

# RICE MARKET REPORT

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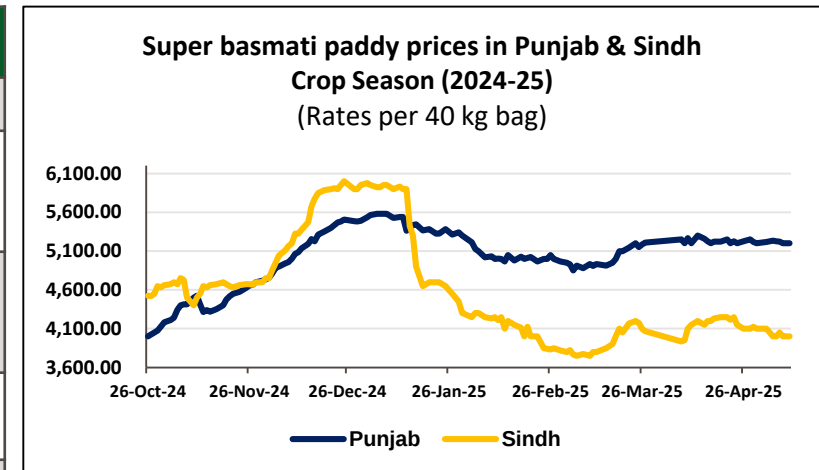
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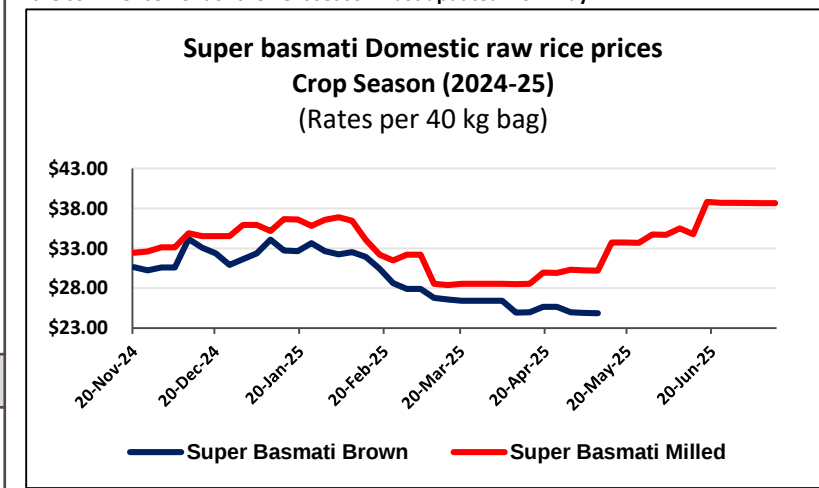
# MAJOR RICE VARIETIES GROWN IN PAKISTAN: (Basmati)

(Production, consumption, supply and Demand)

| Super Basmati                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                          |
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| Growing Region                     | Punjab: Major quantity                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Sindh: Relatively good quantity                                                          |
| Production Area                    | <b>Punjab:</b> 17% Decline in area<br>2024-25: 13,13,000 Acers<br>2023-24: 15,78,000 Acers                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | <b>Sindh:</b><br>N/A                                                                     |
| Quality of the crop year (2024-25) | <b>Punjab:</b> Good Quality followed by previous year crop, low yield in some areas.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | <b>Sindh:</b> Cracks in grains, high broken% due to high temperature and low irrigation. |
| Variants Available                 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Super basmati brown</li> <li>• Super basmati milled</li> <li>• Super basmati parboiled brown</li> <li>• Super basmati parboiled Milled</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                                                                          |
| Major Markets                      | Europe, Gulf region and UK.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                          |
| Supply and Demand                  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The <b>Basmati paddy</b> has started arriving in the market in <b>smaller quantities</b>, though the proper arrival of <b>Super, 1121</b>, and newer varieties such as <b>1718 and 1885</b> is expected in the coming days. The market remains firm for now, though some stockiest are reportedly trying to inflate prices artificially.</li> <li>• In <b>Q1 FY26</b>, Pakistan's rice exports <b>declined 28% overall</b>, Basmati Export: <b>down 45.5% to 137,066 tonnes (from 248,500 tonnes)</b></li> <li>• Meanwhile, the <b>Basmati market</b> remains under pressure as India's larger crop and cheaper <b>Pusa Basmati</b> continue to weigh on <b>Pakistan's export</b> competitiveness. As the new crop fully enters the market, genuine export prices between buyers and sellers will become clearer.</li> </ul> |                                                                                          |
| Local Consumption                  | Super basmati is consumed locally in a lower proportion.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                          |
| Competition                        | <b>Pakistan:</b> 825 – 850 USD per ton F.O.B (Super Basmati brown)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | <b>India:</b> 800 – 830 USD per ton F.O.B (Pusa Basmati brown)                           |



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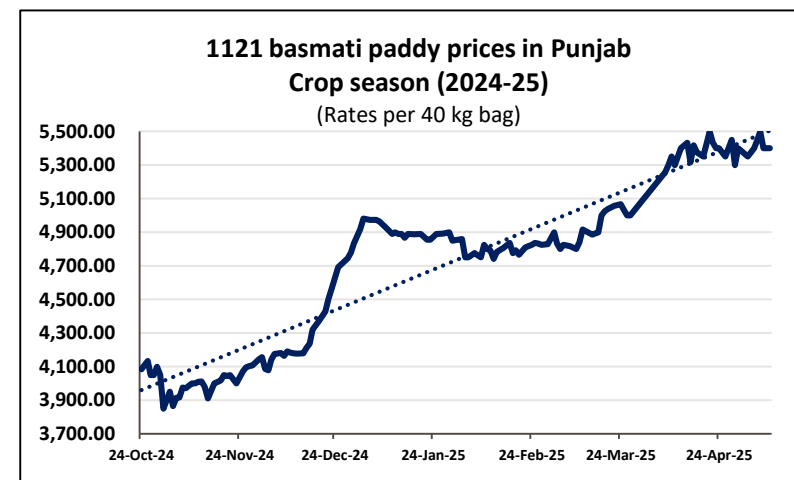


