

RICE MARKET REPORT

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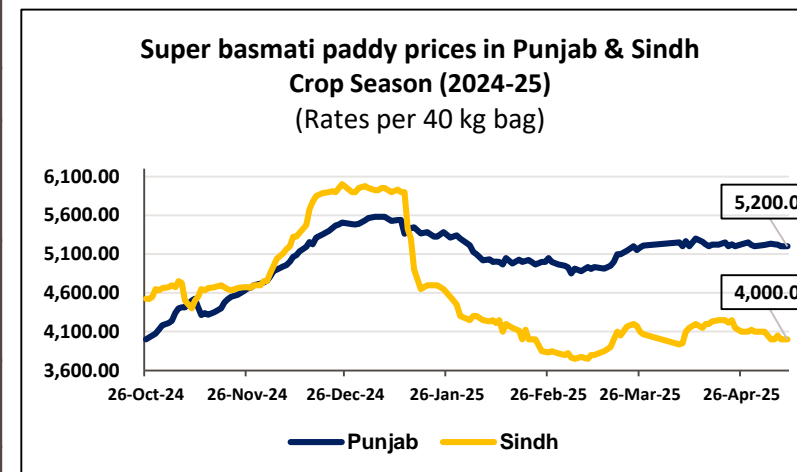
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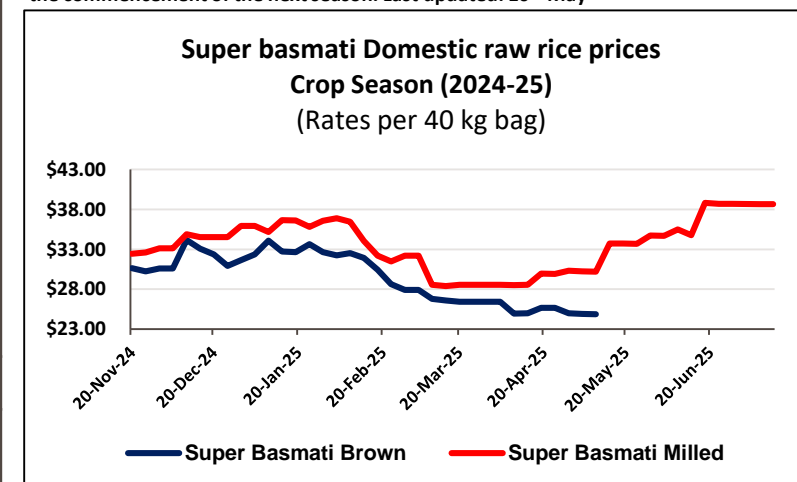
MAJOR RICE VARITIES GROWN IN PAKISTAN: (Basmati)

(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 Super Basmati crop in Pakistan remains under production, with harvesting expected to begin in the first week of November 2025. Overall, the basmati market continues to show competitive dynamics, as both India and Pakistan maintain adequate stock levels amid subdued demand. The ongoing Anuga Food Fair has temporarily softened market activity, with exporters from both countries offering rice at lower prices to attract European and UK buyers. Current offers for basmati brown rice stand at USD 800–830 per ton for India's Pusa Basmati and USD 825–850 per ton for Pakistan's Super Basmati. Despite tariff pressures, India remains more price-competitive in key EU and UK markets, while Pakistani exporters are expected to gain momentum once the new crop reaches the market in November. 	
Local Consumption	Super basmati is consumed locally in a lower proportion.	
Competition	Pakistan: 825 – 850 USD per ton F.O.B (Super Basmati brown)	India: 800 – 830 USD per ton F.O.B (Pusa Basmati brown)



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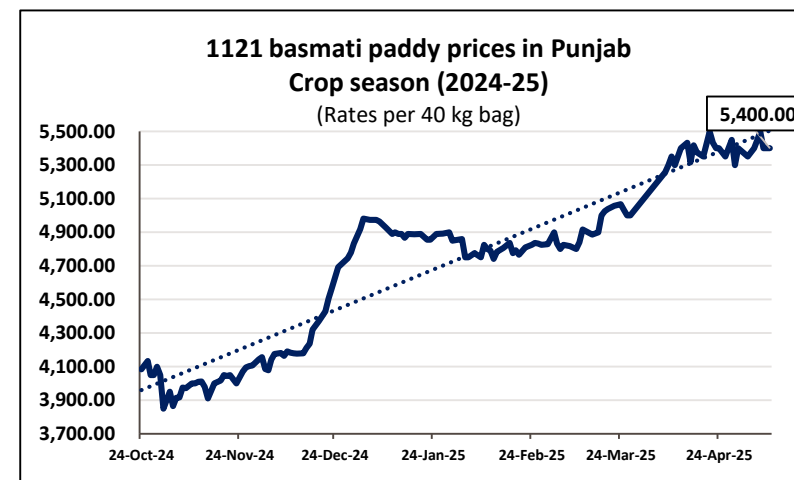


