

RICE MARKET REPORT

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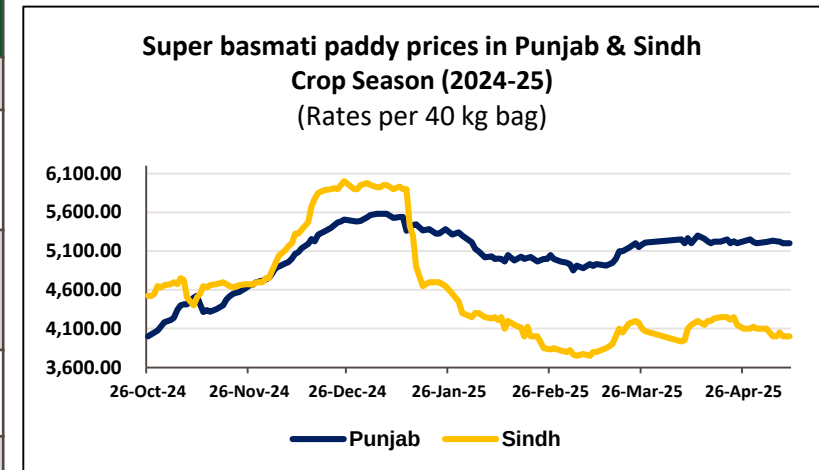
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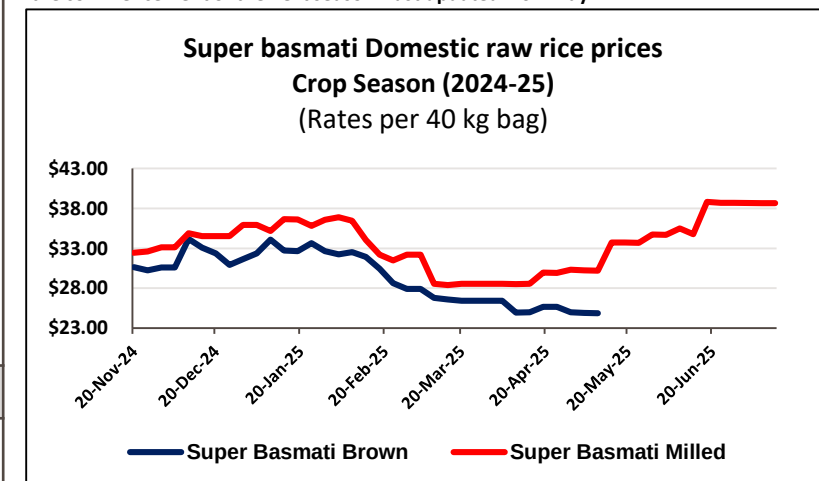
MAJOR RICE VARITIES GROWN IN PAKISTAN: (Basmati)

(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	- Super basmati brown - Super basmati milled - Super basmati parboiled brown - Super basmati parboiled Milled	
Major Markets	Europe, Gulf region and UK.	
Supply and Demand	- Currently, the Basmati market remains under pressure, with buyers showing limited interest and weak new purchases. Trade with Afghanistan remains suspended due to conflict, restricting regional movement, while India's larger crop and cheaper Pusa Basmati continue to weigh on Pakistan's export competitiveness. As the new crop reaches the market, genuine export prices between buyers and sellers will soon become clearer. - 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.	
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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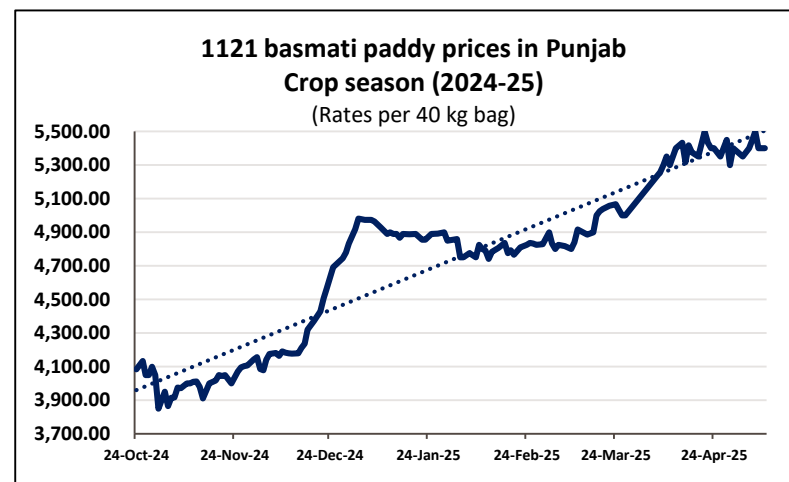


