

RICE MARKET REPORT

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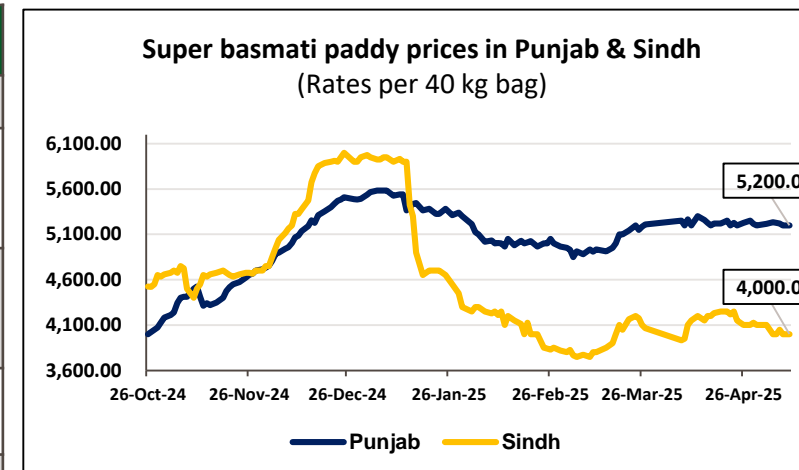
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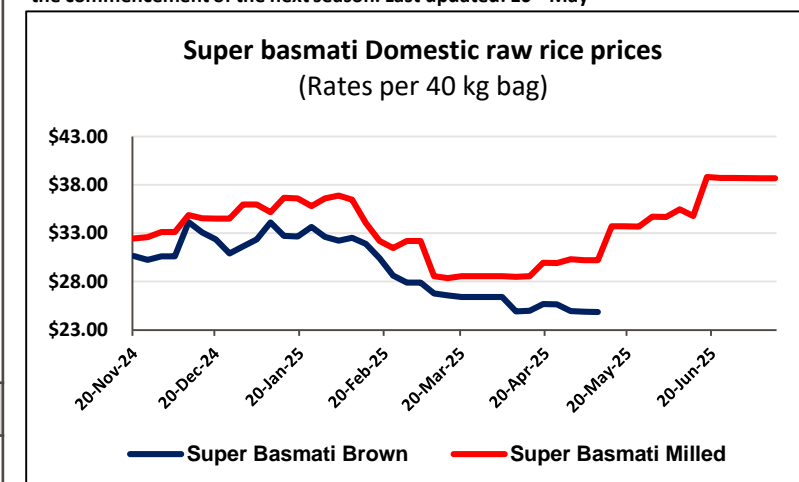
MAJOR RICE VARITIES GROWN IN PAKISTAN: (Basmati)

(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 Super basmati parboiled brown Super basmati parboiled Milled 	
Major Markets	Europe, Gulf region and UK.	
Supply and Demand	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The arrival of non-basmati varieties has already commenced in the market, while the new basmati crop (2025–26), including Super and 1121, is expected to arrive between the last week of October and the first week of November. Current weather conditions remain highly favorable, and with floodwaters having receded from most fields, prospects for the upcoming basmati harvest are positive. For the 2024–25 season, however, basmati exports experienced a sharp decline, falling to 101,934 MT (\$107.29 million) compared to 186,673 MT (\$192.61 million) in the previous year, reflecting a 45% drop in volume and a 44% drop in value. 	
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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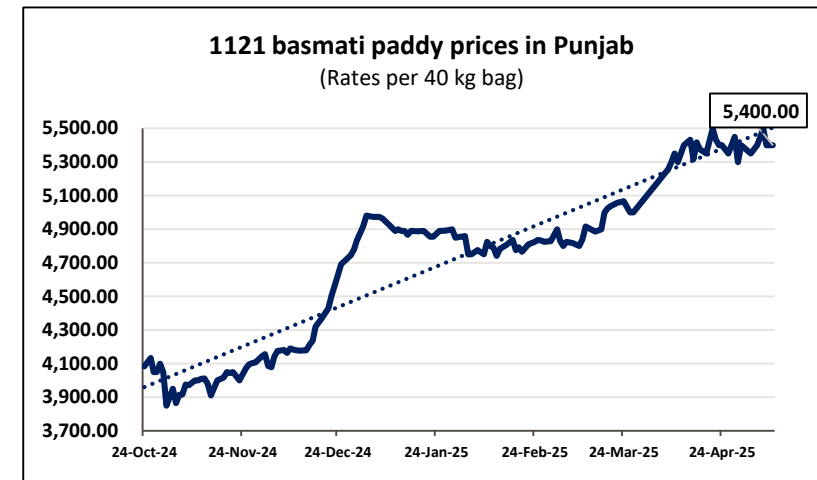


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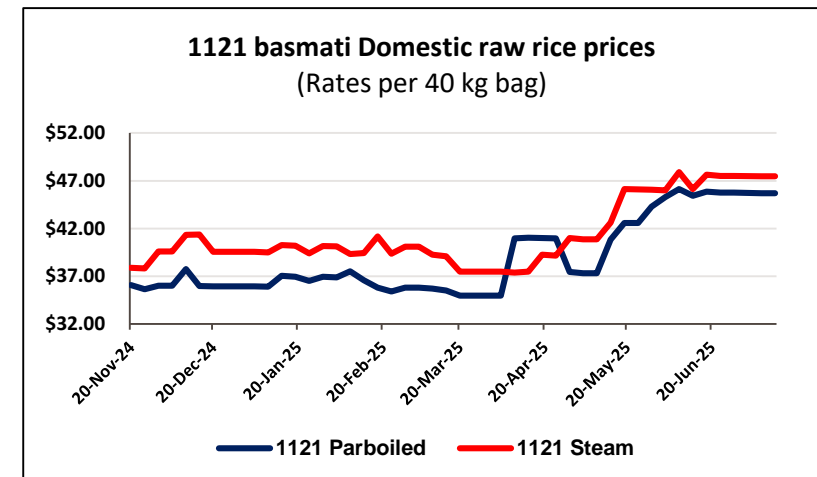
MAJOR RICE VARITIES GROWN IN PAKISTAN: (Basmati)