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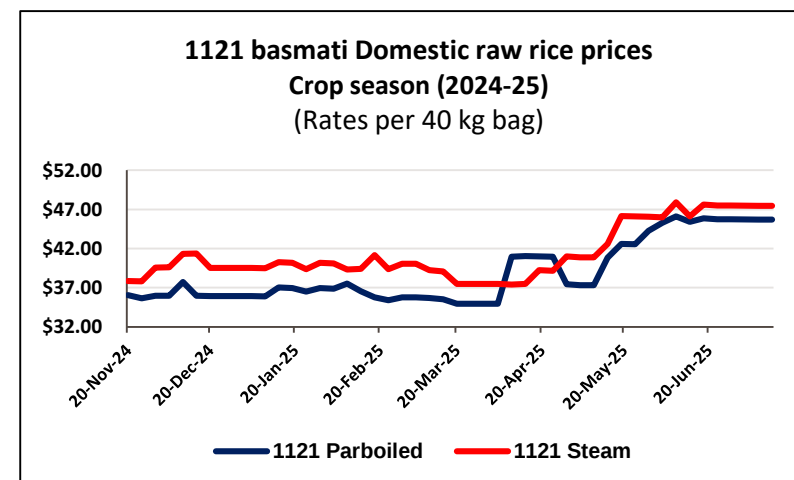
# MAJOR RICE VARIETIES GROWN IN PAKISTAN: (Basmati)

(Production, consumption, supply and Demand)

| 1121/Kainat Basmati                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                          |
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| Growing Region                     | Punjab: Major quantity                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Sindh: Very low quantity |
| Production Area                    | Punjab: <b>14%</b> Decline in area<br>2024-25: 20,17,000 Acers<br>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"> <li>1121 basmati Parboiled</li> <li>1121 basmati Steam</li> <li>1121 basmati Milled</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                          |
| Major Markets                      | Europe, Gulf region and UK.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                          |
| Supply and Demand                  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The <b>1121 paddy</b> has begun arriving in limited quantities, with larger inflows expected in the coming days as <b>harvesting gains pace</b>. The market remains steady for now, though reports suggest some stockiest are attempting to push prices upward artificially.</li> <li>In <b>Q1 FY26</b>, Pakistan's rice exports <b>declined 28% overall</b>, Basmati Export: <b>down 45.5% to 137,066 tonnes (from 248,500 tonnes)</b></li> <li>This season, several <b>new hybrid varieties of 1121</b> such as <b>1718, 1885, PB-7, and 1847</b> have entered the market, and an overall good harvest is expected across all types. However, it remains to be seen whether <b>exporters market these hybrids individually or blend them with traditional 1121</b>. As the new crop reaches the market, genuine export prices between buyers and sellers will soon become clearer.</li> </ul> |                          |
| Local Consumption                  | 1121 basmati rice is consumed locally                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                          |
| Competition                        | Pakistan: ----                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | India: ----              |



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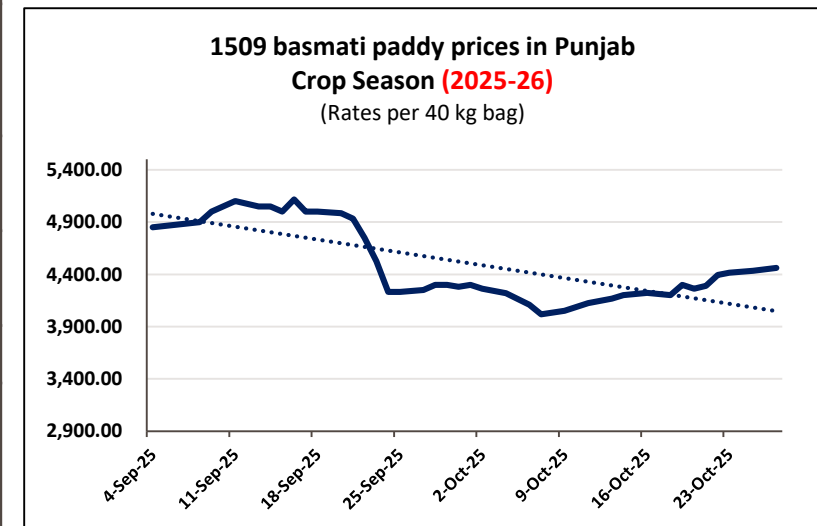


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# MAJOR RICE VARITIES GROWN IN PAKISTAN: (Basmati)

(Production, consumption, supply and Demand)

| 1509/Kisan Basmati                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                               |
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| Growing Region                     | Punjab: Major Quantity                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Sindh: Not available in Sindh |
| Production Area                    | Punjab: 30% Increase in area<br>2024-25: 11,08,000 Acers<br>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"> <li>1509 basmati Parboiled</li> <li>1509 basmati Steam</li> <li>1509 basmati Milled</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                               |
| Major Markets                      | Gulf region, UK and USA.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                               |
| Supply and Demand                  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The <b>1509 Basmati</b> bumper crop and heavy supply have already begun arriving in the market, alongside other non-basmati varieties.</li> <li>Current paddy prices range between <b>PKR 4,300–4,500 per 40 kg</b>, compared to last week levels of <b>PKR 4,100–4,300 per 40 kg</b>, reflecting a notable increase of prices in the market.</li> <li>Despite the drop, the <b>1509 crop is developing rapidly</b>, and market sentiment remains soft. The market now appears to be stabilizing. This season, several new hybrid types such as <b>1718, PB-7, and 1847</b> (hybrid of 1509) have also entered the market, and an overall good harvest is expected across all varieties.</li> </ul> |                               |
| Local Consumption                  | 1509 basmati rice is consumed locally and also exported in some proportion.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                               |