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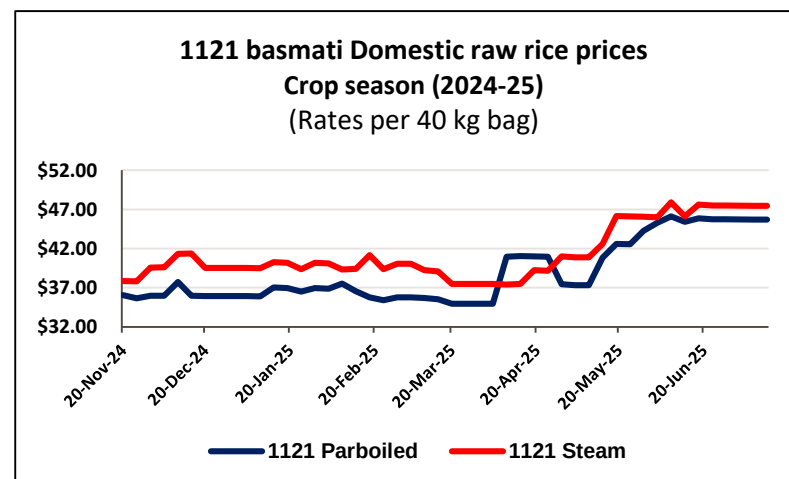
MAJOR RICE VARIETIES GROWN IN PAKISTAN: (Basmati)

(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	- This season, several new hybrid varieties of 1121 such as 1718, PB-7, and 1847 have entered the market, and an overall good harvest is expected across all types. However, it remains to be seen whether exporters market these hybrids individually or blend them with traditional 1121. As the new crop reaches the market, genuine export prices between buyers and sellers will soon become clearer. - Pakistan's 1121 Basmati rice market remains under pressure, with exports slowing amid weak global demand and limited buying activity. Trade with Afghanistan continues to face disruptions, while India's cheaper Pusa 1121 offers dominate key destinations.	
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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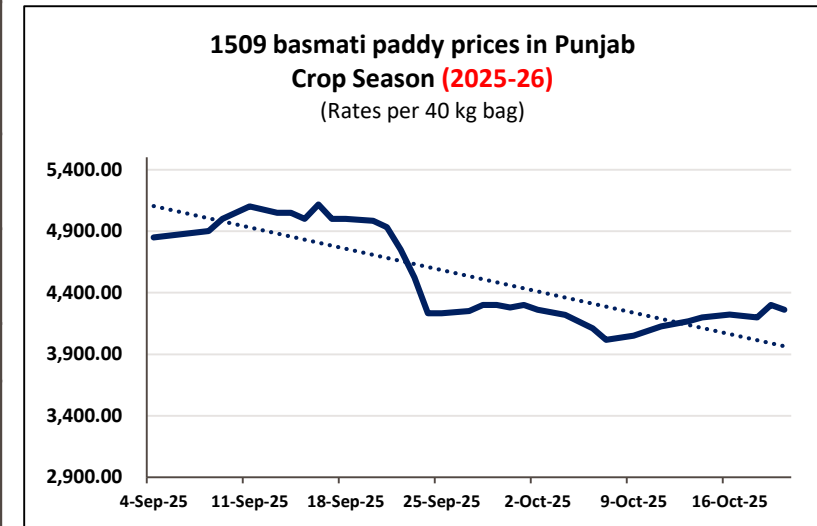


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MAJOR RICE VARITIES GROWN IN PAKISTAN: (Basmati)

(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 4,200–4,300 per 40 kg, compared to last week levels of PKR 4,100–4,200 per 40 kg, reflecting a slight increase of prices in the market. - Despite the drop, the 1509 crop is developing rapidly, and market sentiment remains soft. The market now appears to be stabilizing. This season, several new hybrid types such as 1718, PB-7, and 1847 (hybrid of 1509) have also entered the market, and an overall good harvest is expected across all varieties.	
Local Consumption	1509 basmati rice is consumed locally and also exported in some proportion.	

