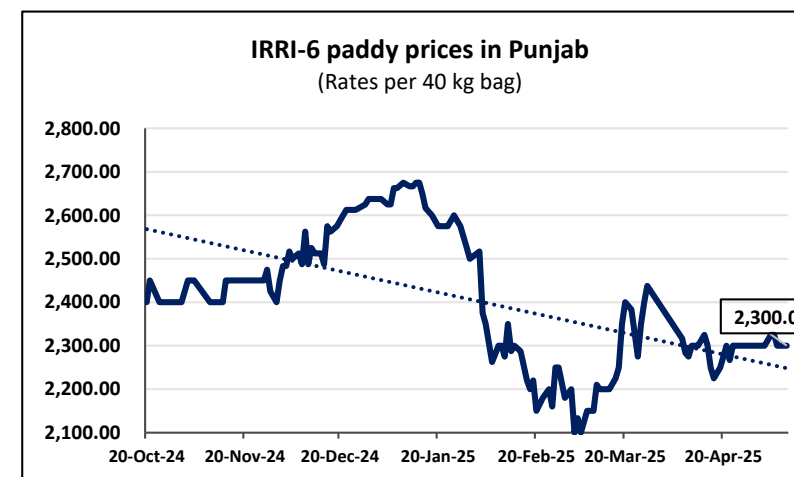
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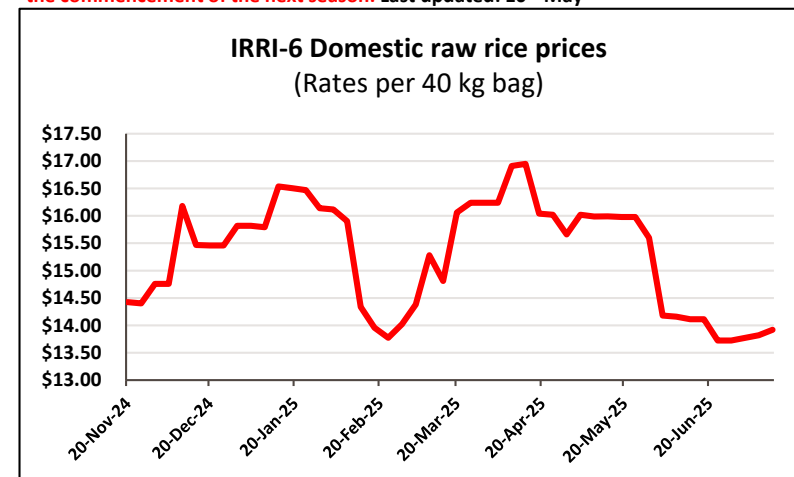
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IRRI- 6		
Growing Region	Punjab: Relatively good Quantity.	Sindh: Major Quantity.
Production Area	Punjab: 32% Increase in area 2024-25: 2,07,000 Acers 2023-24: 1,57,000 Acers	Sindh: N/A
Quality of the crop year (2024-25)	Sindh: The IRRI-6 crop was 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"> Pakistan's non-basmati rice exports fell by 17.42% in value to \$2.522 billion in FY2024–25, with volumes reaching 5.009 million tonnes. Among these, IRRI-6 stocks have been mostly depleted, reflecting strong early-season trade. China's growing interest in IRRI-6 is driven by its higher milling yield of 68–70%, making it more cost-effective than local Chinese varieties and appealing for both retail and ready-to-eat food segments. Domestic prices for IRRI-6 remain stable. While monsoon rains are aiding new crop development, experts warn that flooding could pose a risk in southern growing regions. 	
Local Consumption	IRRI-6 rice is consumed locally.	

