

RICE MARKET REPORT

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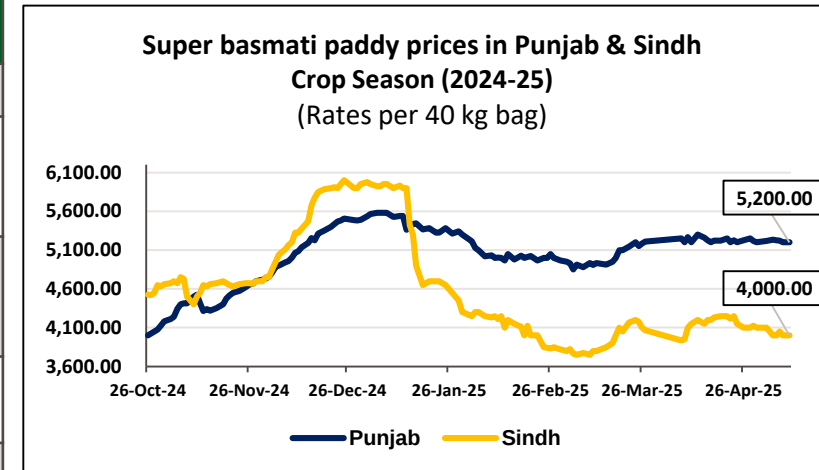
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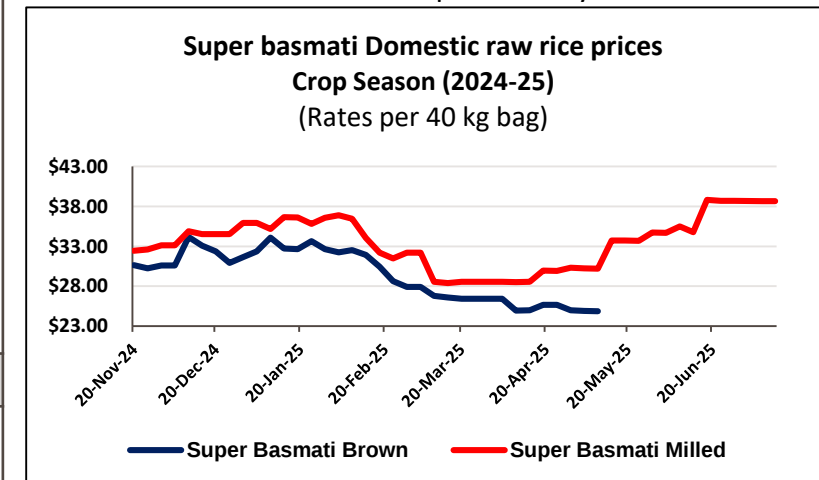
MAJOR RICE VARITIES GROWN IN PAKISTAN: (Basmati)

(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 Acres 2023-24: 15,78,000 Acres	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	- Super basmati brown - Super basmati milled - Super basmati parboiled brown - Super basmati parboiled Milled	
Major Markets	Europe, Gulf region and UK.	
Supply and Demand	- In the first quarter of FY2025–26, Pakistan's rice exports declined sharply by 42% year-on-year, with Basmati exports down 43.6%. The downward trend continued in September 2025, as rice exports fell 59% year-on-year and 29% month-on-month, with Basmati down 42% YoY and 21% MoM. - Currently, the Basmati market remains under pressure, with buyers showing limited interest and minimal new purchases. Demand is expected to stay weak as trade with Afghanistan remains suspended due to ongoing conflict, further tightening regional movement. - Meanwhile, India's larger crop and lower-priced Pusa Basmati offers are adding additional pressure on Pakistan's exporters, although both countries report strong crop quality and healthy yields this season.	
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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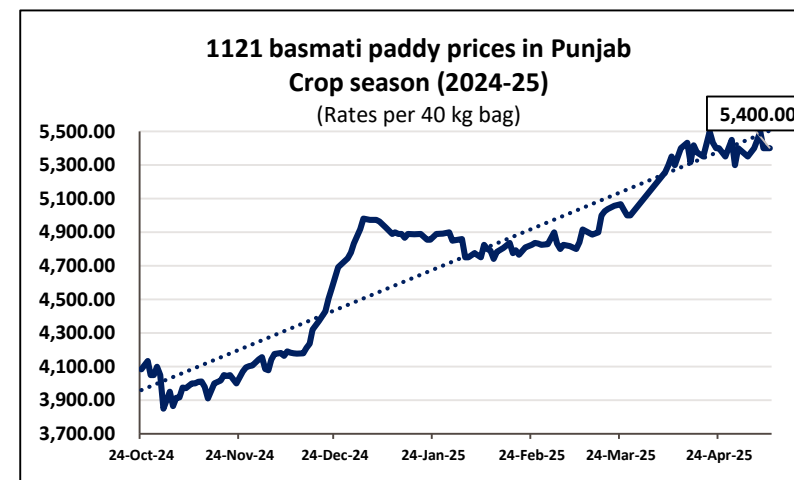