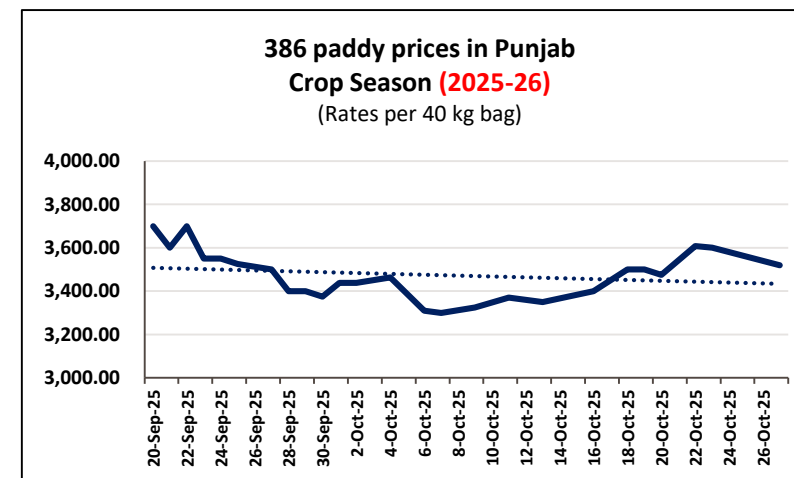


**Note:** The above table shows new paddy crop rates (2025-26)

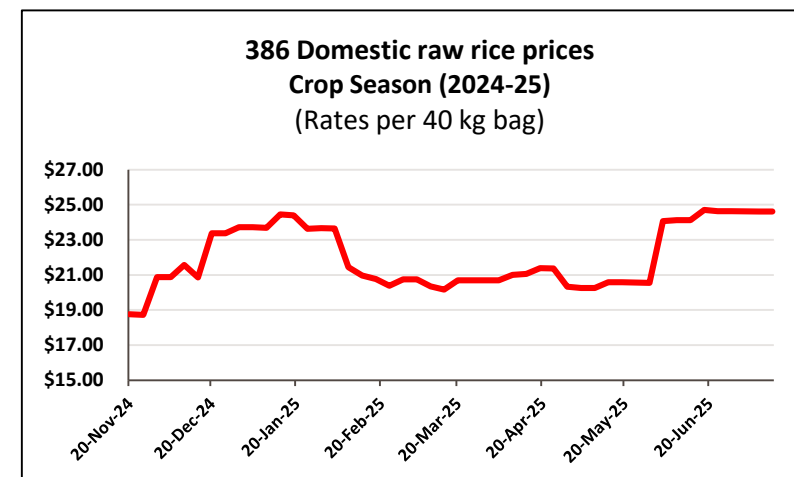
# MAJOR RICE VARITIES GROWN IN PAKISTAN: (Non-Basmati)

(Production, consumption, supply and Demand)

| PK-386                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                               |
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| Growing Region                     | Punjab: Major Quantity                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Sindh: Not available in Sindh |
| Production Area                    | Punjab: 24% Increase in area<br>2024-25: 4,43,000 Acers<br>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"> <li>386 brown rice</li> <li>386 milled rice</li> <li>386 parboiled rice</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                               |
| Major Markets                      | African and Gulf countries.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                               |
| Supply and Demand                  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The <b>PK 386 variety</b> has also begun arriving in the market. Current paddy prices range between <b>PKR 3,450–3,550 per 40 kg</b>, compared to last week levels of <b>PKR 3,300–3,400 per 40 kg</b>, reflecting a slight price hike in the market.</li> <li>In <b>Q1 FY26</b>, Pakistan's rice exports declined <b>28%</b> overall, Non-basmati: down <b>22.1%</b> to <b>575,731 tonnes</b> (from <b>764,700 tonnes</b>). Market conditions now appear to be stabilizing, with moderate trade activity and consistent arrivals expected in the coming weeks.</li> <li>Overall, <b>PK 386 prices</b> remain close to last year's crop levels, supported by medium demand in both domestic and export markets.</li> </ul> |                               |
| Local Consumption                  | 386 rice is consumed locally.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                               |



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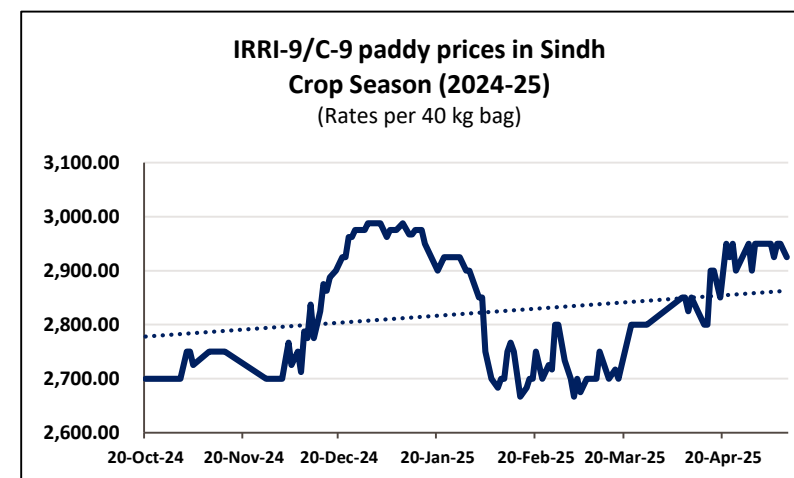


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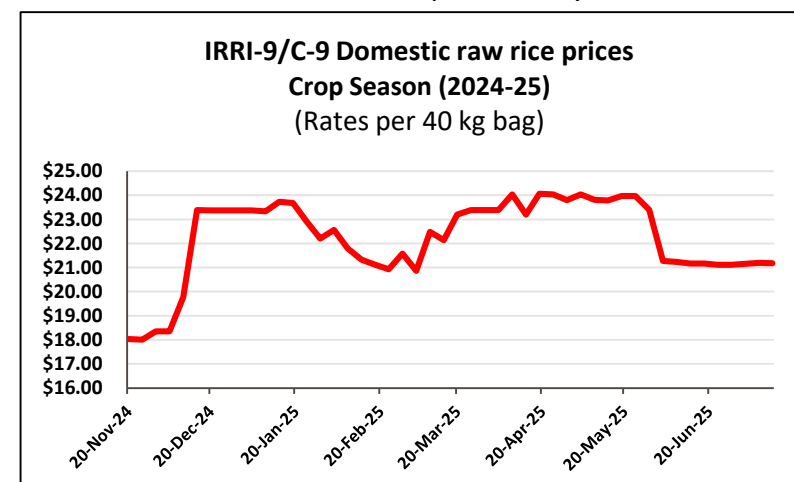
# MAJOR RICE VARITIES GROWN IN PAKISTAN: (Non-Basmati)