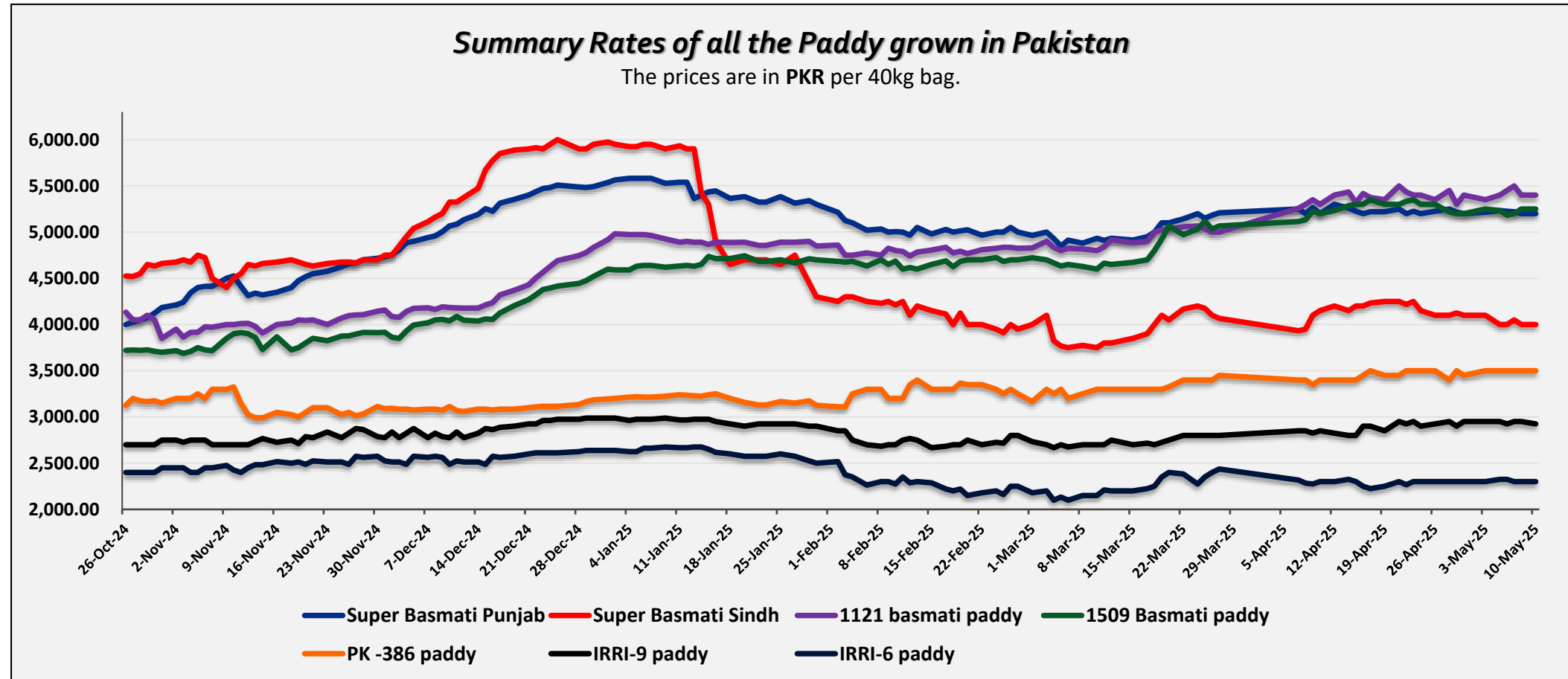


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SUMMARY RATES OF ALL THE PADDY GROWN IN PAKISTAN



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/PakistanDomesticMarket)

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:

- A Senate committee review found that Pakistan's rice export interceptions dropped sharply in **2025, falling to 30 cases** from **106 in 2024**, following SPS reforms and **tighter monitoring under Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif's directives**. Key improvements include **pesticide residue control, awareness campaigns, and stricter lab testing protocols**, particularly targeting **high-risk pesticides like Chlorpyrifos and Imidacloprid**. Maize exports declined due to domestic price hikes and phytosanitary rejections by **Vietnam**, prompting export suspensions and fumigation reforms. Mango exports also came under review, with calls for better oversight of phytosanitary treatments for key markets like the **U.S. and Japan**. [Read More](#) (13th July).
- The government has cracked down on the unjustified import of **methyl bromide**, suspending a company's license and halting \$1 million worth of shipments after uncovering regulatory violations. Under Federal Minister Rana Tanveer Hussain's reforms, the **Department of Plant Protection (DPP)** banned non-essential imports, revised policies, and introduced tighter scrutiny, resulting in significant cost savings of **Rs30,000–40,000 per container**. These actions directly benefit **Pakistan's rice exports**, where methyl bromide is widely used for fumigation. Misuse of the chemical had previously led to international shipment rejections. The reforms aim to ensure food safety, reduce export risks, and align with global standards, reinforcing **Pakistan's credibility** in key agricultural markets. [Read More](#) (13th July).