(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"> The 2025–26 basmati crop, including Super and 1121, is expected to arrive between late October and early November, with favorable weather and receded floodwaters supporting a positive outlook. In contrast, 2024–25 basmati exports dropped sharply to 101,934 MT (\$107.29m) from 186,673 MT (\$192.61m) last year, down 45% in volume and 44% in value. 	
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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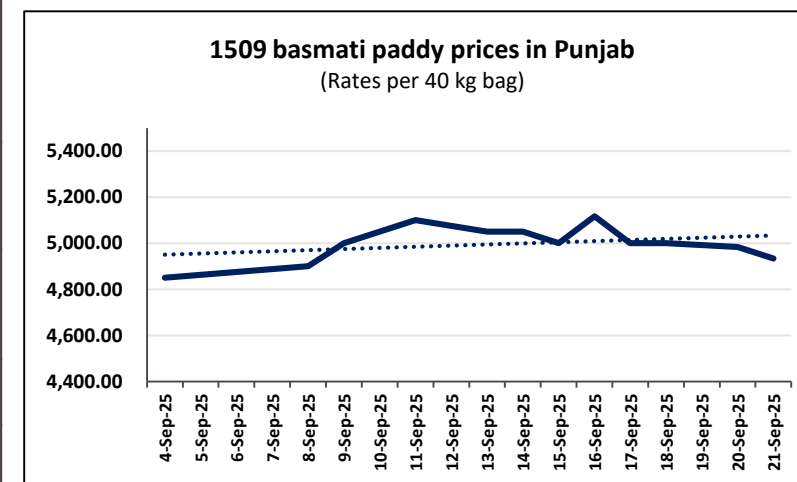


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MAJOR RICE VARITIES GROWN IN PAKISTAN: (Basmati)

(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"> The 1509 crop has already begun arriving in the market alongside some non-basmati varieties. Current paddy prices range between PKR 4,800–5,200 per 40 kg, though a downward trend may emerge in the coming days. Details on production area and new prices will be shared in upcoming reports. 	
Local Consumption	1509 basmati rice is consumed locally and also exported in some proportion.	



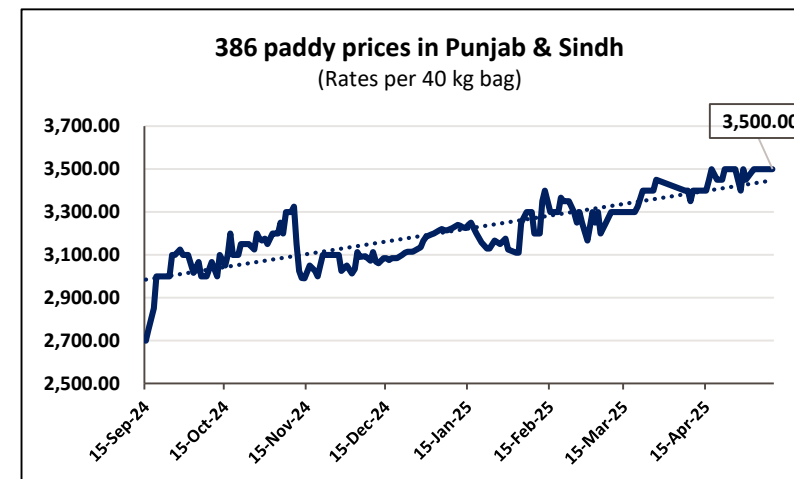
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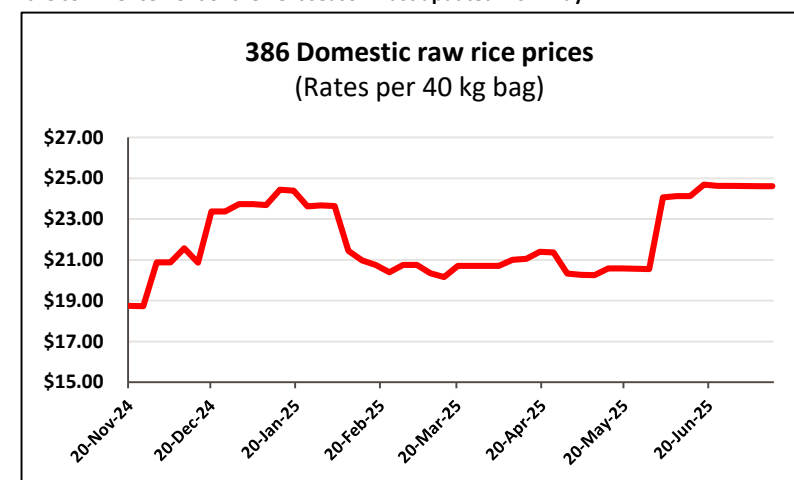
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386		
Growing Region	Punjab: Major Quantity	Sindh: Not available in Sindh
Production Area	Punjab: 24% Increase in area 2024-25: 4,43,000 Acers 2023-24: 3,56,000 Acers	Sindh: N/A
Quality of the crop year (2024-25)	Punjab: 386 maintained good quality 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"> • The 386 crop has also started to arrive in the market along with other early varieties. Updated production details and new prices will be provided in upcoming issues. • In 2024–25, non-basmati exports stood at 443,469 MT valued at \$207.09 million, compared with 430,071 MT worth \$272.06 million last year. This reflects a slight increase of +3% in volume, but a notable –24% decline in value. 	
Local Consumption	386 rice is consumed locally.	