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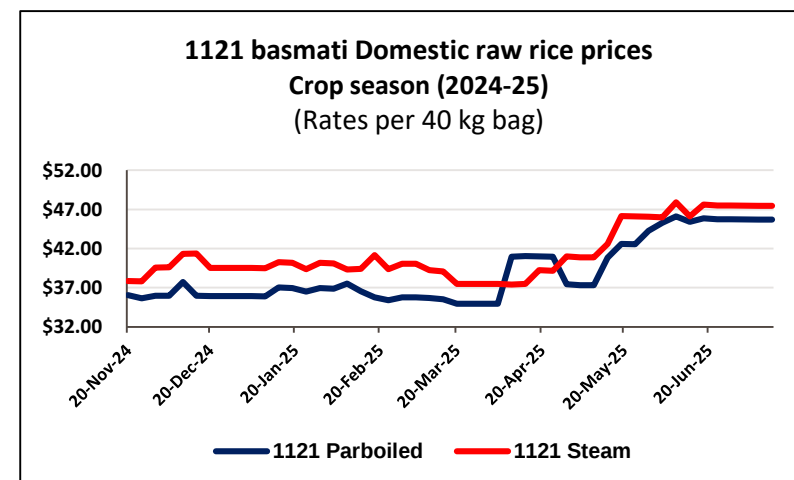
MAJOR RICE VARITIES GROWN IN PAKISTAN: (Basmati)

(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	1121 basmati Parboiled 1121 basmati Steam 1121 basmati Milled	
Major Markets	Europe, Gulf region and UK.	
Supply and Demand	- Pakistan's 1121 Basmati rice market is facing similar pressure, with exports slowing amid weak international demand and limited buying activity. - The ongoing border tensions with Afghanistan have disrupted regional trade, while India's larger crop and lower-priced Pusa 1121 offers continue to dominate key markets. - Despite this, Pakistan's 1121 crop is expected with excellent quality and strong yields, but trading sentiment remains subdued until fresh demand emerges.	
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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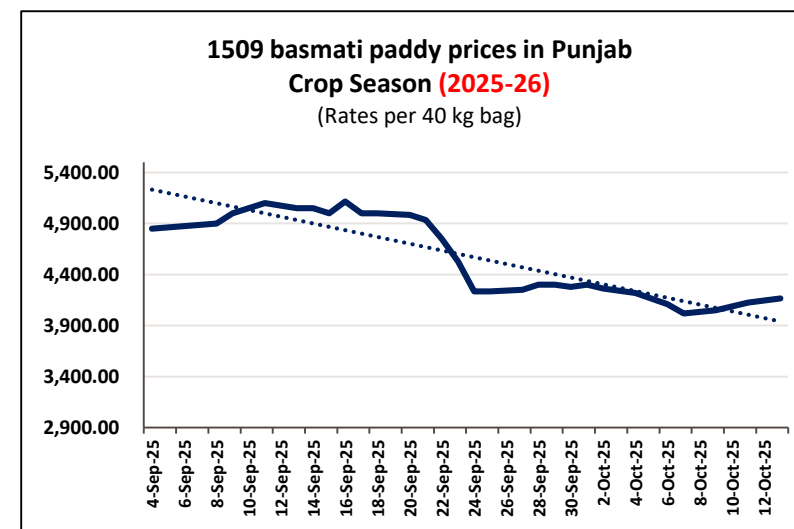


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MAJOR RICE VARITIES GROWN IN PAKISTAN: (Basmati)

(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	1509 basmati Parboiled 1509 basmati Steam 1509 basmati Milled	
Major Markets	Gulf region, UK and USA.	
Supply and Demand	- The 1509 Basmati bumper crop and heavy supply have already begun arriving in the market, alongside 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%. - 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.	