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

- **Pakistan's rice exports** (FY 25) stood at **5.544 million tonnes**
- **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:

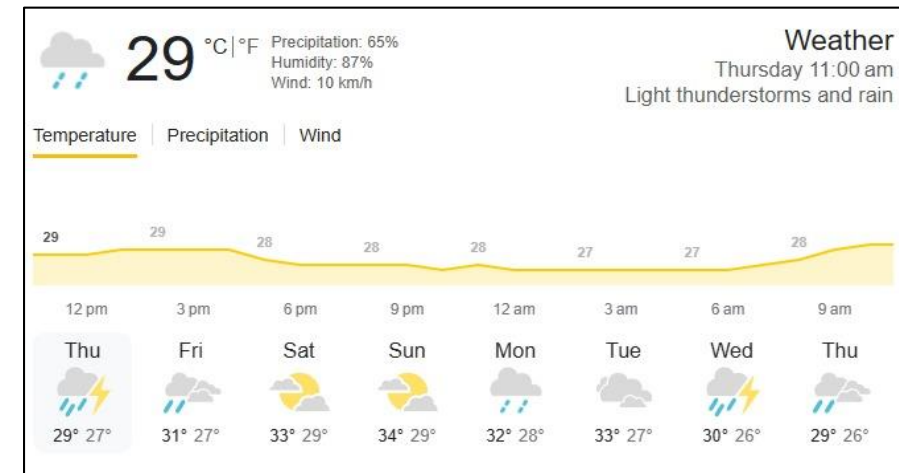
Experts Urge Timely Rice Transplanting by July 25 to Maximize Yield:

- FAISALABAD – Agriculture experts have highlighted the second half of July as critical for **maximizing paddy yield**, urging **farmers** to complete rice transplanting by July 25. Recommended varieties include coarse types like **NIBGE GSR-6 to GSR-8** and fine **basmati types** such as **Super Basmati, PK-1121**, and **Punjab Basmati**.
- Farmers are advised to maintain standing water for **10–15 days** before transplanting and ensure proper land leveling and plant spacing (**two seedlings in 80,000 holes per acre**). Zinc sulfate should be applied within 10 days after transplanting if not used earlier, with dosage varying by concentration. [Read More](#)
- Meanwhile, the ongoing monsoon rains across Pakistan are proving beneficial for **rice cultivation** by ensuring ample **water supply**. However, experts have warned that the **risk of flooding** could pose a serious threat to **paddy crops**, especially in low-lying and river-adjacent areas. Growers are advised to stay alert, monitor weather forecasts, and take precautionary measures to protect their fields from potential **flood damage**.

Source: Publications & News



Source: AI



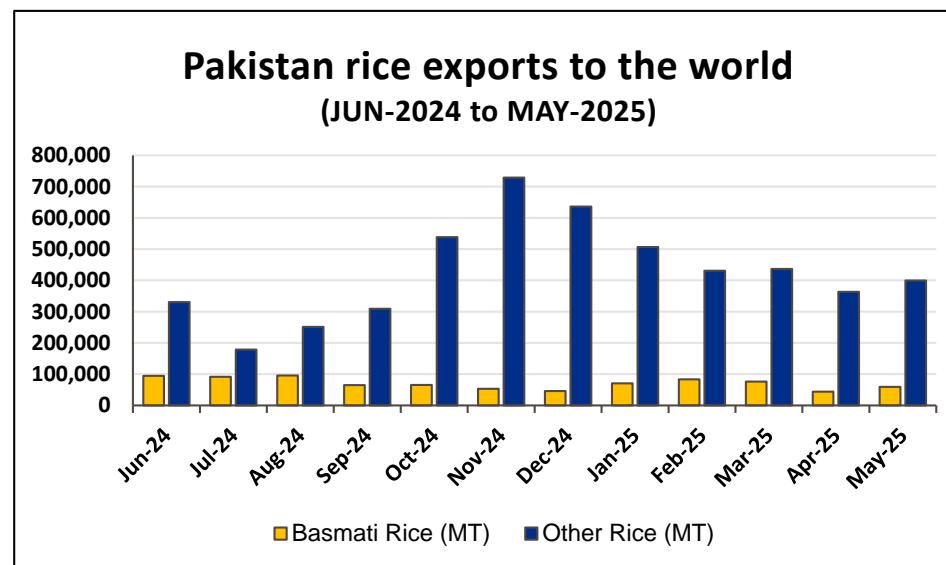
Source: Google Weather
Weather forecast from 17th July and onward.