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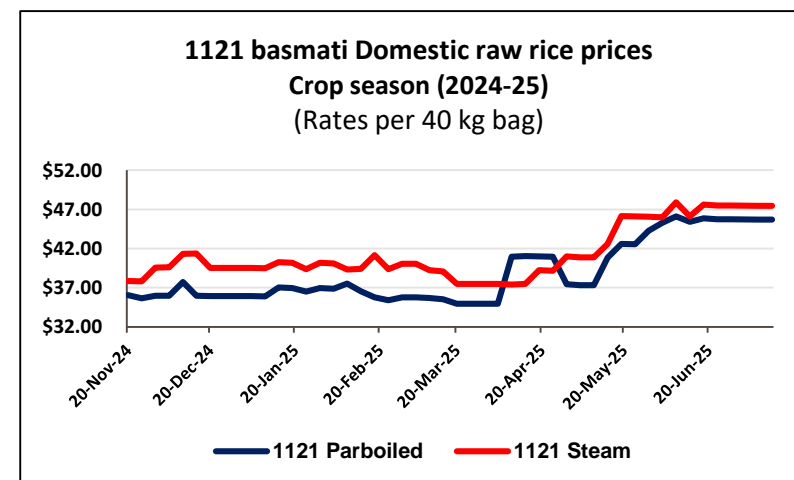
MAJOR RICE VARITIES GROWN IN PAKISTAN: (Basmati)

(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 1121 Basmati crop is currently maturing in the fields, with arrivals expected to begin in the first week of November 2025. The variety will enter the market alongside its hybrid counterpart, 1718, which shares similar grain traits and growing patterns. Early field assessments suggest a healthy crop with promising yields, indicating a stable supply outlook for the upcoming export season. 	
Local Consumption	1121 basmati rice is consumed locally	
Competition	Pakistan: ----	India: 1000 – 1050 USD per ton F.O.B (1121 Steam rice)



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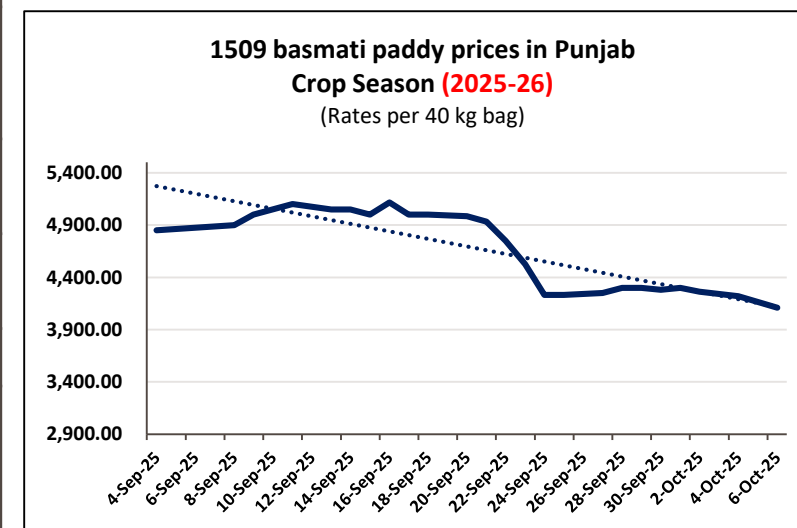


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MAJOR RICE VARITIES GROWN IN PAKISTAN: (Basmati)

(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 Basmati crop has already started arriving in the market along with some non-basmati varieties. Current paddy prices range between PKR 4,100–4,200 per 40 kg, compared to earlier levels of PKR 4,800–5,200 per 40 kg, marking a decline of around 20%. The price correction follows the receding floodwaters and the government's assistance to affected farmers, which has stabilized supply in key producing areas. Despite the drop, the 1509 crop is developing rapidly, and market sentiment remains soft. The market now appears to be stabilizing. 	
Local Consumption	1509 basmati rice is consumed locally and also exported in some proportion.	