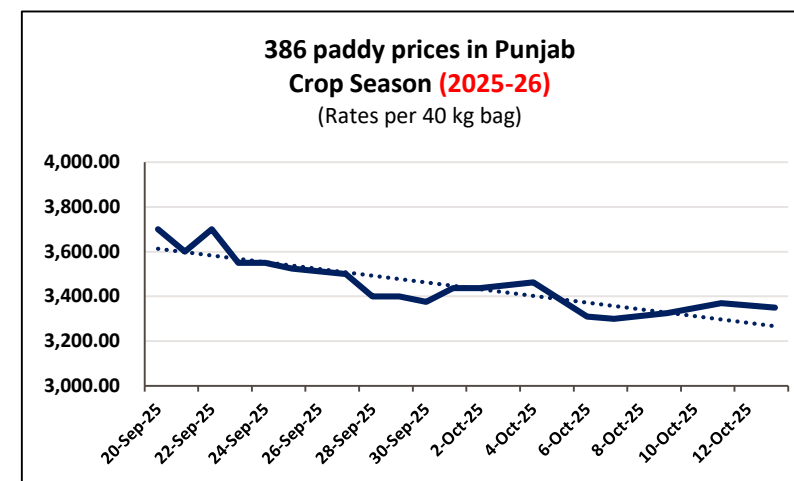


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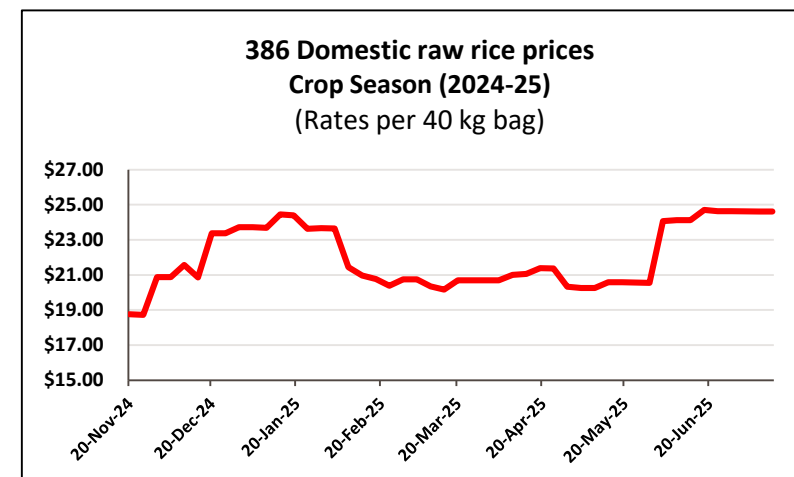
MAJOR RICE VARITIES GROWN IN PAKISTAN: (Non-Basmati)

(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	386 brown rice 386 milled rice 386 parboiled rice	
Major Markets	African and Gulf countries.	
Supply and Demand	- 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%. - 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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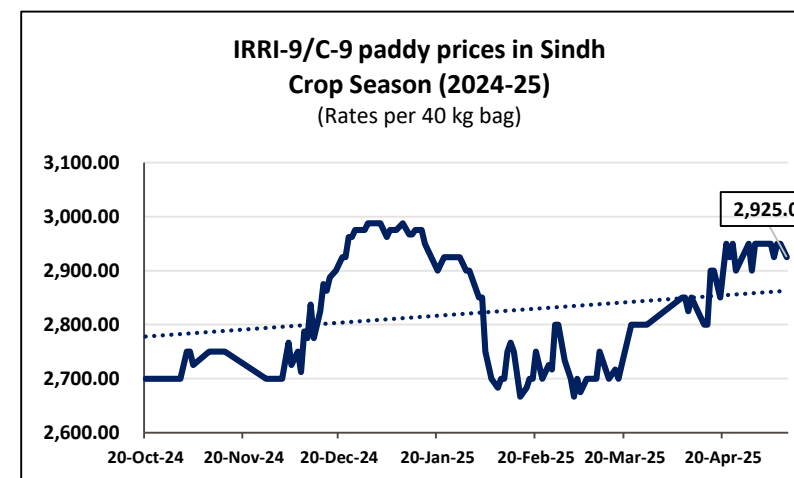


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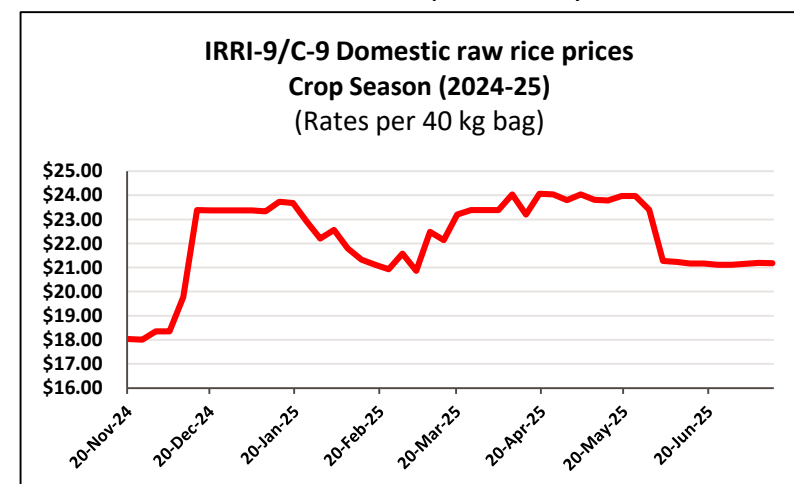
MAJOR RICE VARIETIES GROWN IN PAKISTAN: (Non-Basmati)

(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	IRRI-9 milled rice is commonly traded.	
Major Markets	Gulf & African countries.	
Supply and Demand	- In the first quarter of FY2025–26, Pakistan’s rice exports fell sharply by 42% year-on-year, with non-Basmati (IRRI-6 & IRRI-9) down 41.1%, contributing significantly to the widening trade deficit. In September 2025, non-Basmati rice exports plunged 66% year-on-year and 33% month-on-month, reflecting weak global demand and market pressures. - 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.	
Local Consumption	IRRI-9 rice is consumed locally.	



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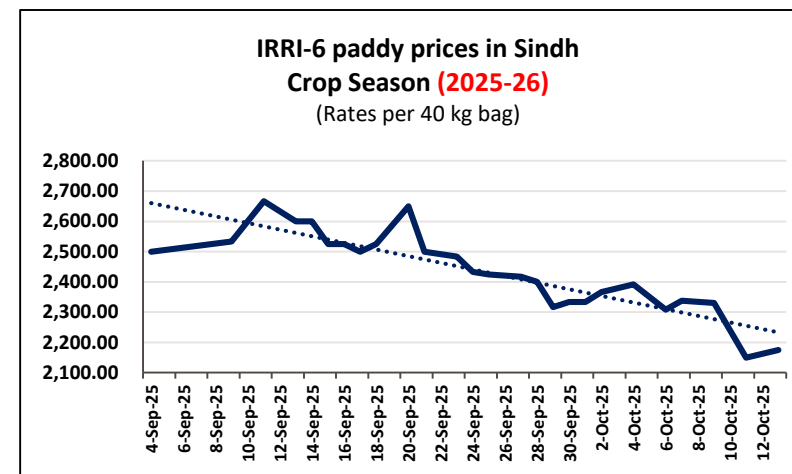