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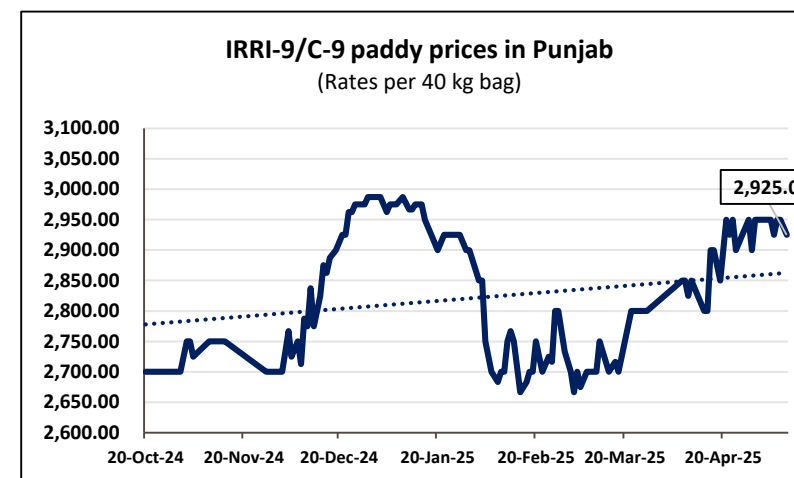
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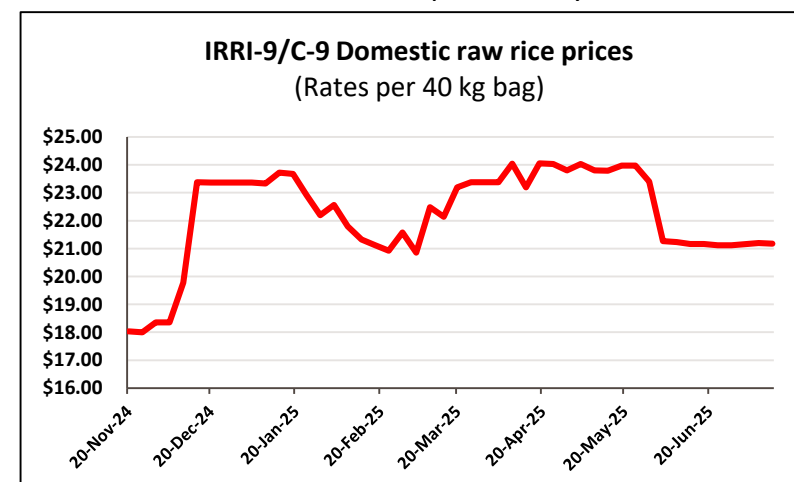
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IRRI- 9		
Growing Region	Punjab: Lower Quantity.	Sindh: Major Quantity.
Production Area	Punjab: 54% Increase in area 2024-25: 1,23,000 Acers 2023-24: 80,000 Acers	Sindh: N/A
Quality of the crop year (2024-25)	Sindh: The IRRI-9 crop was badly affected 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"> The arrival of IRRI-9 in the markets is expected to begin from mid-October. Updated production figures and price trends will be shared in the upcoming issues. In 2024–25, non-basmati exports stood at 443,469 MT valued at \$207.09 million, compared with 430,071 MT worth \$272.06 million last year. This reflects a slight increase of +3% in volume, but a notable –24% decline in value. 	
Local Consumption	IRRI-9 rice is consumed locally.	



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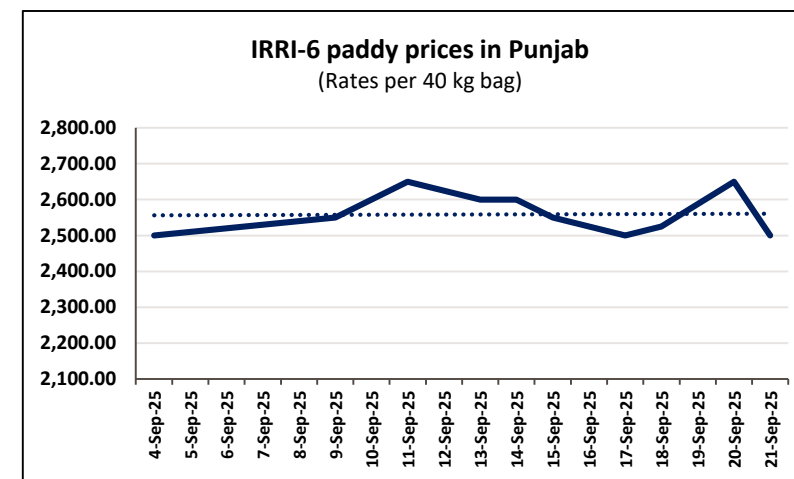
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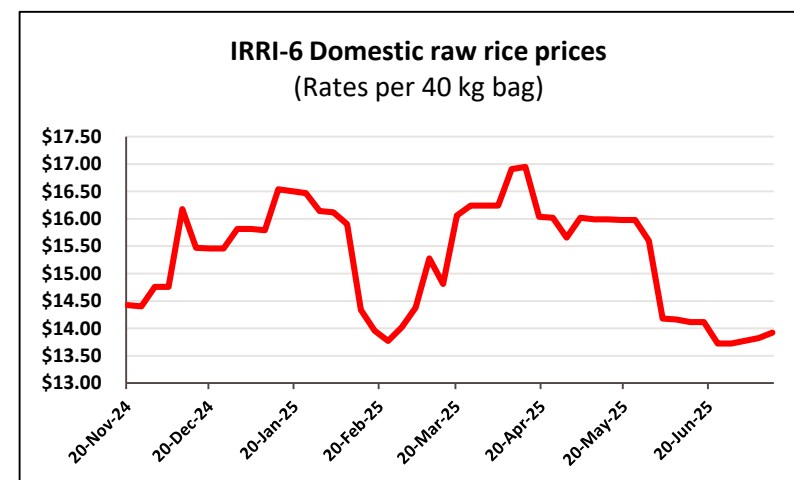
(Production, consumption, supply and Demand)