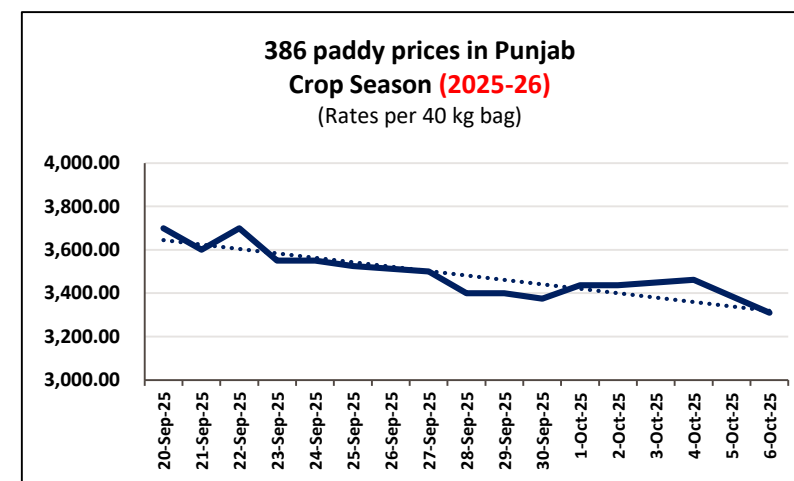


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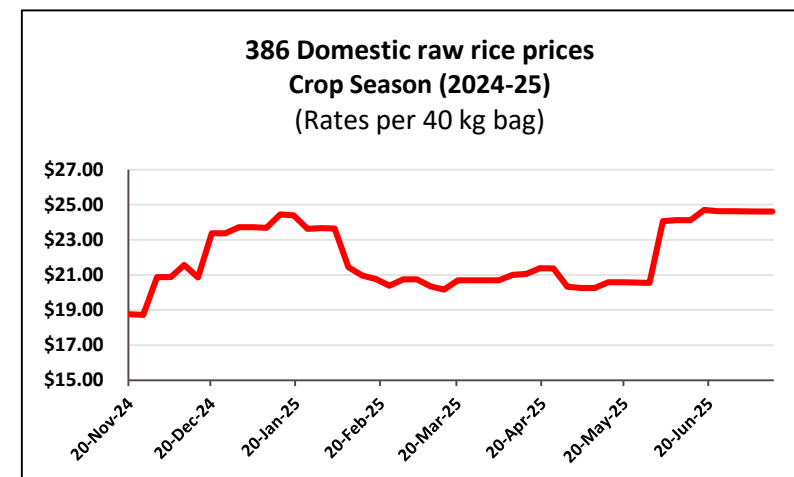
MAJOR RICE VARIETIES GROWN IN PAKISTAN: (Non-Basmati)

(Production, consumption, supply and Demand)

PK-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 PK 386 variety has also begun arriving in the market. Current paddy prices range between PKR 3,300–3,400 per 40 kg, compared to earlier levels of PKR 3,600–3,700 per 40 kg, reflecting a decline of around 10–12%. The adjustment comes as floodwaters have receded and government support has helped restore stability in affected farming areas. Market conditions now appear to be stabilizing, with moderate trade activity and consistent arrivals expected in the coming weeks. Overall, PK 386 prices remain close to last year's crop levels, supported by medium demand in both domestic and export markets. 	
Local Consumption	386 rice is consumed locally.	



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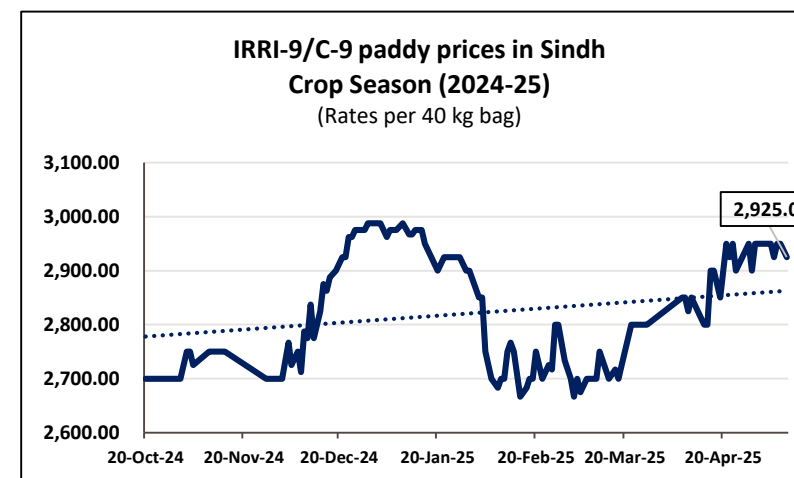


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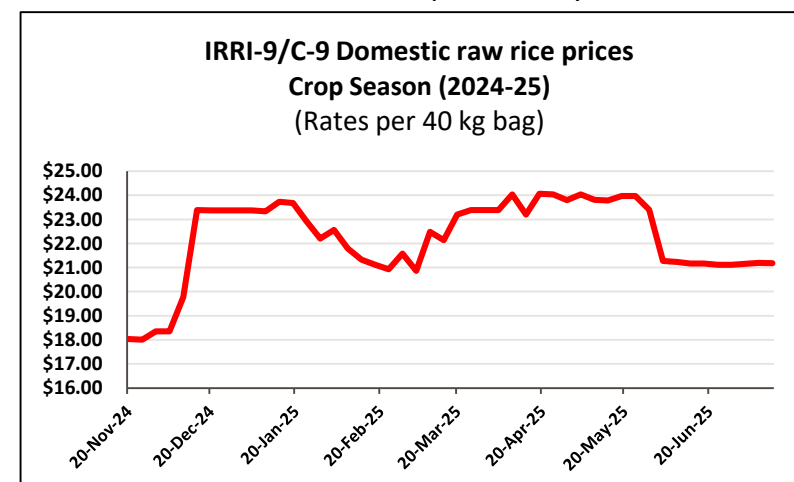
MAJOR RICE VARITIES GROWN IN PAKISTAN: (Non-Basmati)

(Production, consumption, supply and Demand)