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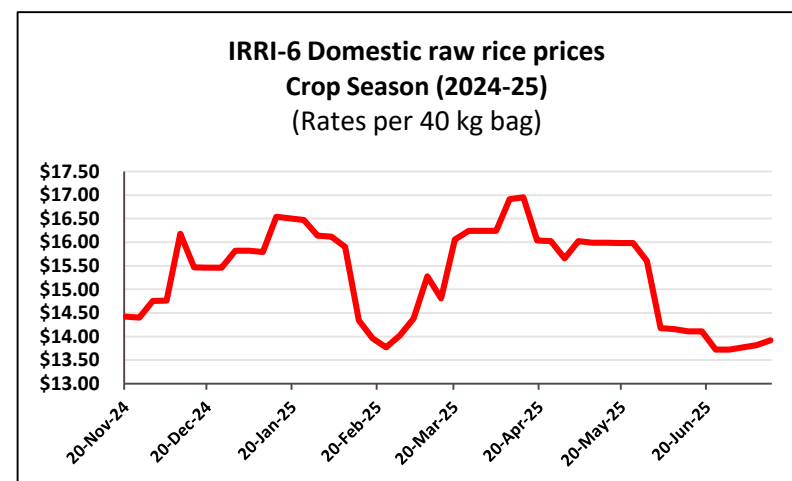
MAJOR RICE VARITIES GROWN IN PAKISTAN: (Non-Basmati)

(Production, consumption, supply and Demand)

IRRI- 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	- 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	In the first quarter of FY2025–26, Pakistan’s rice exports fell sharply by 42% year-on-year, with non-Basmati (IRRI-6 & IRRI-9) down 41.1%, contributing significantly to the widening trade deficit. In September 2025, non-Basmati rice exports plunged 66% year-on-year and 33% month-on-month, reflecting weak global demand and market pressures. - The IRRI-6 variety has also started arriving in the market, with current paddy prices ranging between PKR 2,100–2,200 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.	