IRRI- 6		
Growing Region	Punjab: Relatively good Quantity.	Sindh: Major Quantity.
Production Area	Punjab: 32% Increase in area 2024-25: 2,07,000 Acers 2023-24: 1,57,000 Acers	Sindh: N/A
Quality of the crop year (2024-25)	Sindh: The IRRI-6 crop was badly affected due to low water in sindh and high temperature, resulting in cracks, high broken % and cooking issues.	
Variants Available	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> IRRI-6 milled rice. IRRI-6 steam rice. IRRI-6 parboiled rice IRRI-6 brown rice 	
Major Markets	Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines and African countries.	
Supply and Demand	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The arrival of IRRI-6 has begun in markets across both Sindh and Punjab, though the bulk of production remains concentrated in Sindh. Current paddy prices range between PKR 2,500–2,650 per 40 kg, as reflected in the table, with a change in trend anticipated in the coming days. Updated production figures and price trends will be provided in the upcoming issues. In 2024–25, non-basmati exports stood at 443,469 MT valued at \$207.09 million, compared with 430,071 MT worth \$272.06 million last year, reflecting a modest +3% rise in volume but a notable –24% decline in value. 	
Local Consumption	IRRI-6 rice is consumed locally.	

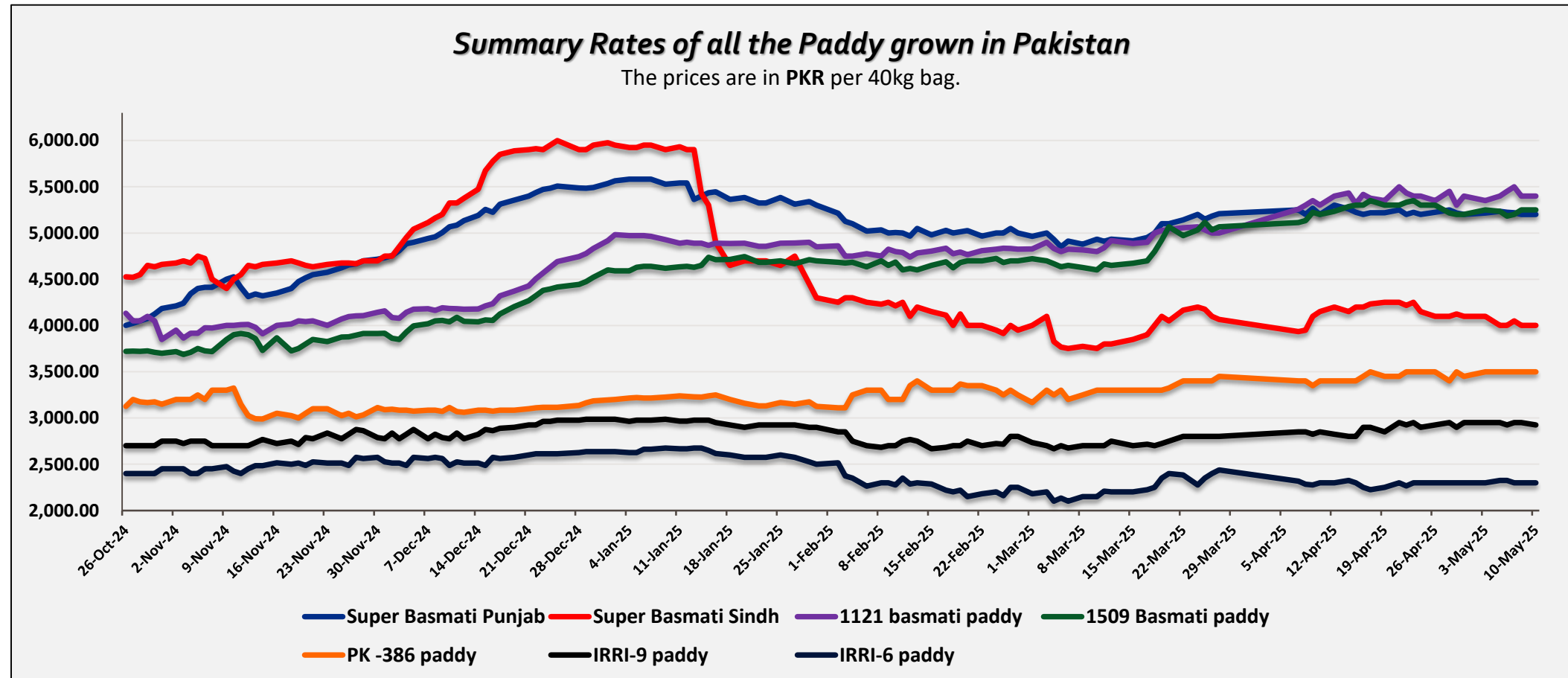


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SUMMARY RATES OF ALL THE PADDY GROWN IN PAKISTAN



Here we present a comparative performance on all the varieties grown in Pakistan till the time being reported. (Last Updated: 10th May) {Season: 2024-25}