(Production, consumption, supply and Demand)

| IRRI- 9                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                               |
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| Growing Region                     | <b>Punjab:</b> Lower Quantity.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | <b>Sindh:</b> Major Quantity. |
| Production Area                    | <b>Punjab:</b> 54% Increase in area<br>2024-25: 1,23,000 Acers<br>2023-24: 80,000 Acers                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | <b>Sindh:</b> N/A             |
| Quality of the crop year (2024-25) | <b>Sindh:</b> 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"> <li>IRRI-9 milled rice is commonly traded.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                               |
| Major Markets                      | Gulf & African countries.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                               |
| Supply and Demand                  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In <b>Q1 FY26</b>, Pakistan's rice exports declined <b>28%</b> overall, Non-basmati: down <b>22.1%</b> to <b>575,731 tonnes</b> (from <b>764,700 tonnes</b>).</li> <li>In the first quarter of <b>FY2025–26</b>, Pakistan's rice exports fell sharply by <b>42% year-on-year</b>, with <b>non-Basmati (IRRI-6 &amp; IRRI-9) down 41.1%</b>, contributing significantly to the widening trade deficit. In <b>September 2025</b>, <b>non-Basmati rice exports plunged 66% year-on-year and 33% month-on-month</b>, reflecting weak global demand and <b>market pressures</b>.</li> <li>The arrival of <b>IRRI-9</b> in the markets is expected to begin from mid-October. Updated production figures and price trends will be shared in the upcoming issues.</li> </ul> |                               |
| Local Consumption                  | IRRI-9 rice is consumed locally.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                               |



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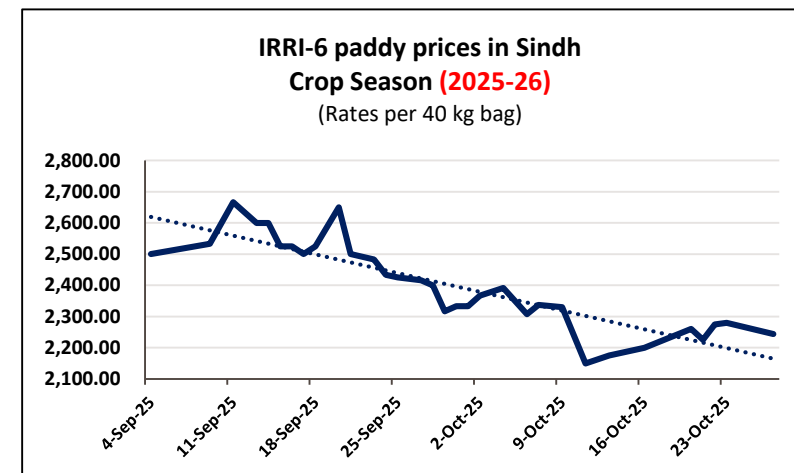


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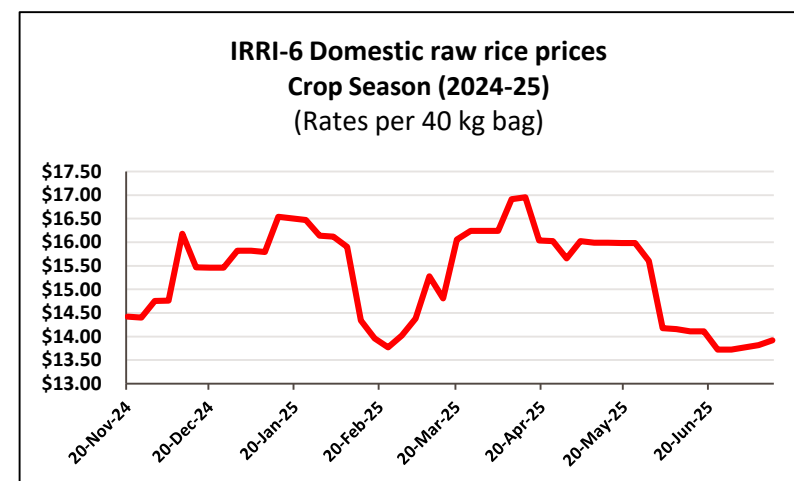
# MAJOR RICE VARITIES GROWN IN PAKISTAN: (Non-Basmati)

(Production, consumption, supply and Demand)

| IRRI- 6                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                               |
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| Growing Region                     | <b>Punjab:</b> Relatively good Quantity.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | <b>Sindh:</b> Major Quantity. |
| Production Area                    | <b>Punjab:</b> 32% Increase in area<br>2024-25: 2,07,000 Acers<br>2023-24: 1,57,000 Acers                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | <b>Sindh:</b> N/A             |
| Quality of the crop year (2024-25) | <b>Sindh:</b> 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"> <li>IRRI-6 milled rice.</li> <li>IRRI-6 steam rice.</li> <li>IRRI-6 parboiled rice</li> <li>IRRI-6 brown rice</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                               |
| Major Markets                      | Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines and African countries.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                               |
| Supply and Demand                  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In <b>Q1 FY26</b>, Pakistan's rice exports declined <b>28%</b> overall, Non-basmati: down <b>22.1%</b> to <b>575,731 tonnes</b> (from <b>764,700 tonnes</b>).</li> <li>The <b>IRRI-6 variety</b> has also started arriving in the market, with current paddy prices ranging between <b>PKR 2,200–2,300 per 40 kg</b> up from last weeks prices of <b>PKR 2,100–2,200 per 40 kg</b>, down from previous <b>PKR 2,600–2,650 per 40 kg</b> earlier, marking a decline of around <b>15%</b>.</li> <li>Market conditions are now stabilizing, supported by moderate trade activity and steady arrivals in both Punjab and Sindh.</li> <li>The price difference between the two provinces remains minimal, although arrivals in Punjab are relatively lower compared to Sindh.</li> </ul> |                               |
| Local Consumption                  | IRRI-6 rice is consumed locally.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                               |