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) \$
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-25	43,895	\$45,741	363,434	\$160,555	407,329	\$206,296
May-25	59,077	\$59,226	399,785	\$180,025	458,862	\$239,251
Total	844,225	\$885,029	5,110,868	\$2,621,986	5,955,093	\$3,507,015

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

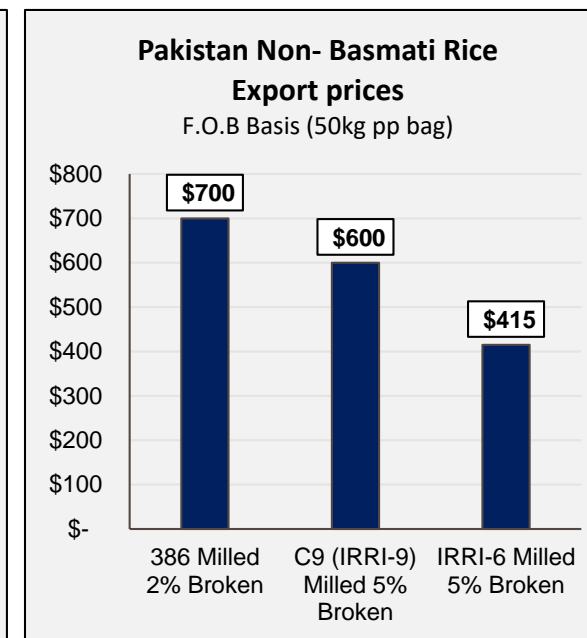
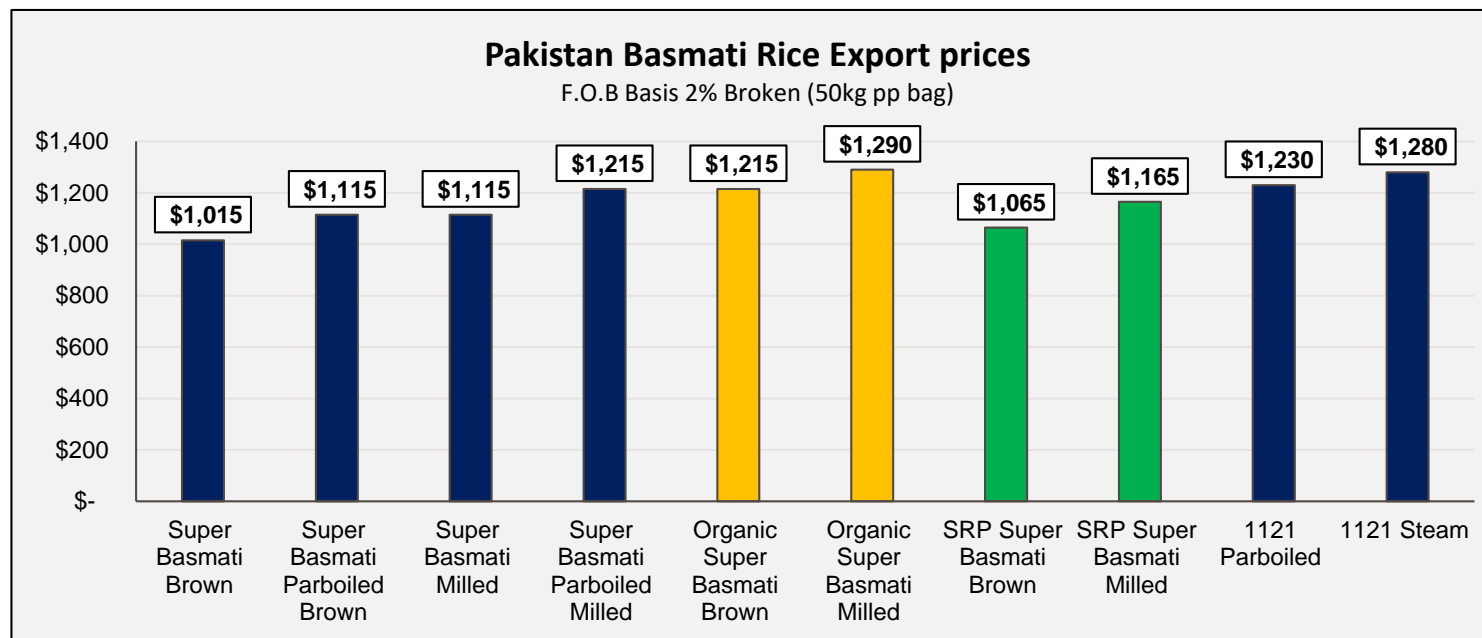
Pakistan Rice Production Volume (2024-25)
 Milled rice production in (1000 Tons): 10,000
 Rough rice production in (1000 Tons): 15,002