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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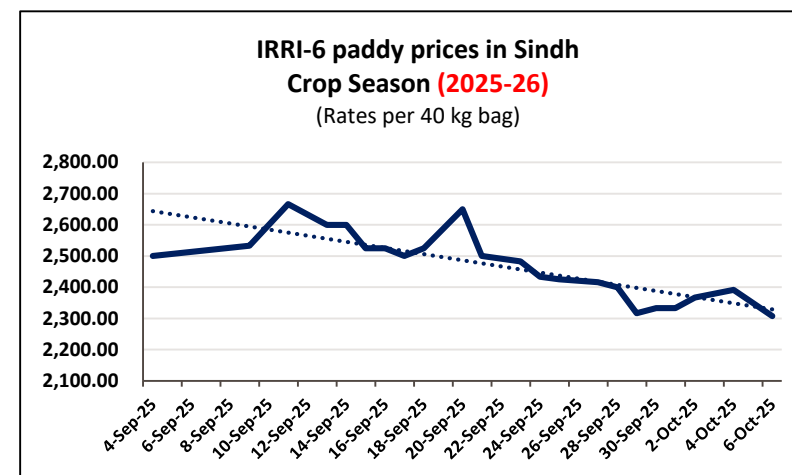
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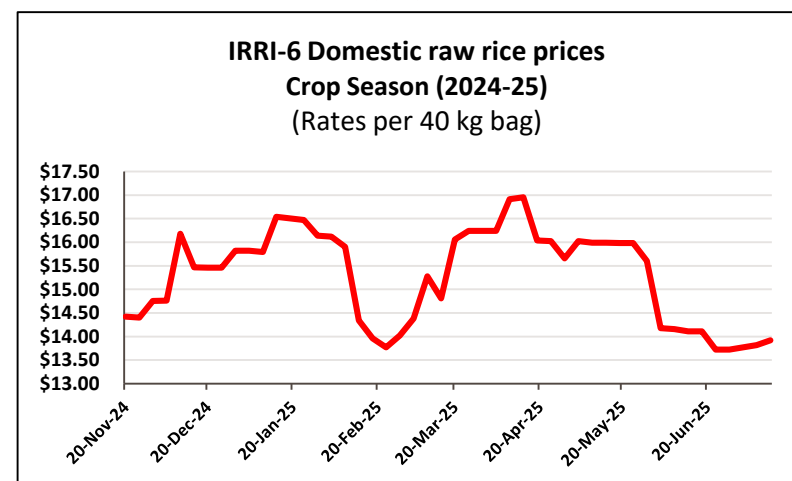
(Production, consumption, supply and Demand)



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 IRRI-6 variety has also started arriving in the market, with current paddy prices ranging between PKR 2,300–2,350 per 40 kg, down from PKR 2,600–2,650 per 40 kg earlier, marking a decline of around 15%. Market conditions now appear to be stabilizing, supported by moderate trade activity and steady arrivals in both Punjab and Sindh. The price difference between the two provinces remains minimal, although arrivals in Punjab are relatively lower compared to Sindh. 	
Local Consumption	IRRI-6 rice is consumed locally.	