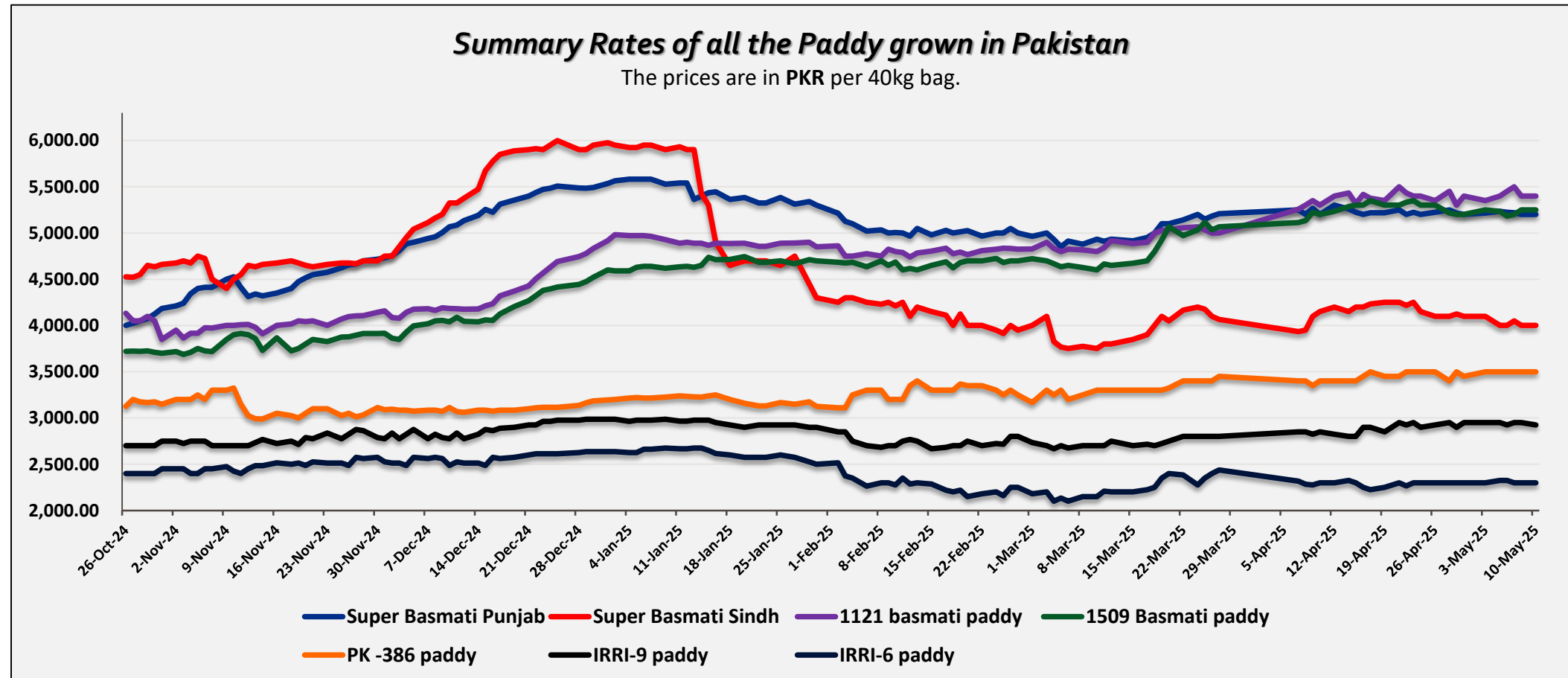


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SUMMARY RATES OF ALL THE PADDY GROWN IN PAKISTAN



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 **Trade Development Authority of Pakistan (TDAP)** is conducting seminars across Sindh's major rice-growing regions to raise awareness about **Aflatoxin and Maximum Residue Level (MRL) management**. The initiative aims to help farmers, millers, and exporters meet international quality standards, reduce export rejections, and boost Pakistan's rice trade competitiveness. [Read More](#) (14th Oct).
- **Farmers** in Sindh are protesting against unfair deductions by rice millers, who are reducing paddy weight based on alleged high moisture content without proper regulation or calibrated equipment. Paddy prices have dropped from **Rs3,600** to as low as **Rs2,200 per 40kg**, leaving growers with heavy losses. The absence of government oversight and lack of standardized moisture testing have fueled farmer frustration across Lower Sindh, where millers are accused of cartelization and exploiting small landholders. [Read More](#) (13th Oct).
- In **Pakistan's** wholesale market, the **price of Basmati rice** is expected to decline by Rs100 per kilogram, dropping from Rs350 to Rs250, driven by increased supply and easing commodity prices. [Read More](#) (10th Oct).
- India's plan to **export 20 million tonnes of non-basmati rice** in 2024–25 is faltering as cheaper supplies from **Myanmar and Pakistan** priced \$30–\$57 lower per tonne undercut its competitiveness. Exports are expected to stay around **15 million tonnes**. A new registration rule for **non-basmati rice** exports and stronger **Indian rupee** further add to exporters' challenges, while record production and growing stockpiles pose management concerns for the government. [Read More](#) (8th Oct).



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:

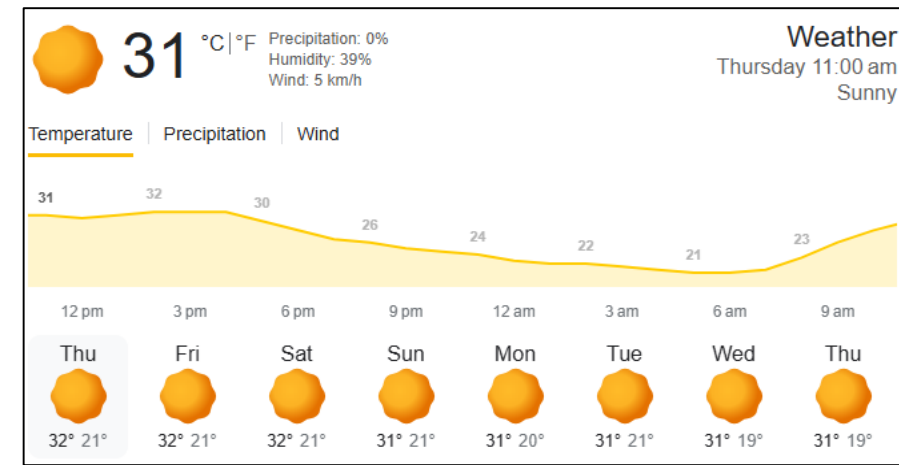
Government Pushes Cooperative Farming as Sindh's Rice Growers Protest Unfair Mill Practices:

- Pakistan's government is promoting **cooperative farming** to empower small and medium farmers by pooling resources, sharing machinery, and collectively marketing produce to **boost productivity and income**. **Federal Minister Rana Tanveer Hussain** described it as a “**social and economic revolution**” that cuts costs, removes middlemen, and ensures fair profits. While experts like **Dr Ally R. Memon** warn that corporations could dominate supply chains and marginalize small farmers, studies show higher yields and profits for cooperative members. Supported by **FAO** recommendations and the Cooperative Societies Amendment Act 2020, the initiative aims to strengthen sustainable agriculture, reduce costly food imports, and formalize the rural economy through transparent and equitable cooperative structures.
- Rice farmers in Sindh are protesting “**unjustified deductions**” by millers, who reduce paddy weight based on alleged high moisture content without proper regulation or calibrated testing. Despite record cultivation in 2025, paddy prices have dropped from **Rs3,600 to as low as Rs2,200 per 40kg**, leaving **growers underpaid and frustrated**. Farmers accuse millers of cartelisation and exploiting the lack of government oversight, while experts say crops with **12–14% moisture** are suitable for milling. The absence of a fixed support price, poor enforcement of quality standards, and defective or unused moisture meters have deepened growers' losses across Lower Sindh.
- ✓ 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