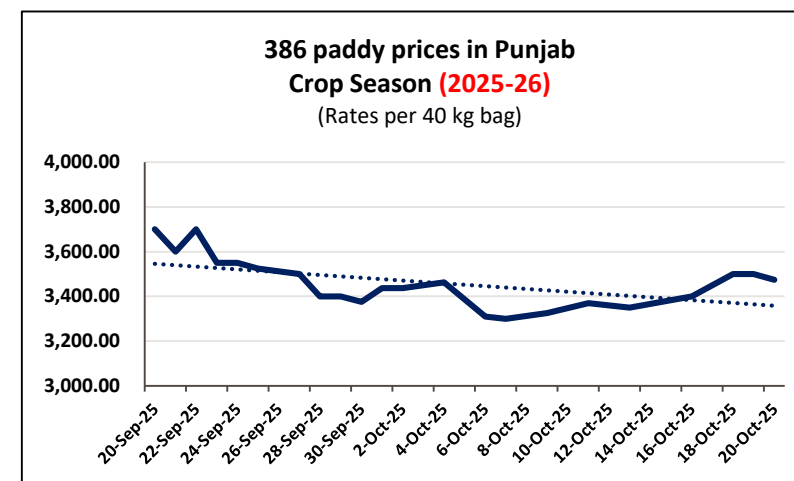


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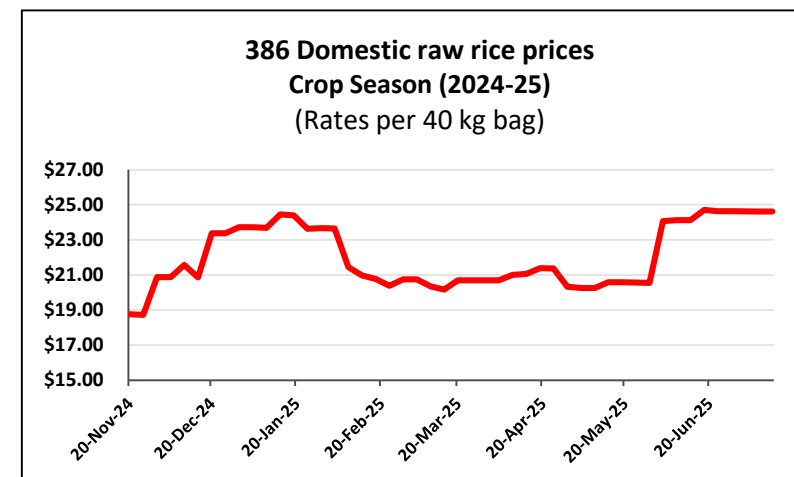
MAJOR RICE VARIETIES GROWN IN PAKISTAN: (Non-Basmati)

(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	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 3,400–3,500 per 40 kg, compared to last week levels of PKR 3,200–3,300 per 40 kg, reflecting a price hike in the market. - 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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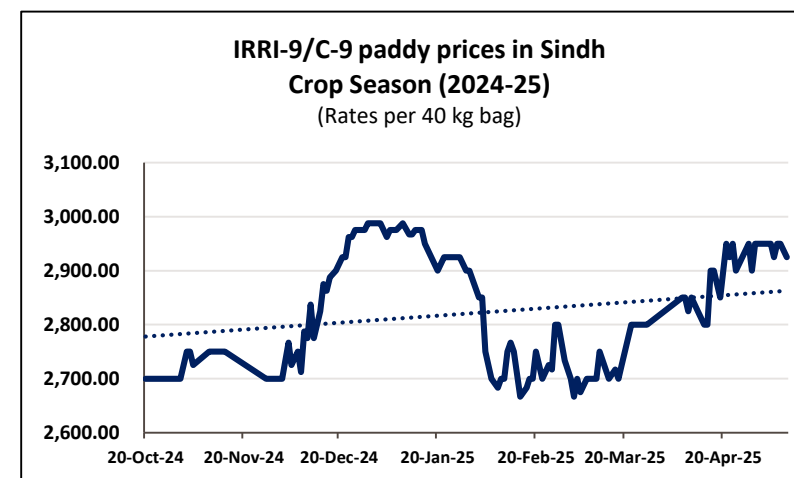


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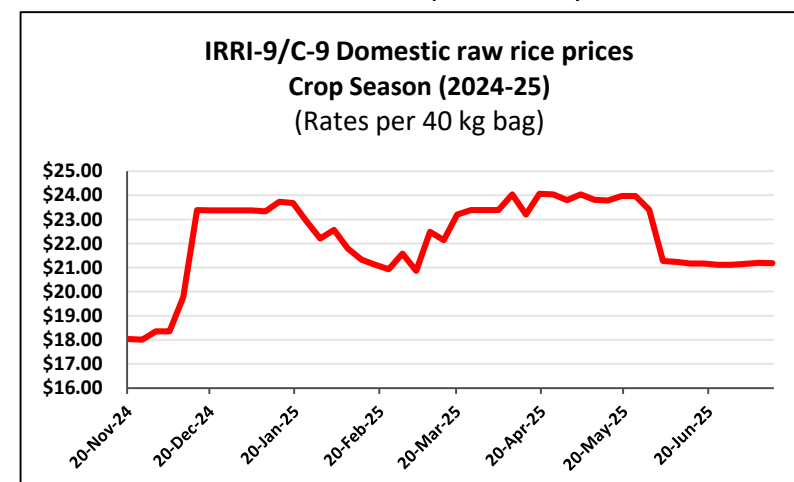
MAJOR RICE VARIETIES GROWN IN PAKISTAN: (Non-Basmati)