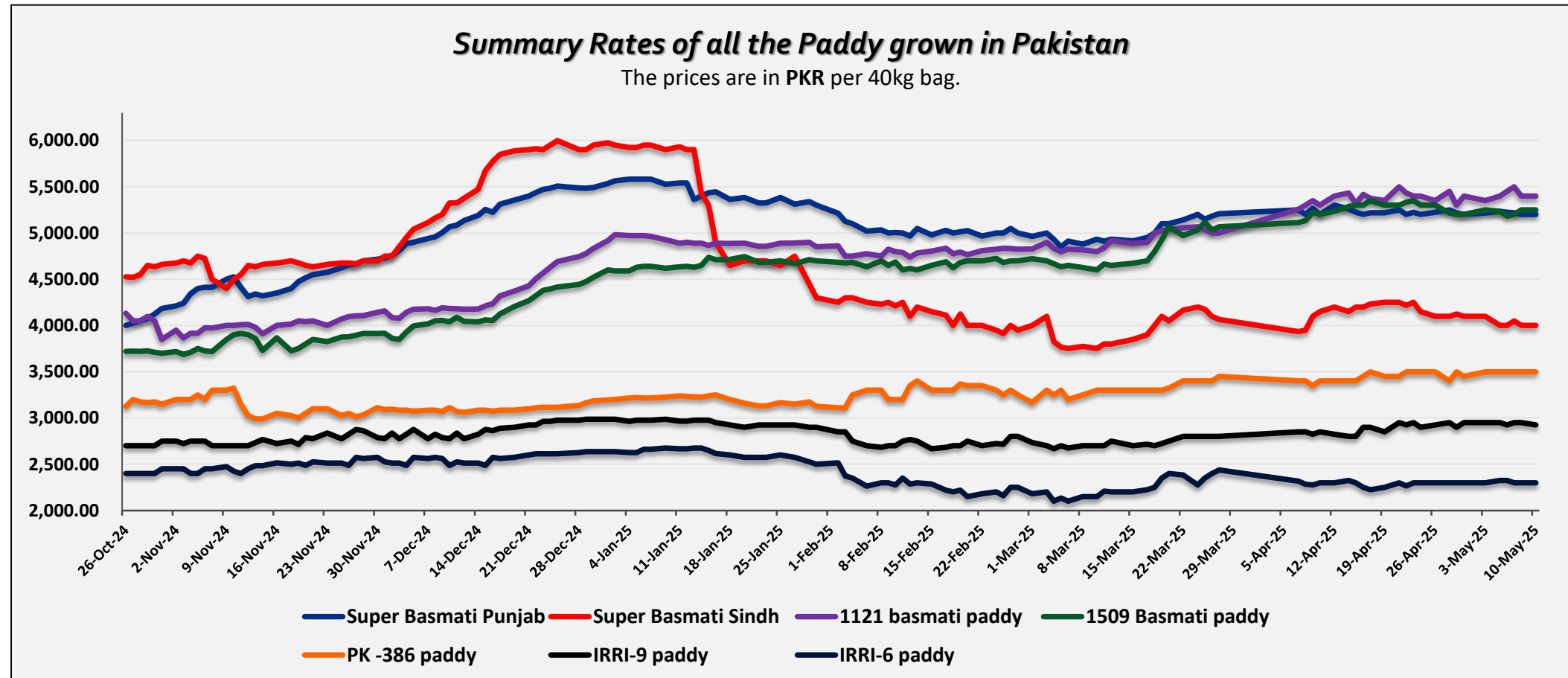


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SUMMARY RATES OF ALL THE PADDY GROWN IN PAKISTAN



Here we present a comparative performance on all the varieties grown in Pakistan till the time being reported. (Last Updated: 10th May 2025)

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 **Rice Exporters Association of Pakistan (REAP)** has set an ambitious target of **180,000 metric tons** of rice exports to **Saudi Arabia** this year, up from **110,000 tons** last year. **Chairman Faisal Jahangir Malik** announced plans to send another trade delegation to **Saudi Arabia** in December to strengthen market presence. He also revealed positive signals from Iran to increase imports of Pakistani rice, aiming to raise Pakistan's share from **30% to 70%**. **Malik** expressed confidence in achieving higher yields despite minor crop losses, citing increased cultivation area, quality inputs, and improved climate conditions as key factors driving export growth. [Read More](#) (2nd Oct).
- The **Trade Development Authority of Pakistan (TDAP)** held a seminar in Gujranwala on the management of **Maximum Residue Limits (MRL)** and aflatoxin in rice to boost export compliance and quality standards. Experts from **TDAP, REAP**, and research institutes emphasized safe pesticide use, proper drying, and storage practices to meet **EU** food safety standards, noting **35 EU notifications** against Pakistani rice in 2025. Officials urged farmers to adopt sustainable and compliant farming methods to reduce export rejections. **TDAP** also announced upcoming rice promotion roadshows in the EU and Middle East and continued seminars across Punjab's rice-producing regions. [Read More](#) (30th Sept).
- The Food Department recovered **1,374 metric tons** of illegally hoarded wheat from **Rasheed Rice Mills** in Lalian during inspections across Chiniot district. Authorities sealed the wheat and warned against its sale without permission. Meanwhile, the Punjab Food Authority conducted operations at **74 food outlets**, imposing **Rs 51,000** in fines for poor hygiene, expired food, and defective milk samples. [Read More](#) (30th Sept).



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

- Basmati rice exports fell to **101,934 MT (\$107.29m)** from **186,673 MT (\$192.61m)** last year, marking a **sharp decline of -45%** in volume and **-44%** in value.
- **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:

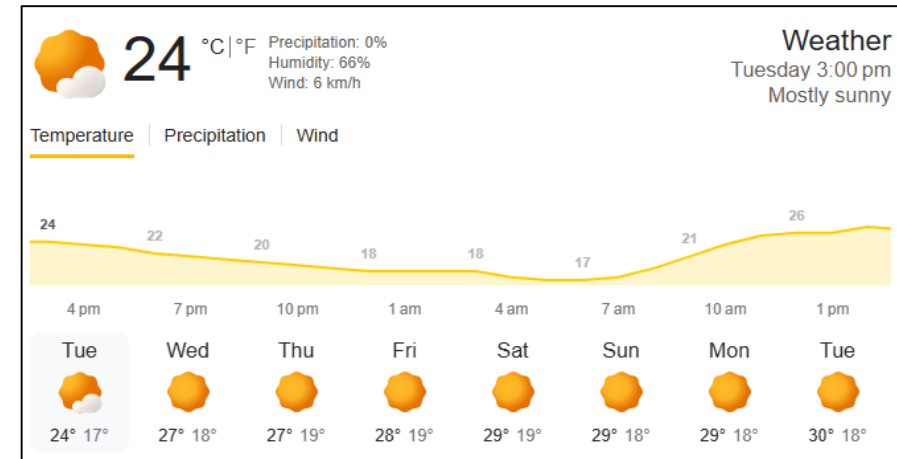
Punjab Farmers Face Flood Losses as Solar Irrigation Deepens Water Crisis:

- The **Punjab government** has approved **Rs20,000 per acre** compensation for farmers facing crop losses due to heavy rains and possible flooding. Around **2,000 teams** are surveying flood damages across **27 districts**, with completion expected by October 27. The **PDMA** has issued warnings as India may release over **150,000** cusecs of water into Punjab's rivers, heightening flood risks. The Bank of Punjab will facilitate payments to affected farmers, while a digital complaint platform has been launched for quick grievance resolution. Meanwhile, the **NDMA** and **NEOC** have alerted authorities about more rainfall in **Punjab, KP, Sindh, and GB**, with landslides likely in hilly areas. Over **11,000 officials** are monitoring flood response and relief efforts across the province.
- At the same time, Punjab's farmers are increasingly adopting solar-powered tube wells, reducing energy costs and boosting irrigation. The shift has expanded rice cultivation by **30% since 2023** and is projected to cut agricultural power demand by **45% by 2025**. However, experts warn it is depleting groundwater, with water tables falling below **60 feet** in several areas. Authorities are promoting aquifer recharge and water quality projects, though poor regulation could deepen Pakistan's water and food security crisis.
- ✓ The current weather is ideal for the new crop, especially **basmati rice**, sunny days and cool evenings mark the onset of winter in Pakistan, supporting healthy crop growth and timely harvesting.