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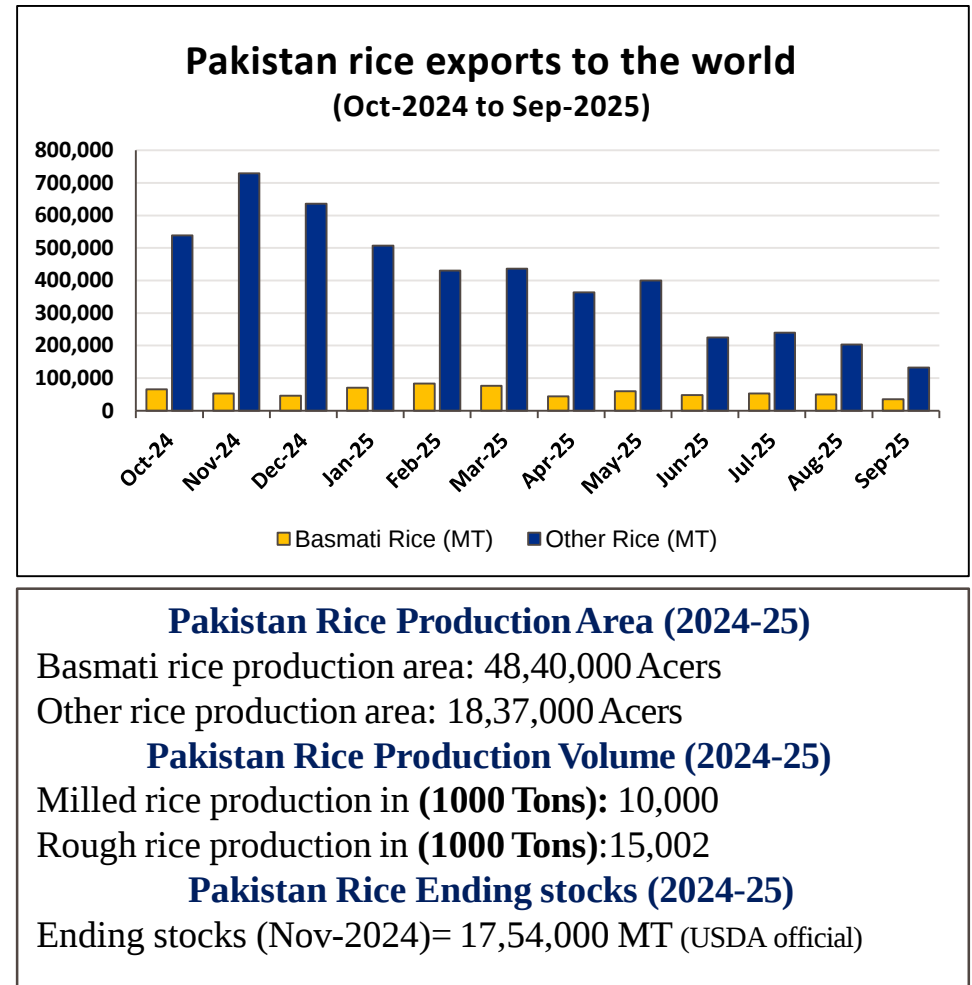


Source: Google Weather
Weather forecast from 16th October and onward.

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) \$
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
Sep-25	35,093	\$41,094	132,232	\$63,213	167,325	\$104,307
Total	681,726	715,797	4,841,221	2,334,086	5,522,947	\$3,049,883