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	
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](#)

Major Update – **Flood 2025**: Impact on Pakistan’s Rice Crop

- **Rumors vs. reality** – As floodwaters rose across Punjab, early media headlines screamed of a “**60% crop wipeout**.” Panic spread in markets and WhatsApp groups, fueling fears of shortages. But REAP and independent surveys calmed the storm, confirming losses closer to **10–12% (≈654,000 acres)**, not the catastrophe first imagined.
- **The true picture** – A joint government–REAP report later painted a clearer view: **1 million acres impacted, 370,000 acres destroyed**. That’s about **15% of the total rice area**, still serious but far from collapse. Punjab, which produces the bulk of Basmati, saw its worst flooding in 30 years, with yields expected to dip **≈9%**.
- **Basmati under pressure, Sindh holding strong** – In Punjab’s heartland, some farmers lost entire fields, with **140 villages reporting heavy damage**. Yet Basmati losses remained at **5–6%**, with resilient varieties like **1718** and **1509** surviving. Sindh’s non-Basmati belt stayed largely safe, ensuring Pakistan’s export backbone was not broken.
- **From loss to resilience** – The story doesn’t end with destruction. Rice acreage this year actually expanded to **12.2 million acres (up from 11.2m)**, and enriched soils may boost yields **20–25%** in healthier zones. Despite floods, Pakistan could still harvest **≈12 million acres worth of rice** — one of its biggest crops in history.
- **Exports stay on track** – REAP reassured buyers that Pakistan will ship **up to 8 million tons this year**, compared to **6m tons (\$3.2b)** last year. This resilience positions Pakistan to climb from the world’s 4th to the **3rd-largest rice exporter within five years**, even as Basmati prices ticked up by **\$50/ton** amid uncertainty.
- **Global ripple effect** – With world rice prices already down **40% from Jan 2024 highs**, Pakistan’s reduced supply may slow the decline, offering rivals India, Vietnam, and Thailand a breather. At home, the government vowed tough action against hoarders exploiting fear to drive prices higher.
- **A sector tested, a sector standing** – The floods displaced **4 million people and killed 1,000+**, but Pakistan’s rice sector stood resilient. Verified numbers replaced rumors, export commitments held steady, and confidence returned to global buyers — a reminder that even in crisis, the country’s rice remains its enduring strength.

Source: News, Publications & Reports

PAKISTAN NEWS HIGHLIGHTS:

- Chairman Senate **Syed Yousaf Raza Gilani** emphasized Pakistan's potential to boost rice exports by exploring **new markets** and providing a conducive environment for agriculture. He assured **REAP** of support in addressing exporters' challenges, highlighting the need for research and development to further enhance rice quality. [Read More](#) (26th Sept).
- **Pakistan's rice exports to China surged nearly 70% in Jan–Aug 2025**, reaching **\$44.3 million (vs. \$26.3m last year)**, driven mainly by milled rice and broken rice under the **China-Pakistan FTA**. Meanwhile, trials in Sindh showed Chinese flaxseed variety Longya-14 outperforming local checks, yielding **1,089 kg/ha** with 40% oil content, offering a path to revive Pakistan's declining flaxseed production. [Read More](#) (26th Sept).
- Pakistan's rice exports **to China jumped 68.5% YoY in Jan–Aug 2025**, reaching **\$44.31m** (vs. \$26.3m in 2024), driven mainly by **semi/wholly milled rice** at \$33.67m and broken rice at \$7.71m, supported by **the CPFTA** and strong demand. Meanwhile, a joint **GAAS–SAU** study in Sindh found Chinese flaxseed varieties, especially Longya-14, significantly outperformed Pakistan's local Ilsi-90 in yield and oil content. [Read More](#) (25th Sept).
- Pakistan's **rice exports fell 32.34% in July–Aug 2025**, dropping to **545,403 MT** worth \$314.4m from **616,744 MT** (\$464.7m) last year, PBS data showed. **Basmati exports** plunged to **101,934 MT** (\$107.3m) vs. **186,673 MT** (\$192.6m), while non-basmati reached **443,469 MT** (\$207.1m) vs. **430,071 MT** (\$272.1m). Overall, food exports declined 23.46% to \$774.6m, whereas food imports surged 36.7% to \$1.47b. [Read More](#) (23th Sept).



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

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- **Non-basmati exports** stood at **443,469 MT (\$207.09m)** versus **430,071 MT (\$272.06m)** last year, with **volume up +3%** but value down **–24%**.
- 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:

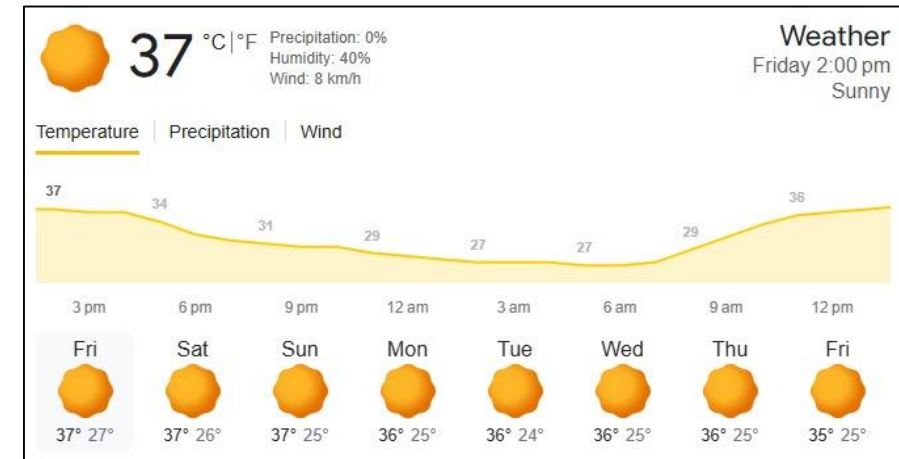
Pakistan Rice Sector, Post-Flood Challenges, Recovery, and Export Compliance Efforts:

- TDAP held a seminar in Bahawalnagar on Sept 23, 2025, focusing on managing MRL and aflatoxin in rice amid post-flood risks. Experts highlighted IPM, proper drying/storage, and avoiding banned pesticides, citing 35 EU alerts in 2025. Over **524 acres** of rice were flood-affected locally, and TDAP announced follow-up seminars in Multan (Sept 24), **Sheikhupura (Sept 29)**, **Sialkot (Oct 1)**, and **Gujranwala (Oct 2)** to strengthen compliance and exports.
- Recent floods in Punjab, Pakistan damaged over **1 million acres of rice**, destroying **370,000 acres** and impacting about **15%** of national rice area, cutting yields by over 9% this year, per a government-**REAP** report. Punjab, producing **68% of Pakistan's grains**, saw its worst flooding in 30 years, with over 1,000 deaths and **4 million displaced**, a shock that may lift global rice prices.
- ❑ Now that **floodwaters have largely receded**, the situation in Punjab's rice belt has stabilized, with most standing crops saved from further damage. Current weather conditions and seasonal patterns are proving highly favorable for crop recovery and growth. Given these developments, **a healthy harvest is expected**, which bodes well for **Pakistan's basmati** and overall rice outlook in the coming months.

Source: Publications & News



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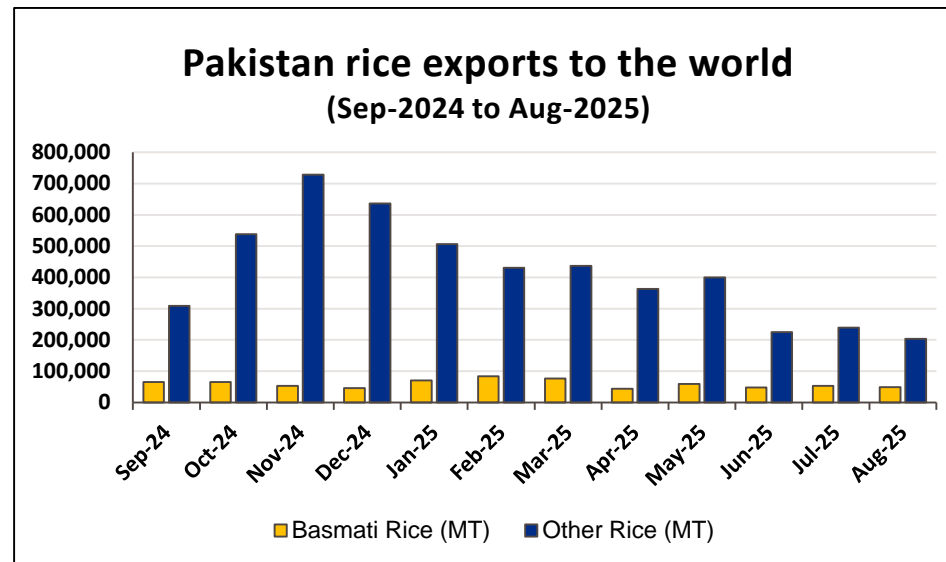
Source: Google Weather
Weather forecast from 26th September and onward.

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) \$
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
Jun-25	47,516	\$48,635	225,236	\$101,172	272,752	\$149,807
Jul-25	52,339	\$55,760	239,562	\$112,350	291,901	\$168,110
Aug-25	49,240	\$51,534	202,997	\$94,744	252,237	\$146,278
Total	711,696	745,254	5,018,254	2,457,519	5,729,950	\$3,202,773