Source: Publications & News



Source: AI



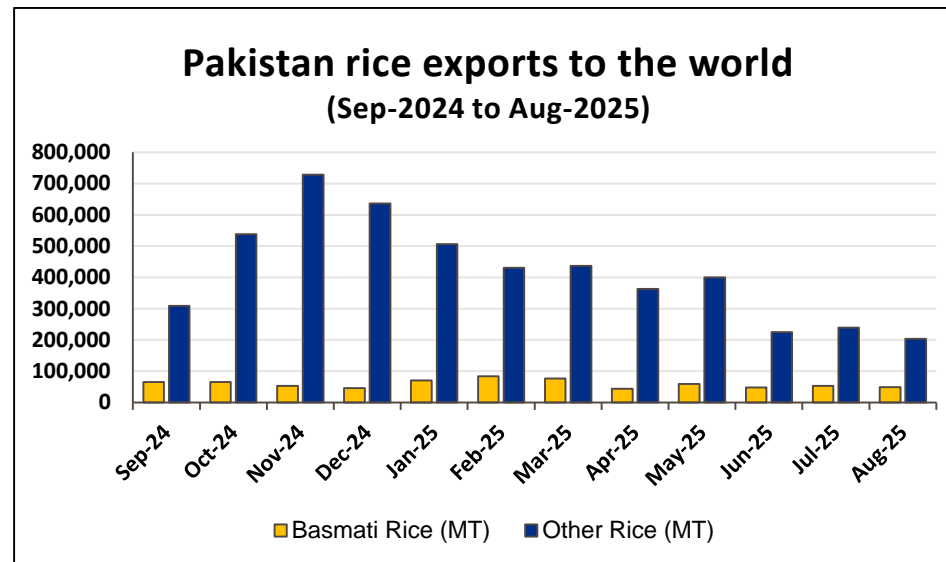
Source: Google Weather
Weather forecast from 07th October and onward.

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

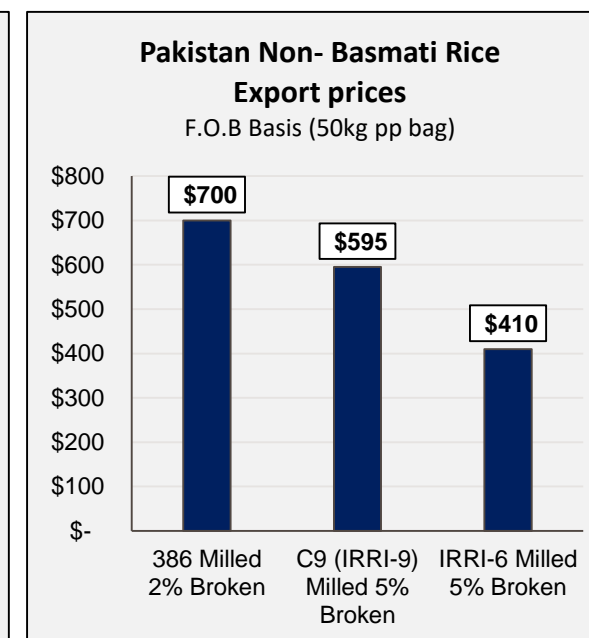
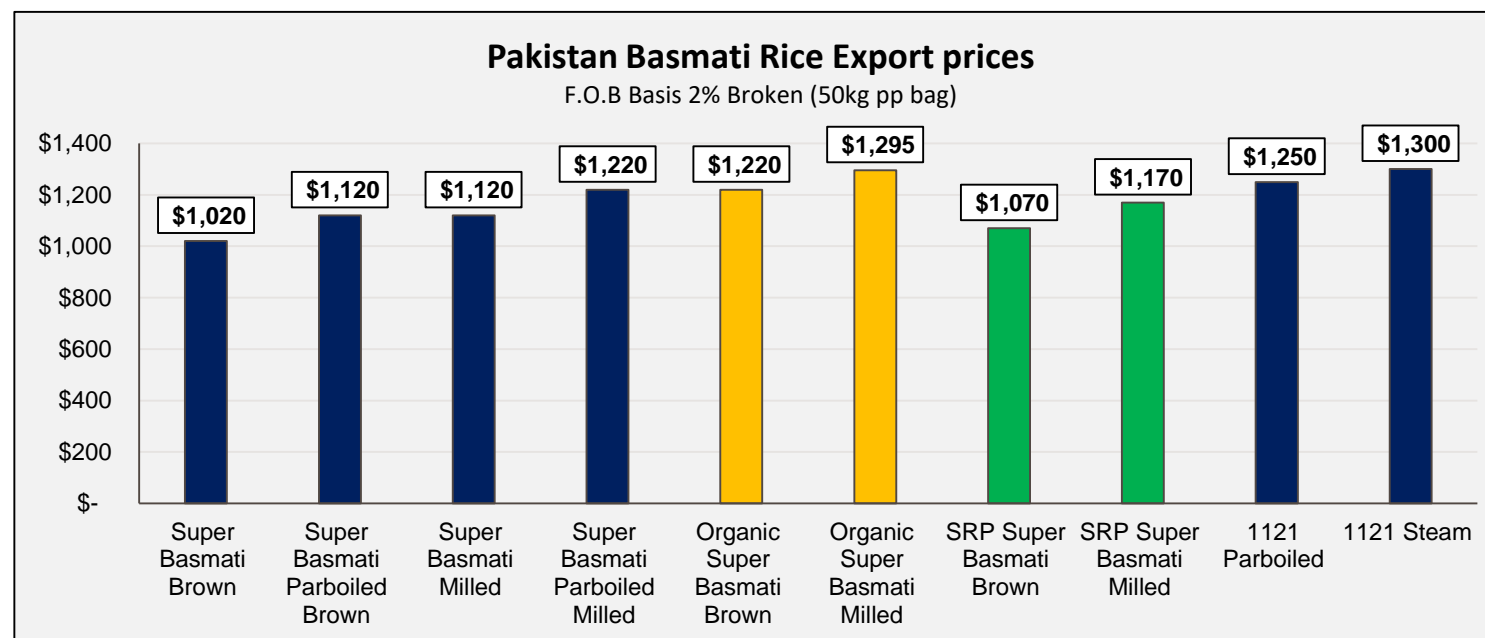
Pakistan Rice Production Volume (2024-25)
 Milled rice production in (1000 Tons): 10,000
 Rough rice production in (1000 Tons): 15,002