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).



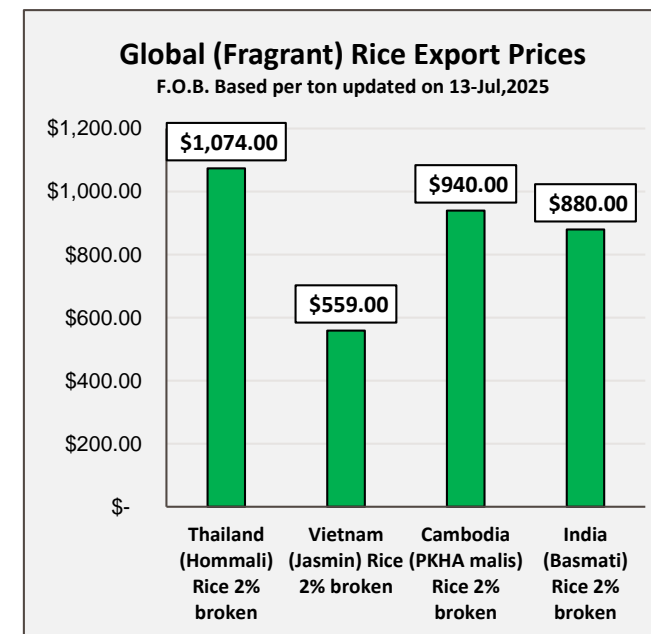
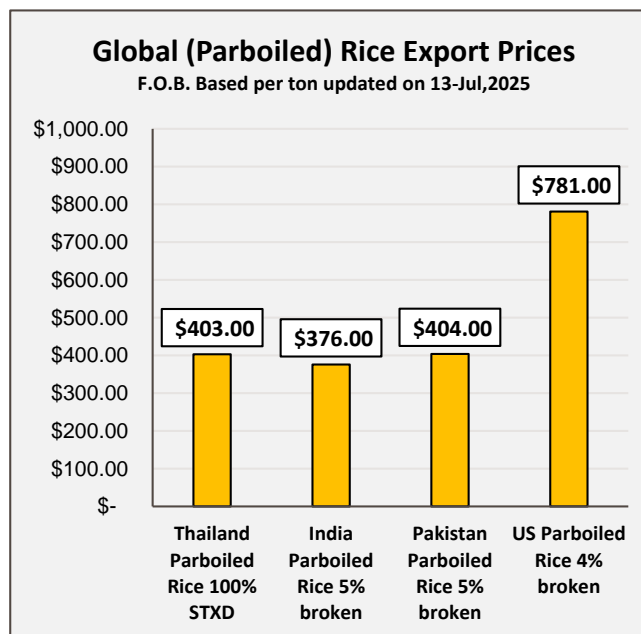
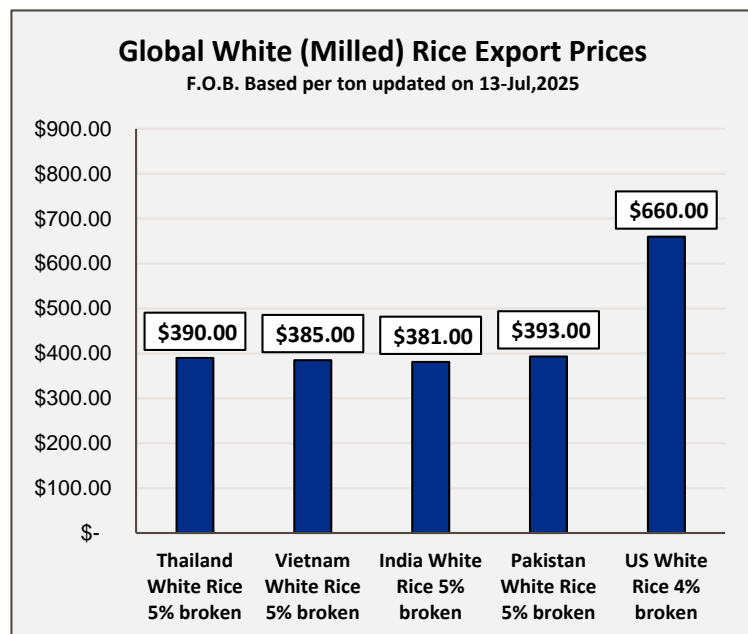
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- This week, **1121 Basmati Parboiled** and **Steam** prices witnessed a sharp increase of **around \$130 per ton**, marking a **strong bullish trend** over the past two weeks. In contrast, **Super Basmati** and **non-basmati varieties** such as **386, IRRI-9**, and **IRRI-6** showed only minor fluctuations, with price changes ranging between **\$5–\$10 per ton**.