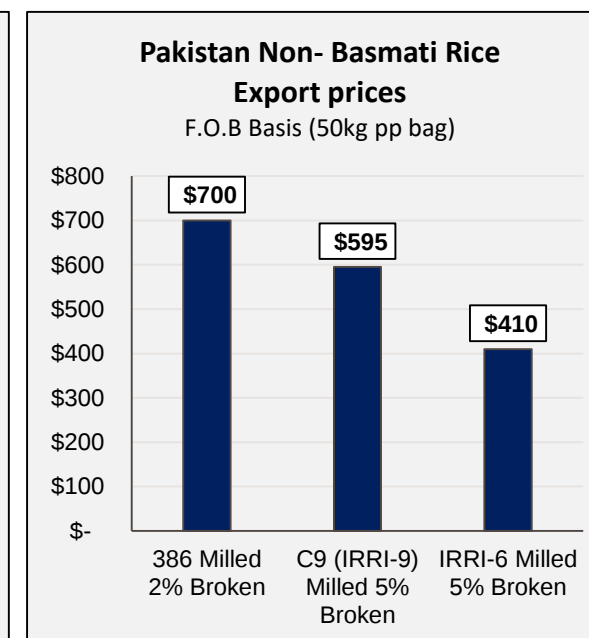
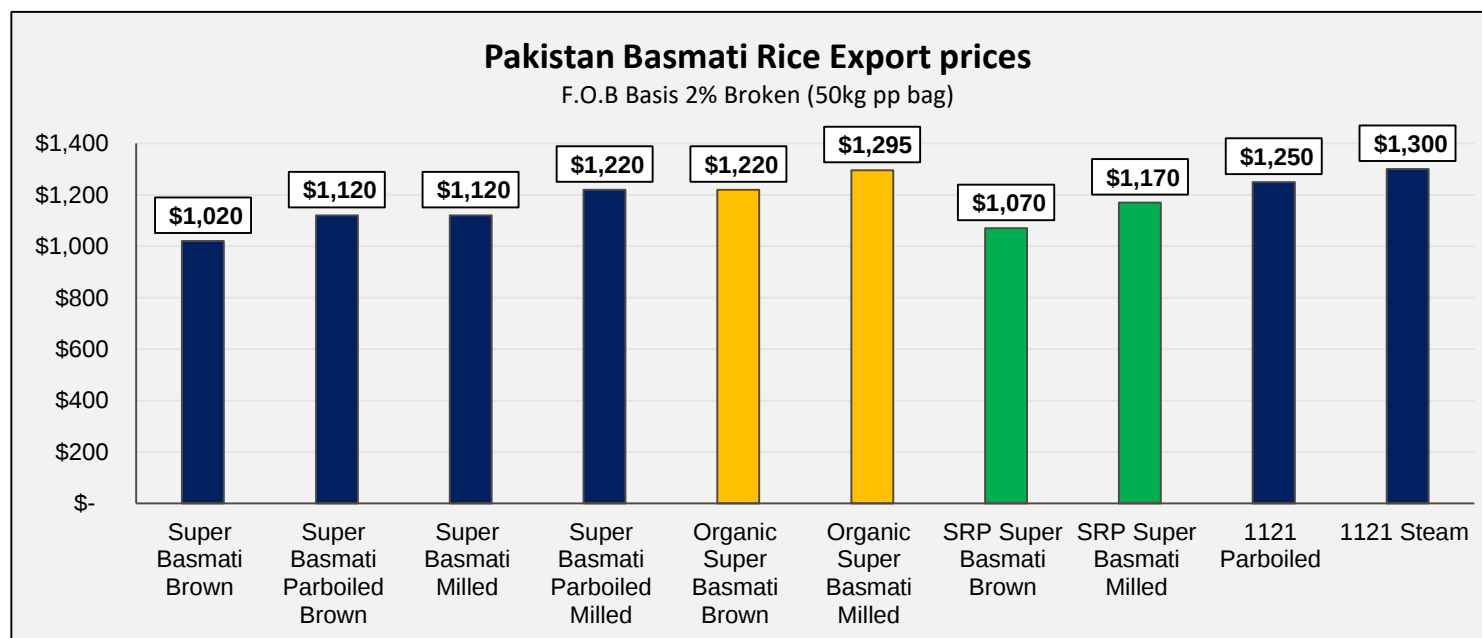
Source: Pakistan Bureau of statistics



Source: Punjab crop department & USDA

PAKISTAN RICE PRICES:

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



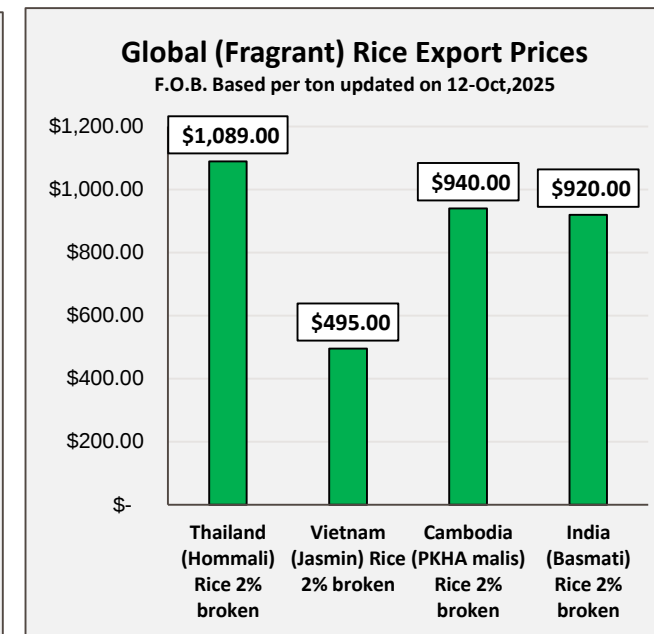
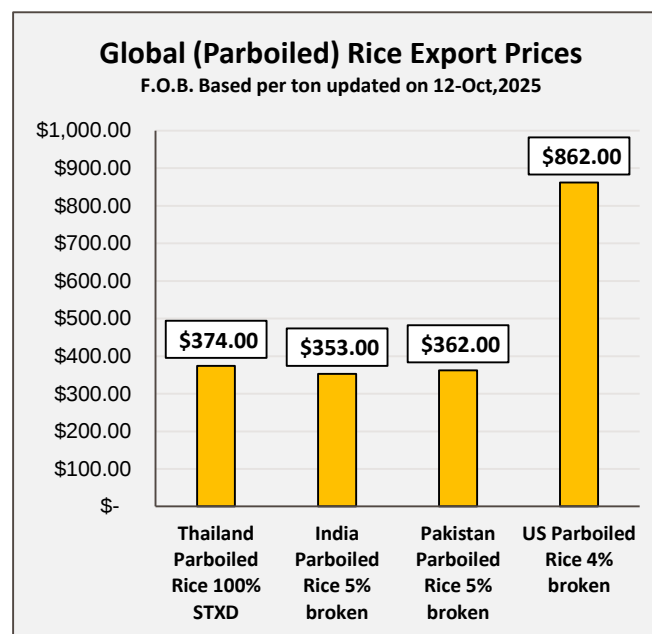
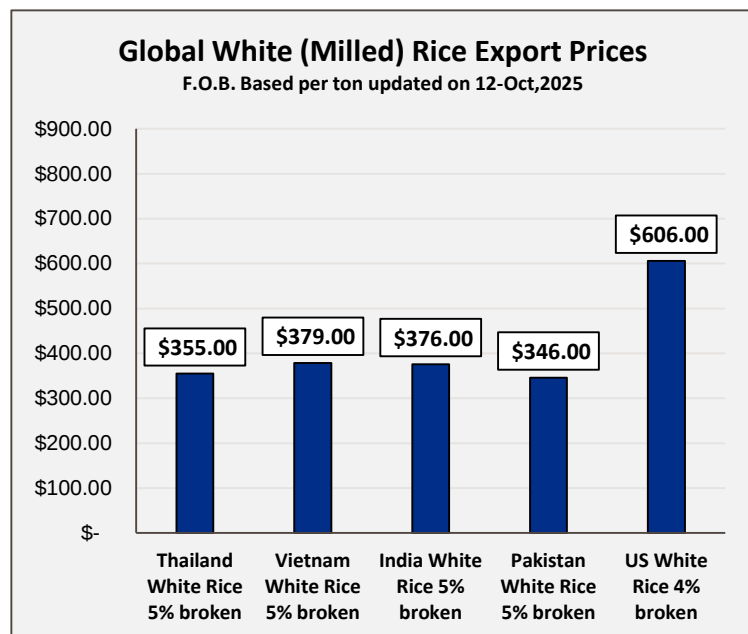
All Prices were updated on 2nd August 2025.