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).



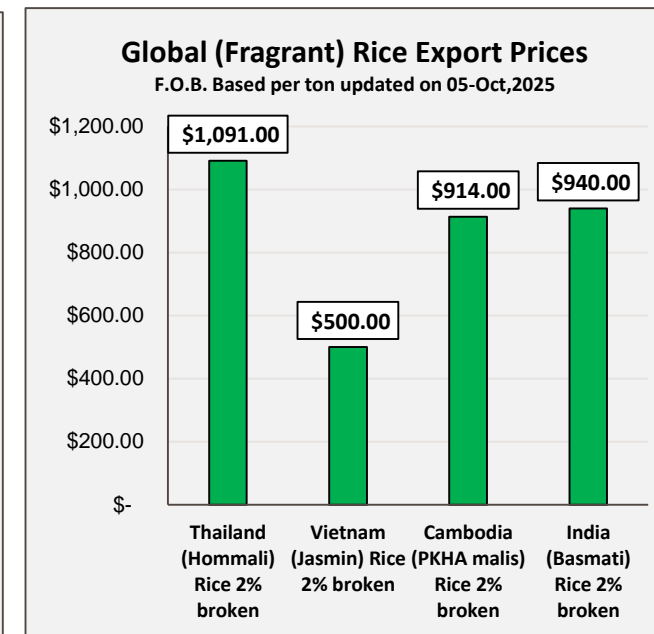
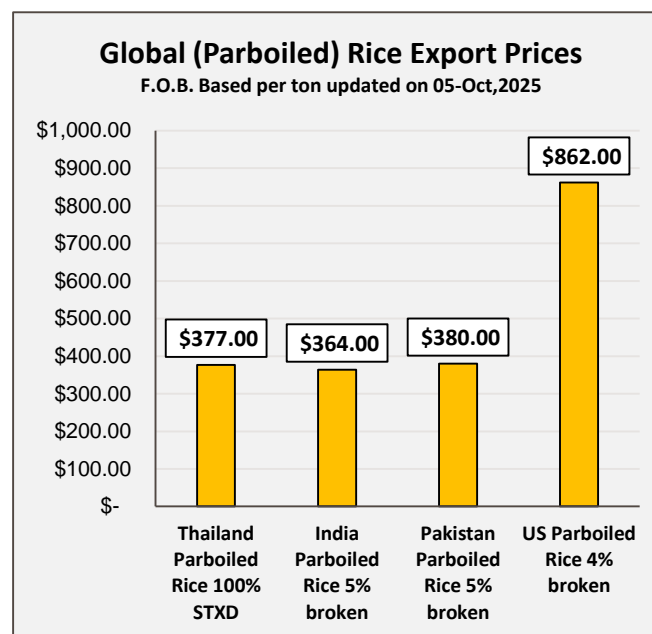
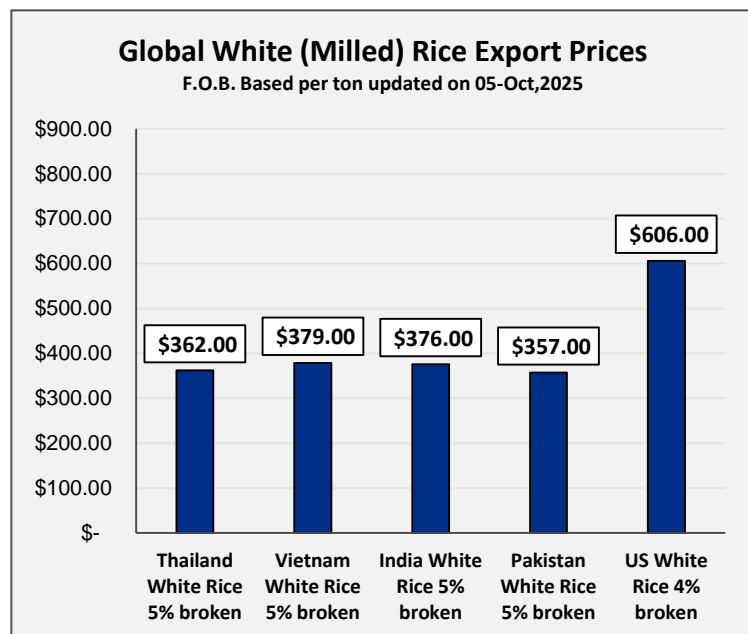
All Prices were updated on 2nd August 2025.