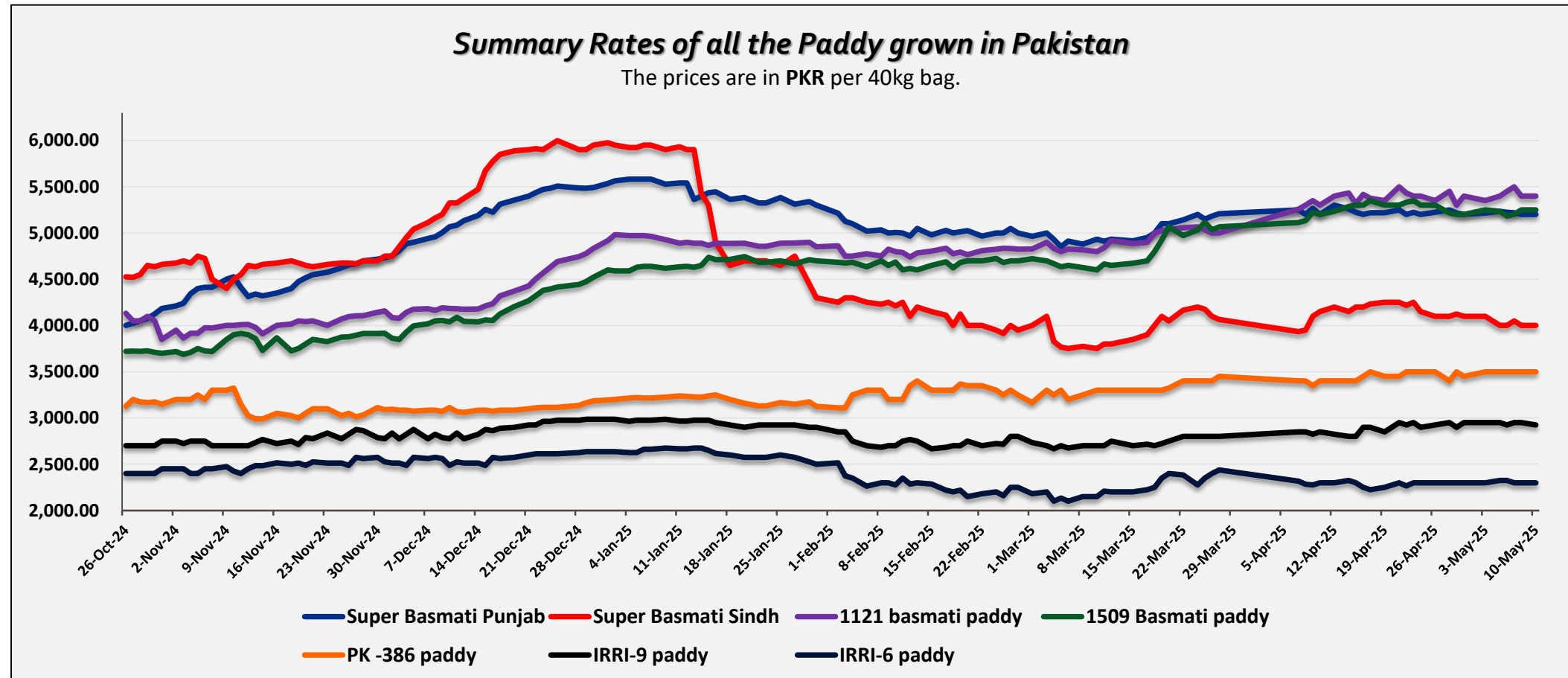


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# SUMMARY RATES OF ALL THE PADDY GROWN IN PAKISTAN



Here we present a comparative performance on all the varieties grown in Pakistan till the time being reported. (Last Updated: 10<sup>th</sup> 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

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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:

- **Pakistan's rice exports dropped 28%** in the **first quarter of FY26**, falling to **712,797 tonnes** from **991,146 tonnes** a year earlier. **Basmati exports** saw the steepest decline, **down 45.5%** to **137,066 tonnes** from **248,500 tonnes**, while **non-basmati exports** fell **22.1%** to **575,731 tonnes** from **764,700 tonnes**. Analysts attribute the drop to a stronger rupee, costly export financing around **600 basis points** higher than India and policy shifts such as the move from **FTR to NTR**, which reduced margins. Exporters also cited phytosanitary enforcement issues and alleged **FIA** harassment, while India's removal of its export ban and minimum export price further pressured competitiveness. **REAP** called for stronger trade policies and action against hoarding, which has caused artificial shortages. Despite the downturn, recovery signs appeared in **September and October** as new crop arrivals helped stabilize prices, with expectations of better yields this season. [Read More](#) (30<sup>th</sup> Oct).
- Pakistan has urged the **European Union** to expedite the long-pending **Geographical Indication (GI)** registration for Basmati rice, citing continued uncertainty for exporters and farmers. Commerce Minister Jam Kamal Khan called on the **EU** to recognize Pakistan's historic claim and ensure a fair decision that safeguards millions of growers. He emphasized that Basmati is both a vital export and a core part of Pakistan's agricultural identity. **EU** officials appreciated Pakistan's engagement and expressed hope for progress through ongoing dialogue. [Read More](#) (28<sup>th</sup> Oct).
- Pakistan's **rice exports to China surged 63%** year-on-year in **Q3 2025**, reaching **\$45.27 million**, up from **\$27.85 million** in the same **quarter of 2024**, according to China's General Administration of Customs. During the period, Pakistan shipped **76.36 million kilograms** of **semi- or wholly-milled rice** (commodity code 10063020) valued at **\$34.30 million**, with an **average price of \$0.44 per kilogram**. In comparison, exports under the same category totaled just **7.42 million kilograms** worth **\$6 million in Q3 2024**. The sharp increase in both volume and export value highlights rising Chinese demand for Pakistani rice. Exporters said the growth reflects Pakistan's improving foothold in China's grain market and greater recognition of its rice for quality and price competitiveness. [Read More](#) (28<sup>th</sup> Oct).



## PAKISTAN is the 4<sup>th</sup> 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. (2024-25)
- **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%**. (2024-25)
- 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:

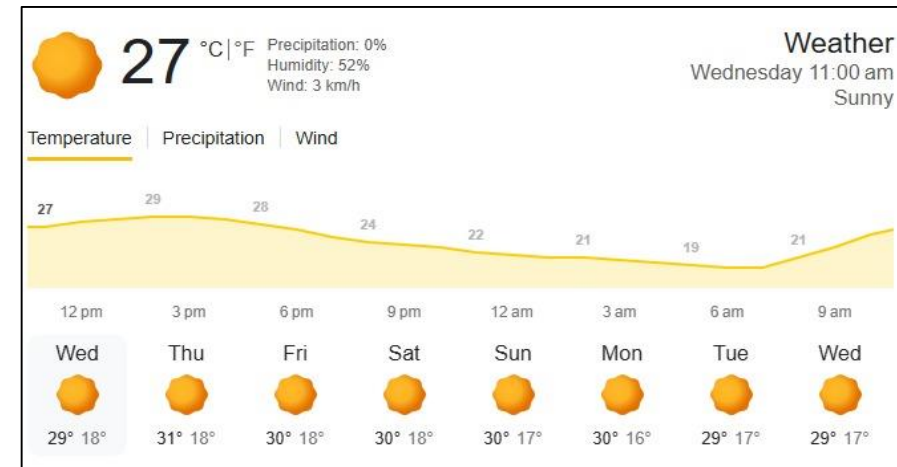
## The Paddy Price Trap: Why Sindh's Farmers Lose In A Market Without Rules:

- 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.