(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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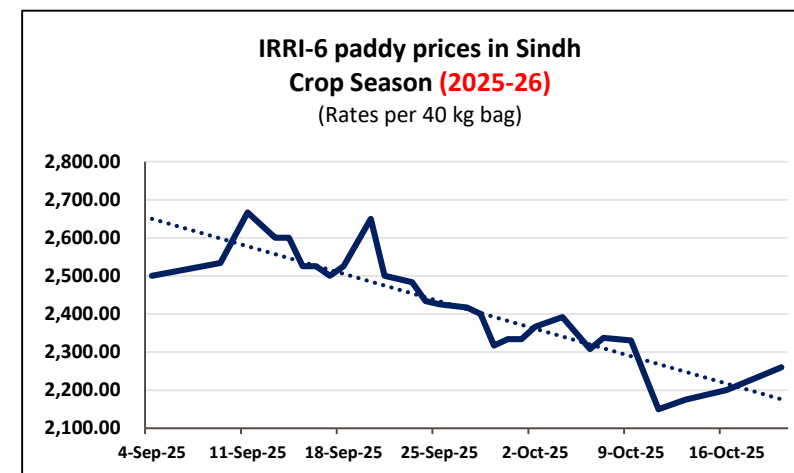


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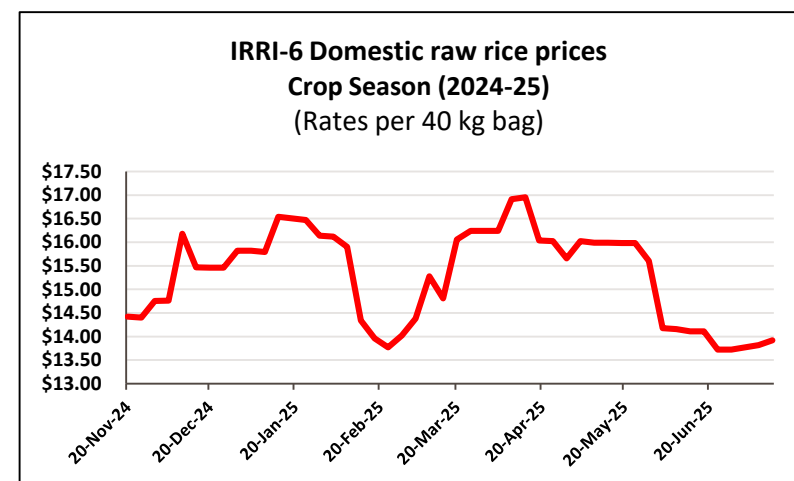
MAJOR RICE VARIETIES GROWN IN PAKISTAN: (Non-Basmati)

(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	- The IRRI-6 variety has also started arriving in the market, with current paddy prices ranging between PKR 2,200–2,300 per 40 kg up from last weeks prices of PKR 2,100–2,200 per 40 kg, down from previous 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.	