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 12th Oct 2025.

- As per the news the **Rice export prices from India** 5% broken parboiled rice quoted at **USD 350–360 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. wholesale prices for Thai white rice with 5% broken grains fell by 1.9% to \$355 per ton – the lowest since September 30, 2015. 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:

	India has launched a five-year plan to double its agricultural exports, with a strong focus on expanding global rice trade. Minister Pralhad Joshi announced the initiative, linking it to the upcoming Bharat International Rice Conference 2025 and the nation's vision of Viksit Bharat 2047. The plan aims to modernize export infrastructure, strengthen the public distribution system, and promote India as a global leader in rice exports. READ MORE (15-Oct)
	Vietnam's rice exports are facing pressure as the Philippines considers extending its rice import ban until the end of 2025, disrupting shipments from Vietnam—its top supplier. September exports dropped 43% in volume and 55% in value, with Ghana now overtaking the Philippines as Vietnam's largest rice market. Experts urge diversification into African and Middle Eastern markets to offset the impact of the ban and declining prices. READ MORE (15-Oct)
	Ghana became Vietnam's largest rice export market in September, accounting for nearly 22% of total shipments after the Philippines temporarily halted imports. Despite a sharp monthly drop in export volume and value, Vietnam's total rice exports for 2024 are still expected to surpass 8.2 million tonnes, driven by rising demand from Ghana, Côte d'Ivoire, Malaysia, and other markets. READ MORE (13-Oct)
	Cambodia exported 596,341 tonnes of milled rice worth \$408 million in the first nine months of 2025, marking a 33.7% rise in volume and 21% in value year-on-year. Fragrant rice made up nearly 69% of exports, with the EU, China, and ASEAN countries as key markets. The growth is attributed to strong collaboration between the Cambodia Rice Federation and government institutions. READ MORE (13-Oct)
	Philippine rice imports dropped 15.8% to 3.26 million tonnes as of early October 2025 due to the government's temporary import ban. Vietnam remained the top supplier, accounting for over 80% of shipments. The ban, extended until year-end to protect farmers from low palay prices, may briefly lift in January before being reinstated during the local harvest season. READ MORE (09-Oct)

GLOBAL RICE TENDER & TRADE UPDATE:

Bangladesh Races to Import 4 Lakh Tonnes of Rice to Curb Price Surge and Stabilise Stocks

- The **Bangladesh government** is urgently **importing 4 lakh tonnes of rice** to stabilise food stocks and continue Open Market Sales (OMS) amid floods and delays in new paddy arrivals until December. **The tender process has been shortened from 42 to 15 days**, with completion expected **by November 2025**. So far, **50,000 tonnes have been contracted from India's Bagadiya Brothers Pvt. Ltd.**, and more imports are under process.
- Government food reserves have fallen to **1.63 million tonnes**, down from **2.20 million tonnes** in August, though still above the safe stock level of **1.35 million tonnes**. To manage supplies, OMS rice distribution has been reduced, while flour sales have increased to preserve rice stocks.
- Rice prices have surged due to prolonged rains, floods, and higher transport costs — coarse rice now sells for **Tk55–60/kg**, medium for **Tk60–70/kg**, and fine varieties for **Tk72–85/kg**. The government has also added 5 lakh new families to the Food-Friendly Programme and expanded relief and OMS operations to maintain food security and price stability. (October,12 2025) [Read More](#)



Source: Publications & News

UPCOMING EVENTS:



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



2nd SS RICE NEWS CONVENTION 2025

The Annual Gathering for the Global Rice Trade

Date: November 12 – 14, 2025 GMT+7

Location: Muang Pattaya, Chang Wat Chon Buri, Thailand

Register here: <https://app.glueup.com/event/126673/register>



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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