*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 5th Oct 2025.

- As per the news the **Rice export prices from India** have fallen to their lowest level in over three years, with 5% broken parboiled rice quoted at **USD 354–364 per ton** and **5% broken white rice at USD 369–376 per ton**, down from **USD 367–371 last week**. The decline is driven by weak export demand as Indian rice remains costlier than supplies from Pakistan and Thailand. Meanwhile, India's government rice stocks rose **14% year-on-year**, reaching a record high for early September, reflecting abundant domestic supply.

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

GLOBAL NEWS HIGHLIGHTS OF THIS WEEK:

	<p>India has made APEDA registration mandatory for all non-basmati rice exports to improve monitoring and policy compliance. The decision follows a 6.4% rise in rice shipments to \$4.7 billion during April–August FY2025 and aims to track export volumes, prevent mis-declaration, and ensure domestic food security. READ MORE (04-Oct)</p>
	<p>The Philippines will extend its rice import ban until April 2026, allowing imports only in January to protect local farmers. The country has already imported 3.5 million tons, exceeding requirements, with production expected at 20.29–20.51 million tons. The USDA projects imports could reach 5 million tons in 2025–26. READ MORE (08-Oct)</p>
	<p>China has become the top importer of Myanmar rice in the first five months of FY2025–26, buying 498,926 tonnes, nearly half of total exports. Myanmar exported just over 1 million tonnes worth US\$355 million during this period, with May being the peak month. The Myanmar Rice Federation targets 3 million tonnes in exports this fiscal year, up from 2.48 million tonnes worth US\$1.13 billion last year. READ MORE (06-Oct)</p>
	<p>Indonesia is nearing rice self-sufficiency as national production is projected to hit 33.19 million tons from January–November 2025, up 12.6% from last year and the highest in seven years. Agriculture Minister Andi Amran Sulaiman said no rice imports will be needed this year, while the USDA and FAO project output at 34.6–35.6 million tons, confirming Indonesia’s strong progress toward food security and price stability. READ MORE (04-Oct)</p>
	<p>Vietnam’s rice export prices have fallen sharply as the Philippines, its biggest buyer, extended its import ban until at least November, possibly year-end. FAO data shows 5% broken Vietnam rice averaged \$372.1/MT in September, down 4% from August and 32% year-on-year. The global price decline follows India’s return to exports and ample supply, leaving Vietnamese exporters anxious amid weaker demand and rising storage costs. READ MORE (06-Oct)</p>

GLOBAL RICE TENDER & TRADE UPDATE:

Bangladesh tenders to buy 50,000 metric tons of rice

- Bangladesh's state grains buyer has issued a tender to purchase **50,000 metric** tons of non-basmati parboiled rice (**2025 crop year**), with the deadline for price submissions set for **October 6** and offers valid until **October 20**. The shipment, under **CIF liner out terms** including unloading costs, must be delivered to **Chittagong and Mongla ports** within 40 days of contract award. The tender allows **rice imports** from any country except Israel. Despite a strong domestic harvest and renewed import activity, rice prices in **Bangladesh remain 15–20% higher year-on-year**. (24 SEPT 2025)
- **India's Bagadiya Brothers Pvt Ltd** has won **Bangladesh's first 50,000-tonne** rice import tender under the interim government, securing the order at **USD 359.77** per tonne for delivery within 40 days via sea route. The tender, which saw participation from India, Singapore, UAE, and Indonesia, marks the start of **Bangladesh's plan to import 9 lakh tonnes of rice**, with **4 lakh tonnes under direct government procurement** and **5 lakh tonnes for private importers**. Indian exporters especially from West Bengal, Odisha, Jharkhand, and Andhra Pradesh are expected to benefit, as demand and prices for Indian rice varieties like Swarna, Ratna, Miniket, and Sona Masoori have already risen. (8 OCT 2025)



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

For more details, please click here: [Global Rice Events](#)



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