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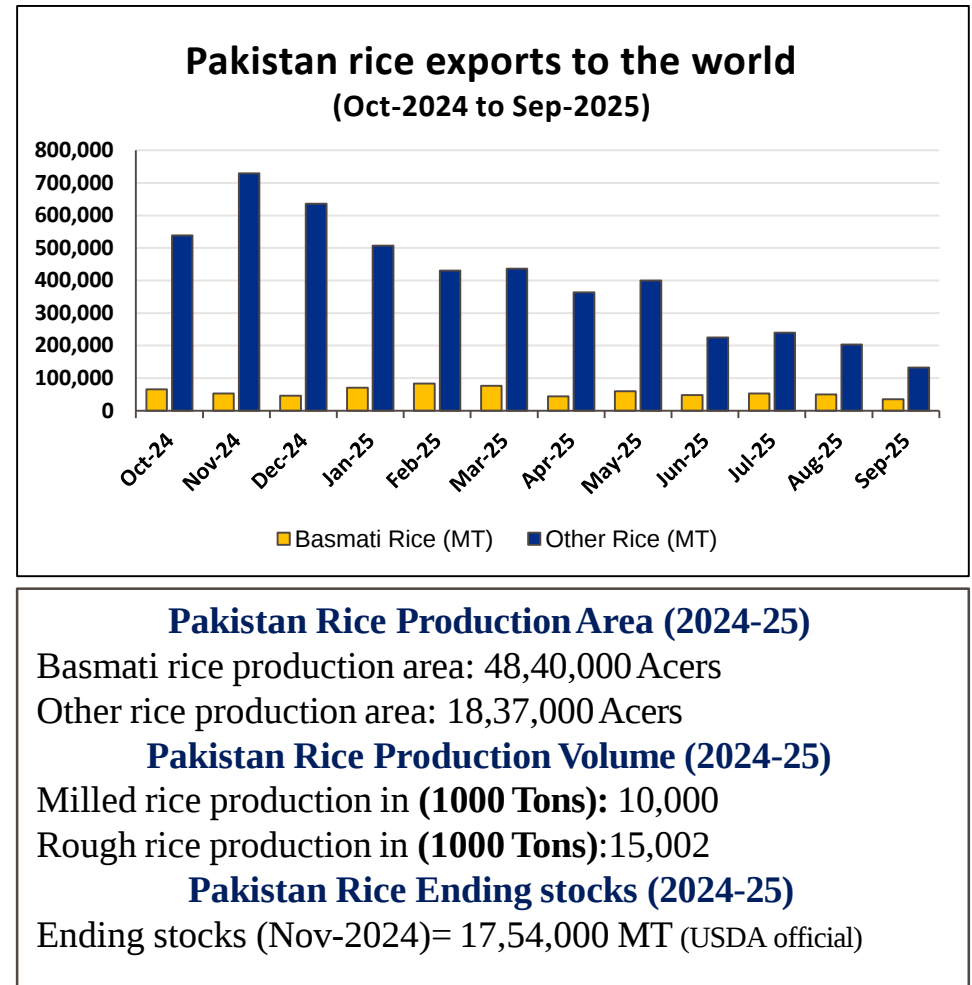


Source: Google Weather  
Weather forecast from 29<sup>th</sup> October and onward.

## 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               |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>681,726</b>    | <b>715,797</b>    | <b>4,841,221</b> | <b>2,334,086</b>  | <b>5,522,947</b> | <b>\$3,049,883</b>      |

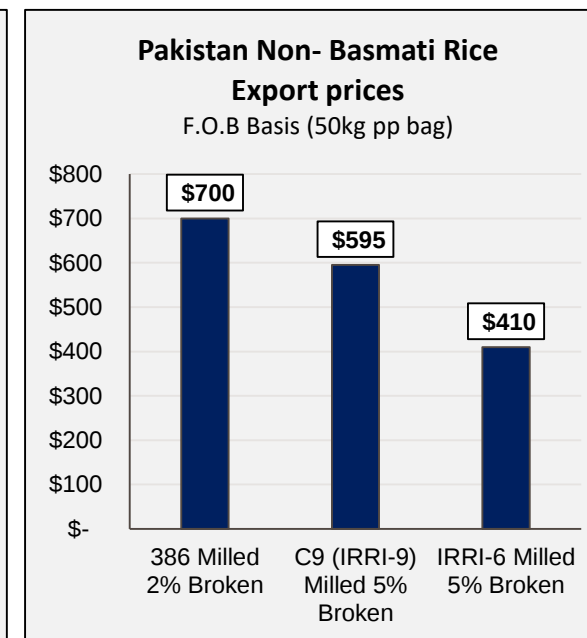
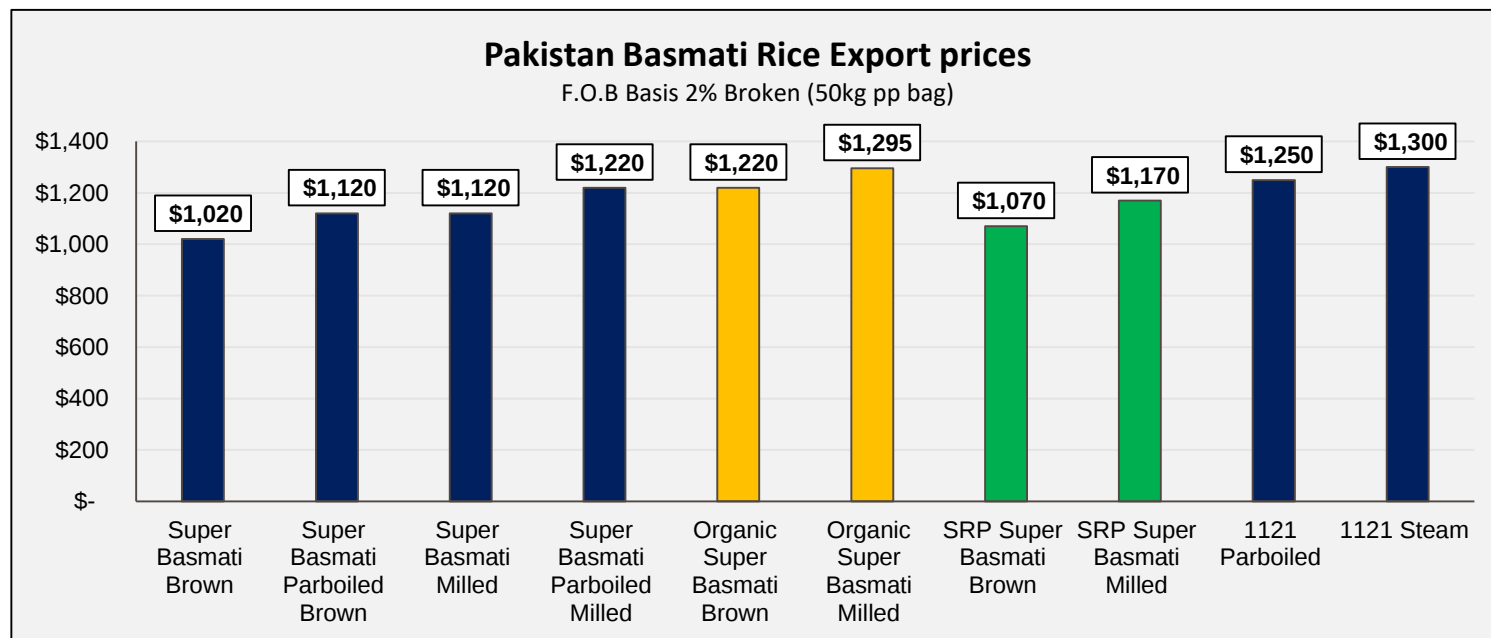
Source: Pakistan Bureau of statistics