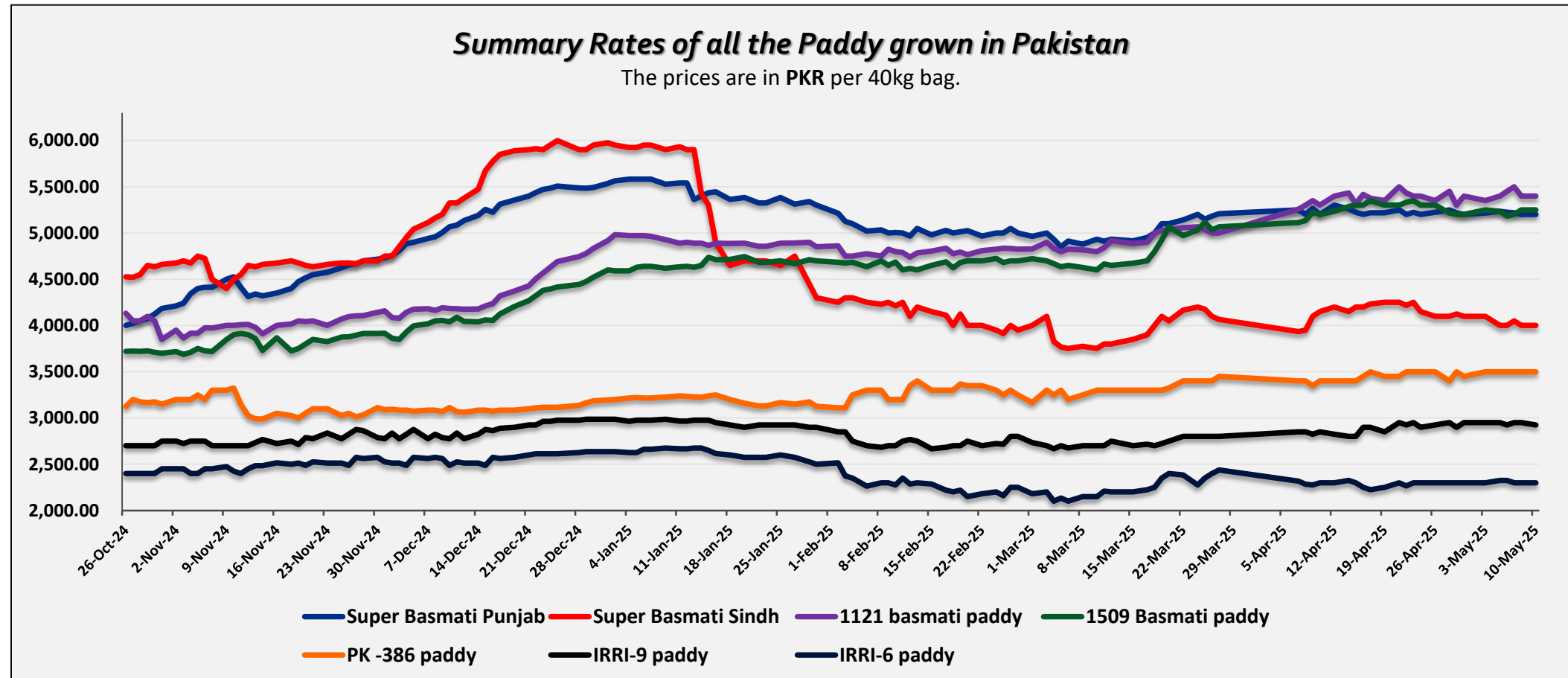


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SUMMARY RATES OF ALL THE PADDY GROWN IN PAKISTAN



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
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 protested its exclusion from the **NAFSA Board**, despite Prime Minister's clear orders for its inclusion. REAP emphasized that it represents **USD 5.5 billion of Pakistan's USD 8 billion plant-based exports**, including **USD 3.5 billion in rice**, making it the most qualified body for representation. **Chairman Faisal** warned that most SPS-related export issues arise from rice trade with sensitive markets like the **EU, US, and Australia**, and that excluding **REAP** violates fair stakeholder representation. He urged the government to honor the PM's directive and ensure **REAP's** rightful seat on the board. [Read More](#) (20th Oct).
- The **Punjab Agriculture Department** has **signed four MoUs** with **Chinese firms** to boost **modern farming** in the province. The agreements include satellite-based crop monitoring with Piesat Technology, joint establishment of a tractor and harvester plant with Gold **Dafeng Machinery**, and collaboration with a **Chinese agricultural** university to develop high-quality seeds and set up a centre of excellence for advanced research. [Read More](#) (20th Oct).
- In **Q1 FY2025–26**, Pakistan's rice exports **plunged 42% year-on-year**, with **Basmati down 43.6%** and **non-Basmati (IRRI-6 & IRRI-9) down 41.1%**, contributing heavily to the country's widening trade deficit. In **September 2025**, rice exports **further fell 59% YoY and 29% MoM** — with **Basmati dropping 42% YoY (21% MoM)** and **non-Basmati collapsing 66% YoY (33% MoM)** due to weak demand and flood-related disruptions. [Read More](#) (16th 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:

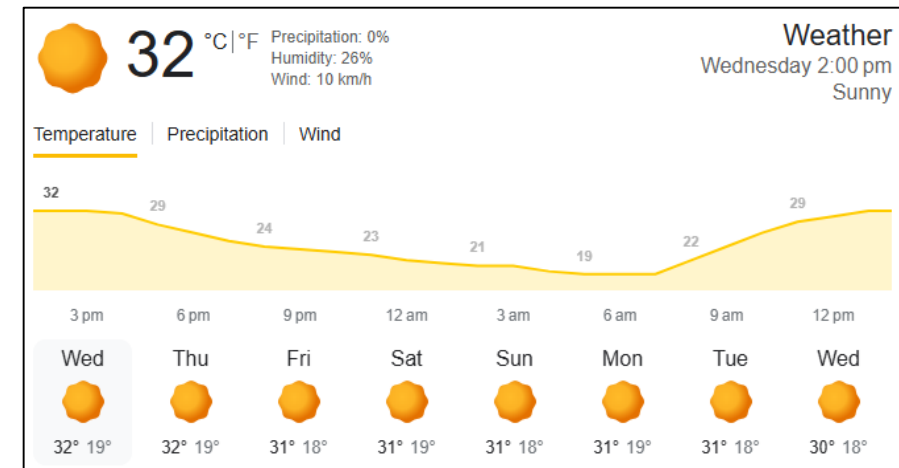
The Paddy Price Trap: Why Sindh's Farmers Lose In A Market Without Rules:

- As the **paddy harvest** begins across lower **Sindh**, what should be a season of prosperity has instead become a cycle of frustration and protest. Farmers from districts like **Badin**, **Sujawal**, and **Thatta** accuse rice millers of unjustified deductions on the pretext of high moisture content and rigged weighing scales often recording **32–35 kilograms** as one maund instead of 40. These deductions, coupled with falling **market prices** that have plunged from **Rs 3,600** to as low as **Rs 2,000–2,200 per maund**, have left smallholders struggling to recover even their **production** costs. Despite record cultivation over **2.1 million acres in 2025**, growers say they remain trapped in a market that rewards middlemen and millers rather than those who till the land.
- Behind the crisis lies a deeper governance void. **Sindh's agriculture department**, meant to regulate **moisture testing, pricing**, and scale verification, has largely withdrawn from its oversight role allowing private millers and traders to dominate procurement. With no standardized testing or certified weighing system, farmers are left vulnerable to arbitrary deductions and collusive pricing. Even as **Pakistan's rice exports** touch **US \$3.2 billion**, the farmers who produce it continue to lose ground. Experts and grower associations now urge the government to establish district-level **Rice Price & Quality Committees** and standardize inspection systems to restore fairness and rebuild trust between farmers, millers, and the state..
- ✓ 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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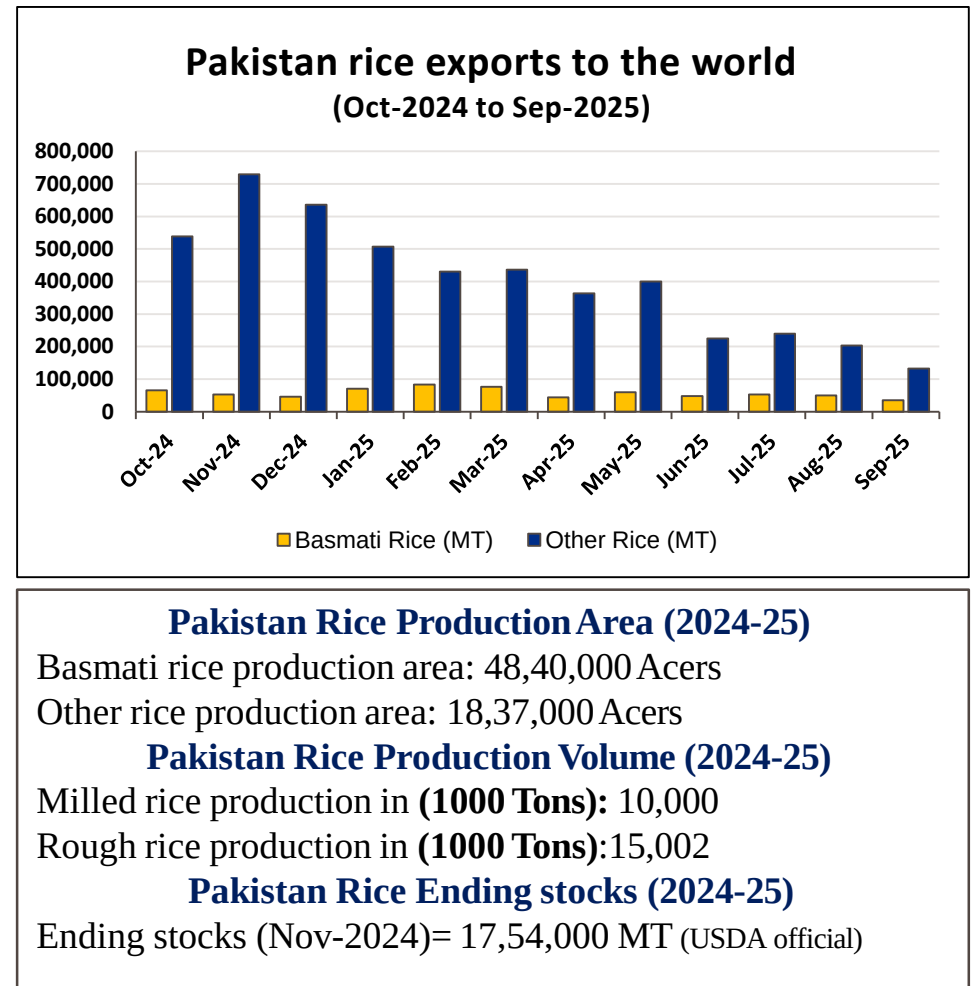


Source: Google Weather
Weather forecast from 22th October and onward.