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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- As per the news, **Indian rice prices** have dropped to their lowest in **over two years** due to **surplus supply and weak demand**, with **5% broken parboiled rice** quoted at **\$377–\$382 per ton** and white rice at **\$373–\$380**. **Vietnam's 5% broken rice** remained steady at **\$380–\$390 per ton** amid ongoing exports to the **Philippines and Africa**. **Thailand's 5% broken rice** was priced at **\$380–\$390**, with slight widening due to rising **production costs**. The **Mekong Delta's summer-autumn harvest is peaking**, and global buyers are awaiting new crop arrivals. Meanwhile, **Bangladesh plans to import 400,000 tons of rice** ahead of the flood season.

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

GLOBAL NEWS HIGHLIGHTS OF THIS WEEK:

	<p>Andhra Pradesh Civil Supplies Minister Nadendla Manohar has urged rice millers to supply custom milled rice with exactly 10% broken content under the Centre's new procurement drive. The Centre aims to procure 50 lakh metric tonnes of paddy from five states, including Andhra Pradesh, and millers are expected to meet FCI standards and supply deadlines to boost 'Brand Andhra Pradesh' nationally. READ MORE (18-Jul)</p>
	<p>Rice prices in Bangladesh have surged by Tk 6–10 per kg after the end of the government's zero-duty import facility, halting private imports due to the reinstated 62.5% duty. Millers are profiting amid reduced market competition, while consumers face rising costs despite a record Boro harvest. READ MORE (15-Jul)</p>
	<p>Thailand's Commerce Ministry is working to boost rice prices and exports amid concerns over falling farm-gate rates, with current prices ranging from 5,200 to 16,300 baht per tonne depending on variety and moisture content. The 2025/26 rice output is expected to rise by 5.41%, while exports from January to May 2025 dropped by 25.6% year-on-year. READ MORE (16-Jul)</p>
	<p>Vietnam's rice exports rose 7.6% in volume to 4.9 million tonnes in H1 2025 but saw a 12.2% drop in value due to an 18.4% decline in average prices, driven by ample global supply and India's return to the market. Despite strong growth in markets like Ivory Coast, Ghana, and Bangladesh, key buyer Philippines saw a 17.4% drop in value. READ MORE (11-Jul)</p>
	<p>Indonesia's rice production is projected to reach 35.6 million tons in 2025/26, one of the highest in recent years, driven by favorable weather and government price support. However, UGM's Professor Subejo stresses the need for long-term strategies, including improved post-harvest technology, smart farming, and adaptive irrigation systems like solar-powered pumps and drought-resistant rice varieties to boost productivity and sustainability. READ MORE (14-Jul)</p>

UPCOMING EVENTS:



The Federation of the European Rice Millers

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

10-12 September 2025

HOTEL DON CARLOS MARBELLA, SPAIN



2025 International World Rice Conference

Phnom Penh, Cambodia

Date & time: November 6 · 10am – November 9 · 5pm GMT+7

Location: Shangri-La Phnom Penh Village No 14, Sam Dach Hun Sen Road Tonle Bassac Commune, Chamkarmorn Phnom Penh, Phnom Penh 120101 Cambodia

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