Source: Punjab crop department & USDA

# PAKISTAN RICE PRICES:

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



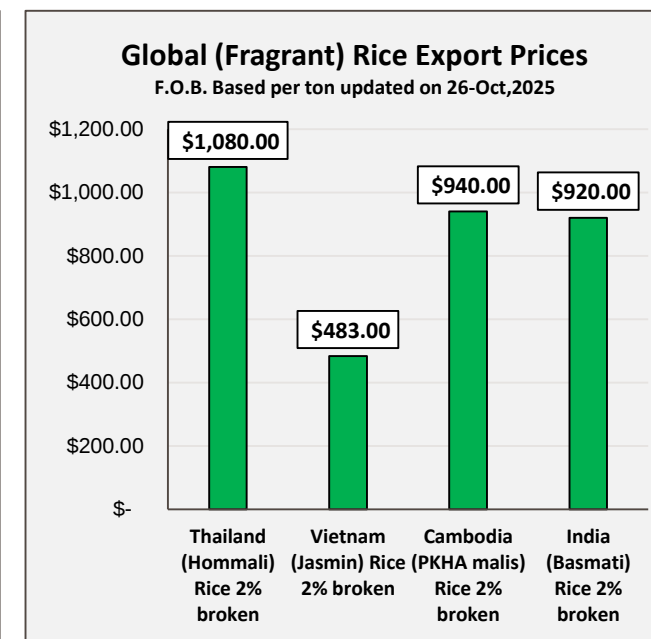
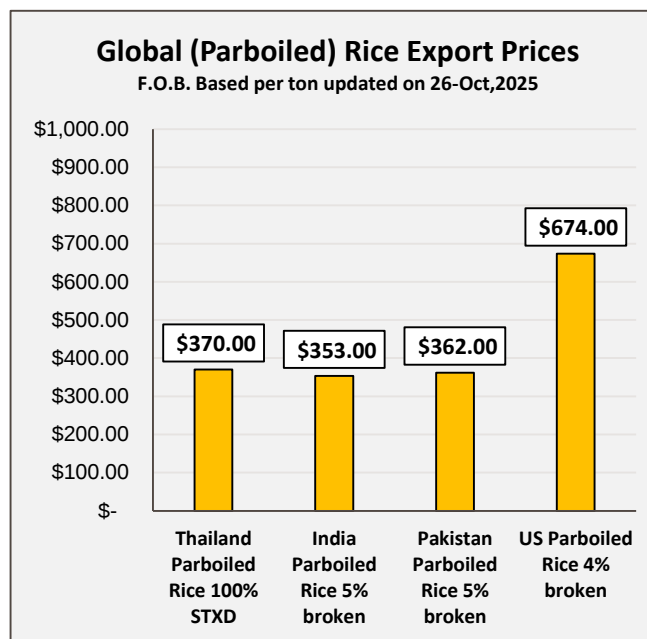
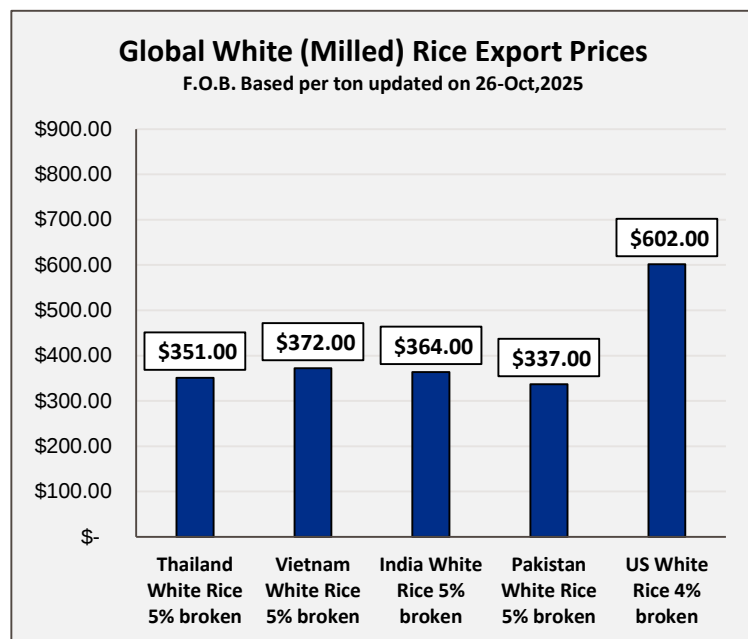
**All Prices were updated on 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2025.**