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

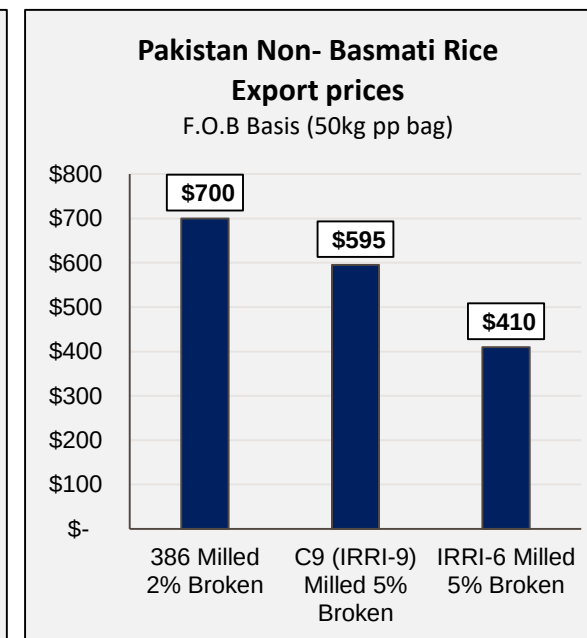
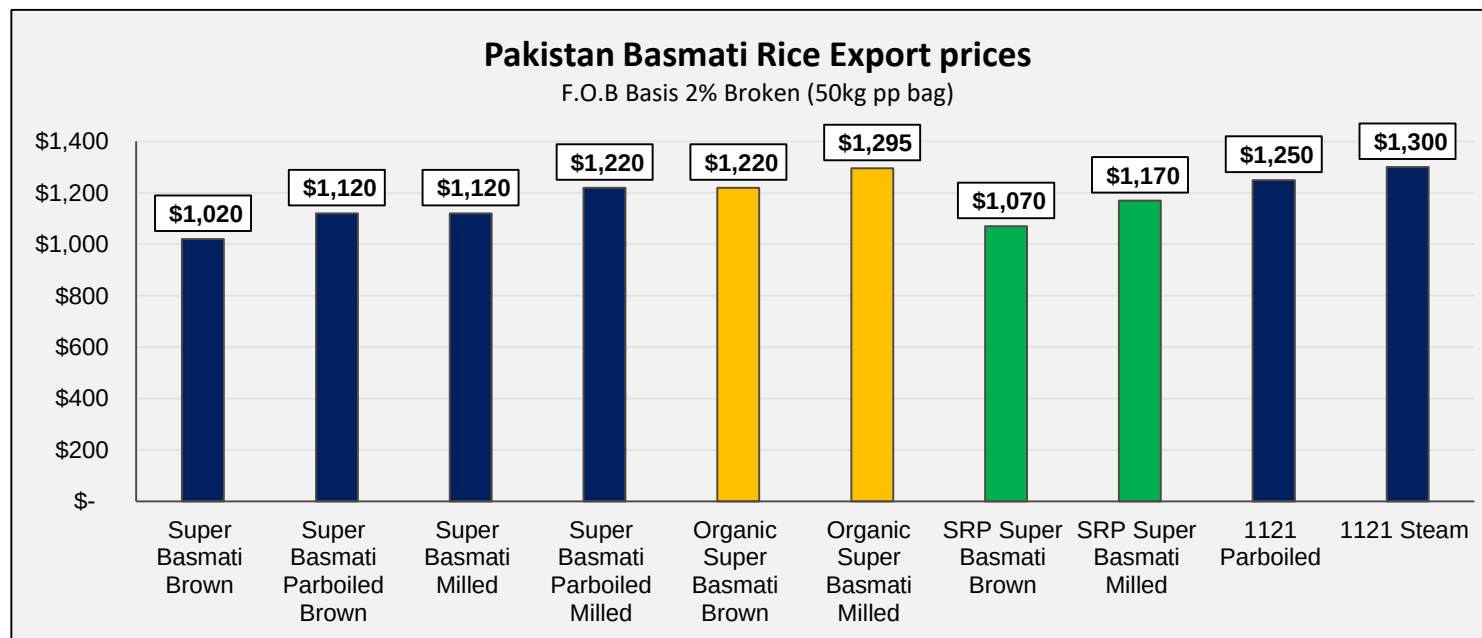
Source: Pakistan Bureau of statistics



Source: Punjab crop department & USDA

PAKISTAN RICE PRICES:

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



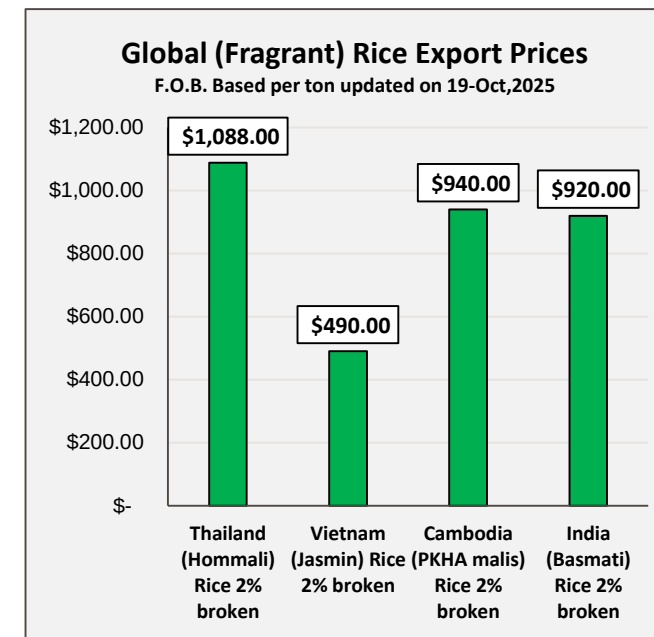
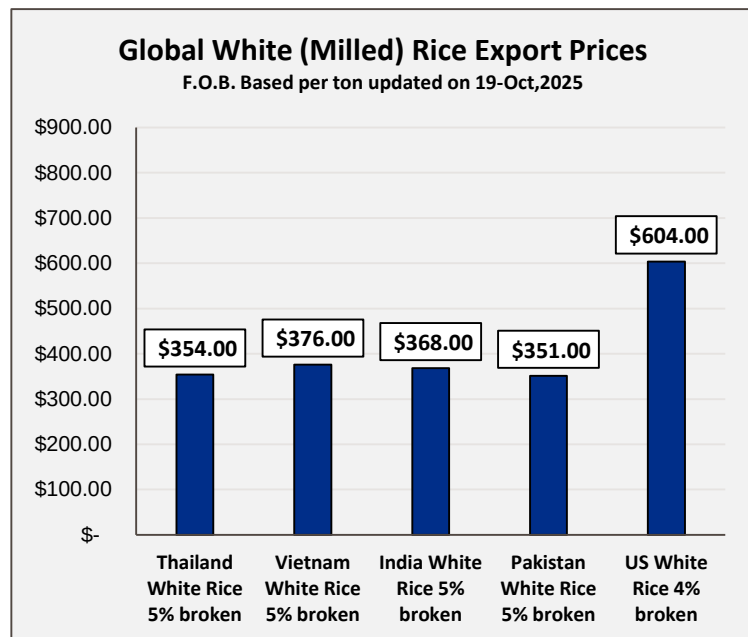
All Prices were updated on 2nd August 2025.

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)

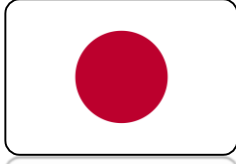


All Prices were updated on 19th Oct 2025.

- As per the news the **Asian rice prices continued to fall**, with **Thailand's 5% broken rice hitting an 18-year low** at \$340–\$360/ton, its lowest since October 2007, amid weak global demand. **India's 5% parboiled rice held steady** at \$350–\$355/ton, near a nine-year low, while **Vietnam's 5% broken rice** at \$360–\$380/ton. In contrast, Bangladesh's domestic rice prices rose **15% year-on-year**, driven by high input costs and market inefficiencies.

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

GLOBAL NEWS HIGHLIGHTS OF THIS WEEK:

	Basmati growers in Punjab and Haryana face heavy losses as prices have fallen by Rs 1,500 per quintal compared to last year. PUSA 1509 now sells at Rs 2,300–2,500/quintal and PUSA 1718 at up to Rs 3,300, down from Rs 4,000–4,700 in 2023. So far, 6.65 LMT of basmati paddy has arrived in mandis, with prices ranging between Rs 2,300 and Rs 3,800/quintal, hit by low export demand, West Asia conflict, and higher US tariffs. READ MORE (20-Oct)
	Vietnam is positioning itself as a global pillar of food security through rapid adoption of biotechnology and gene editing in agriculture. Producing over 34.8 million tons of rice and exporting more than 7 million tons in 2025, the country is advancing toward a sustainable, high-tech, and bio-industrial agricultural model backed by strong government policy support. READ MORE (20-Oct)
	Japan's average rice price fell for the fourth consecutive week to ¥4,142 per 5 kg, though it stayed above ¥4,000 for the sixth week in a row. The decline was driven by increased sales of blended rice (29% share, ¥3,419), while brand rice prices rose to ¥4,440 amid high demand for newly harvested varieties.. READ MORE (19-Oct)
	In the first half of FY2025–26 (April–September), Myanmar exported over 1.2 million tonnes of rice and broken rice worth US\$408 million, with China importing over 1 million tonnes, making it the top buyer. Indonesia (267,882 tonnes) and the Philippines (211,464 tonnes) followed, as Myanmar targets 3 million tonnes of rice exports for the year. READ MORE (22-Oct)
	A new US–Japan trade deal signed on July 22, 2025, requires Japan to import more American rice under its WTO quota, threatening to slash Thailand's annual quota from 300,000 tonnes to under 100,000 tonnes, a two-thirds reduction. Thailand's Commerce Ministry is urgently negotiating to retain its share, as Thai rice exports to Japan have already fallen 19% in volume and 42% in value in the first seven months of 2025. READ MORE (16-Oct)

GLOBAL RICE TENDER & TRADE UPDATE:

- **Bangladesh's state grains buyer** has issued an international tender to purchase **50,000 metric tons of rice**.
- **Tender deadline:** November 3, 2025.
- The tender invites offers for **non-basmati parboiled rice** on a **CIF liner out basis** (seller covers ship unloading costs).
- **Shipment requirement:** within 40 days after contract award.
- **Delivery ports:** Chittagong and Mongla.
- Rice can be sourced from any country except Israel.
- Bangladesh has held **multiple rice import tenders** recently.
- Despite **bumper harvests** and **increased local stocks**, **domestic rice prices remain high**. [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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