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

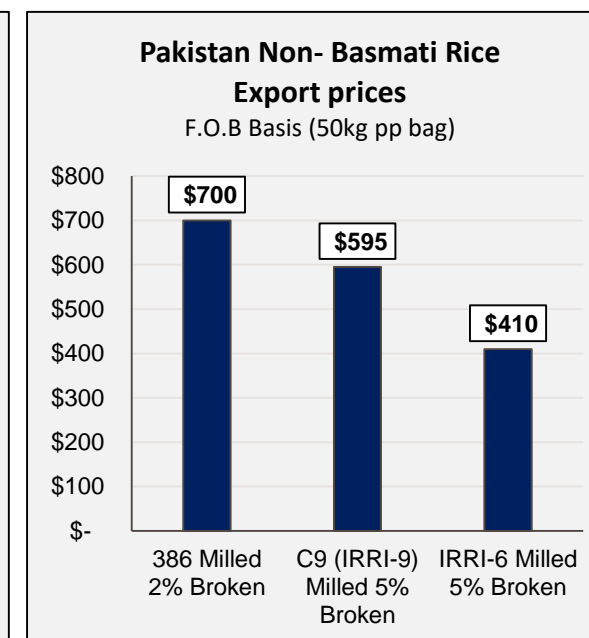
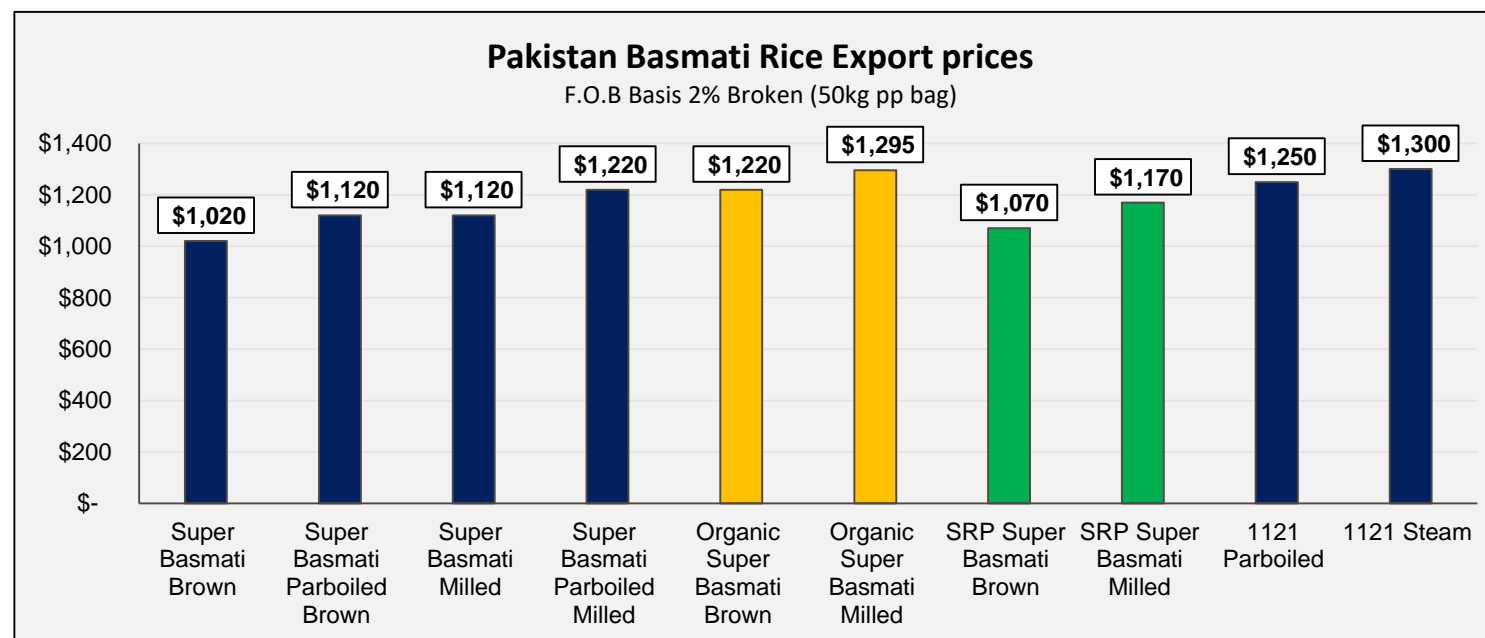
Pakistan Rice Production Volume (2024-25)
 Milled rice production in (1000 Tons): 10,000
 Rough rice production in (1000 Tons): 15,002

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).



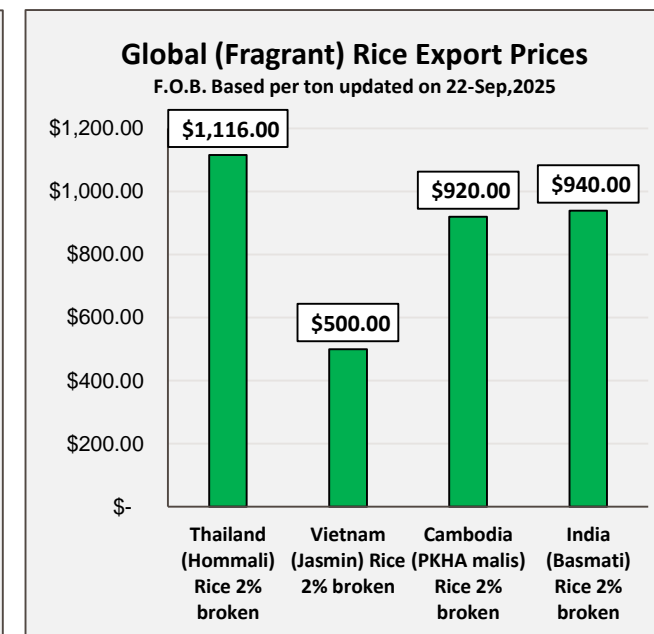
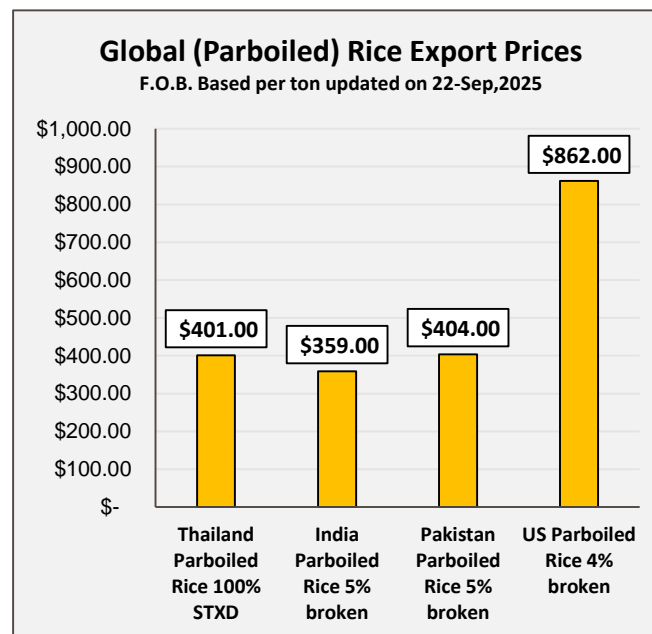
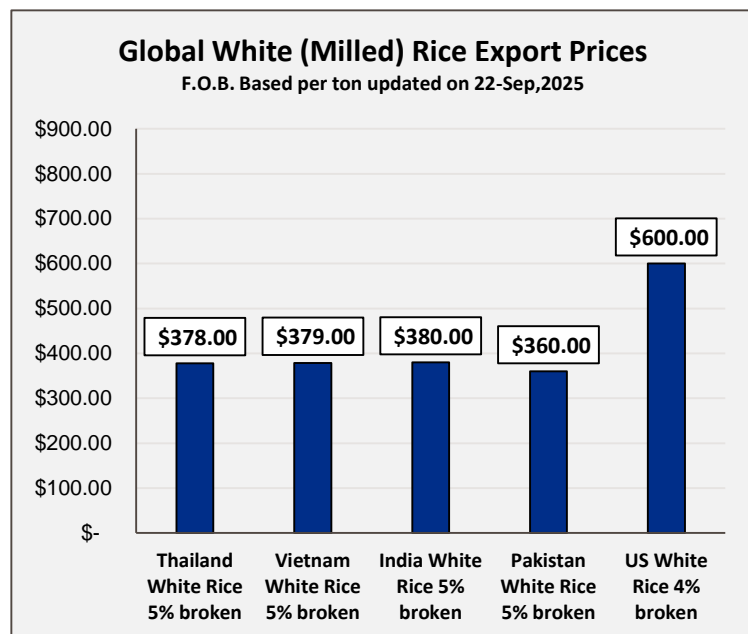
All Prices were updated on 2nd August 2025.