**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)

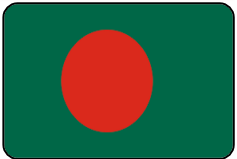
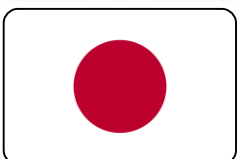


**All Prices were updated on 26<sup>th</sup> Oct 2025.**

- As per the Insights, Asian rice prices showed mixed trends this week, **with India's 5% broken parboiled rice rising to USD 345–355 per tonne** from a nine-year low, supported by a stronger rupee despite weak demand. **Thailand's 5% broken rice held steady at USD 350 per tonne**, its lowest since 2007, amid flat demand and ample supply. **Vietnam's 5% broken rice remained unchanged at USD 370 – 380 per tonne**, while Bangladesh continued imports to cool domestic prices, purchasing rice from Myanmar at USD 376.50 and through an international tender at USD 355.99 per tonne.

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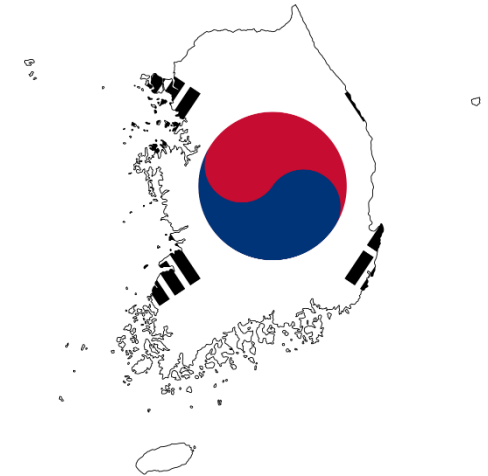
# GLOBAL NEWS HIGHLIGHTS OF THIS WEEK:

|                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
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|    | <p><b>India's rice exporters</b> are targeting <b>emerging markets</b> such as <b>Iraq, Indonesia, and Saudi Arabia</b> after a strong monsoon boosted production and stocks. The country, which supplies about <b>40% of global rice exports</b>, aims to expand its reach to <b>26 new markets</b> including <b>Japan and Mexico</b>. With record output of <b>146.1 million tons</b> against local demand of <b>120.7 million tons</b>, traders plan to secure new deals during the upcoming India International Rice Conference in New Delhi. <a href="#">READ MORE</a> (28-Oct)</p> |
|    | <p><b>Vietnam exported over 7 million tonnes</b> of rice worth <b>\$3.59 billion by mid-October</b>, marking a <b>4.4% drop in volume</b> and a <b>21.9% decline in value from last year</b>. Despite strong export figures, <b>weak global demand</b> has led to <b>falling domestic paddy prices</b> and sluggish trading activity. Meanwhile, harvesting of the autumn-winter crop continues with yields averaging around <b>5.68 tonnes per hectare</b>. <a href="#">READ MORE</a> (29-Oct)</p>                                                                                      |
|    | <p>The Bangladeshi government has extended the <b>aromatic rice export</b> deadline by one month following exporter requests, according to the Ministry of Commerce. Initially, <b>18,150 tonnes</b> were approved for export by September 30, now extended to October 31, while <b>5,800 tonnes approved in May</b> can be shipped until November 30, 2025. Aromatic rice production rose to <b>1.02 million tonnes</b> in FY2023–24, with top varieties like Chinigura and Kalijeera in high demand across <b>135 countries</b>. <a href="#">READ MORE</a> (29-Oct)</p>                |
|   | <p><b>China emerged as the top buyer of Myanmar rice</b> in the <b>first half of FY2025–2026</b>, importing over <b>1 million tonnes</b>. <b>Myanmar exported a total of 1.2 million tonnes of rice and broken rice worth \$408 million during this period</b>. <b>Indonesia</b> and the Philippines followed with <b>267,882 tonnes</b> and <b>211,464 tonnes</b>, respectively. The Myanmar Rice Federation aims to <b>export 3 million tonnes</b> this fiscal year, up from <b>2.48 million tonnes worth \$1.129 billion in 2024–2025</b>. <a href="#">READ MORE</a> (22-Oct)</p>     |
|  | <p><b>Japan's retail rice prices</b> rose for the first time in five weeks, averaging <b>4,251 yen per 5 kilograms</b>, according to the agriculture ministry. Prices of premium “brand rice” climbed to a <b>record 4,501 yen</b>, marking a seventh consecutive weekly increase. The rise reflects higher advance payments from cooperatives to farmers compared to last year. <a href="#">READ MORE</a> (24-Oct)</p>                                                                                                                                                                  |

# GLOBAL RICE TENDER & TRADE UPDATE:

## South Korea Issues Tender to Purchase 78,744 Tonnes of Rice from Multiple Origins

- South Korea's state-run Agro-Fisheries and Food Trade Corporation has announced international tenders to buy **78,744 tonnes of rice** from **China, Thailand**, and other countries, with bids due by **November 5, 2025**.
- The tender includes **56,944 tonnes of non-glutinous short-grain brown rice** from China, **1,800 tonnes of long-grain milled rice from Thailand**, and **20,000 tonnes of milled brewers rice** open to any source.
- Shipments are required to arrive between **December 15, 2025**, and **June 30, 2026**, as part of Korea's long-term procurement plan. The corporation previously purchased **157,717 tonnes of U.S. and Chinese rice** in a tender that closed on **September 30**, with awards issued on **October 20**. [Read More](#)



## Bangladesh Issues Two International Tenders to Import 100,000 Tonnes of Rice Amid Rising Prices

- HAMBURG: Bangladesh's state grains buyer has floated two international tenders to purchase a total of **100,000 metric tonnes of non-basmati parboiled rice** to boost domestic supplies. The first tender, announced earlier, invites bids for **50,000 tonnes** by **November 3**, while a new tender seeks **another 50,000 tonnes** with bids due by **November 6, 2025**.
- Both tenders **specify CIF liner out terms**, under which sellers cover unloading costs, with shipments required within 40 days of contract award to Chittagong and Mongla ports. The rice can be sourced from any country except Israel. Despite a good harvest, domestic rice prices have surged about **15% over the past year**, prompting the government to issue multiple import tenders to stabilize the market. [Read More](#)



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# UPCOMING EVENTS:

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## 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

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