*Note: The new crop (2025–26) prices will be updated soon. The last price revision was made on **2 August 2025**.*

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)








All Prices were updated on 22nd Sept 2025.

- As per the news, **Thai 5% broken rice** dropped to **USD 375/ton**, the lowest since Nov 2016, from **USD 380** last week due to weak demand. India's **5% broken** parboiled held at **USD 354–362/ton**, while **5% broken** white was steady at **USD 370–380/ton**. Bangladesh retail rice prices remain **15–20% higher YoY**, with imports pressured by India's stricter non-basmati export conditions.

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GLOBAL NEWS HIGHLIGHTS OF THIS WEEK:

	<p>Floods in Punjab and Haryana (which produce 75% of India's basmati) have cut crop area to 34.44 lakh ha from 37.28 lakh ha, with Punjab alone down to 7.6 lakh ha from 10.04 lakh ha. Exporters are shifting procurement to Haryana, UP, and MP to offset losses, as India targets 6.5 MT basmati exports in FY26 (vs 6.06 MT worth \$5.94b last year). April–Aug 2025 exports rose 15% YoY to 3.1 MT and 16% to \$1.74b, though US tariffs remain a concern. READ MORE (23-Sep)</p>
	<p>Thailand's rice exports fell 16.9% YoY in August 2025 to 739,497 tonnes, with Jan–Aug shipments down 24.1% to 5.03 MT, marking the 10th straight monthly decline. Export value dropped 30% to \$3.95b, while domestic white rice prices fell by THB 200/tonne to THB 6,500–6,700, though jasmine rice held steady at THB 15,500–16,000. READ MORE (25-Sep)</p>
	<p>Cambodia is on track to export over 700,000 tonnes of milled rice in 2025, after shipping 472,803 tonnes (+14.7% YoY) worth part of the \$1.46b rice trade revenue in Jan–Aug. The government is also boosting diversification with new MoUs for \$65m cashew, fruit, and vegetable exports to China, while maintaining strong demand from the EU, China, ASEAN, and Africa. READ MORE (18-Sep)</p>
	<p>Vietnam's Ministry of Industry and Trade (MoIT) has launched measures to stabilize the domestic rice market and expand exports, including EU/UK tariff quota negotiations, market monitoring, and brand promotion. Departments have been tasked with executing the Rice Export Market Development Strategy to 2030, targeting new markets such as EU, South Korea, and North America, while tightening domestic fraud inspections. READ MORE (25-Sep)</p>
	<p>Indonesia's Government Rice Reserves (CBP) have reached 3.9 million tonnes, with 798,800 tonnes already distributed in 2025 through price stabilisation, food aid, and emergency programmes. An additional 365,500 tonnes will be provided to 18.27 million households in Oct–Nov, as Bapanas urges Bulog to maintain quality and speed up distribution to stabilise prices and curb inflation.. READ MORE (23-Sep)</p>

GLOBAL RICE TENDER & TRADE UPDATE:

Bangladesh tenders to buy 50,000 metric tons of rice, traders say

- **Tender Issuer:** Bangladesh's state grains buyer.
- **Quantity:** 50,000 metric tons of rice.
- **Type:** Non-basmati parboiled rice (2025 crop year).
- **Deadline:** October 6 for submission of price offers.
- **Validity of Offers:** Until October 20.
- **Shipment Terms:** CIF liner out (includes unloading costs).
- **Ports of Delivery:** Chittagong and Mongla.
- **Shipment Deadline:** Within 40 days after contract award.
- **Origin Restrictions:** Rice can come from any country except Israel.
- **Market Context:** Despite bumper harvests and renewed imports, domestic rice prices in Bangladesh remain **15–20%** higher YoY.



Source: Publications & News

UPCOMING EVENTS:



Anuga 2025

Date: October 4, 2025 – October 8, 2025

Time (for visitors): 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

For more details: <https://service.anuga.com/fairapplication/login>

Location: Cologne Marathon



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

Address: '5 Star' Shangri-La Hotel



Gulf Food Fair 2026

Date: January - 26, 2026 to January -30, 2026

Locations:

- Dubai world trade center
- Dubai expo city

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