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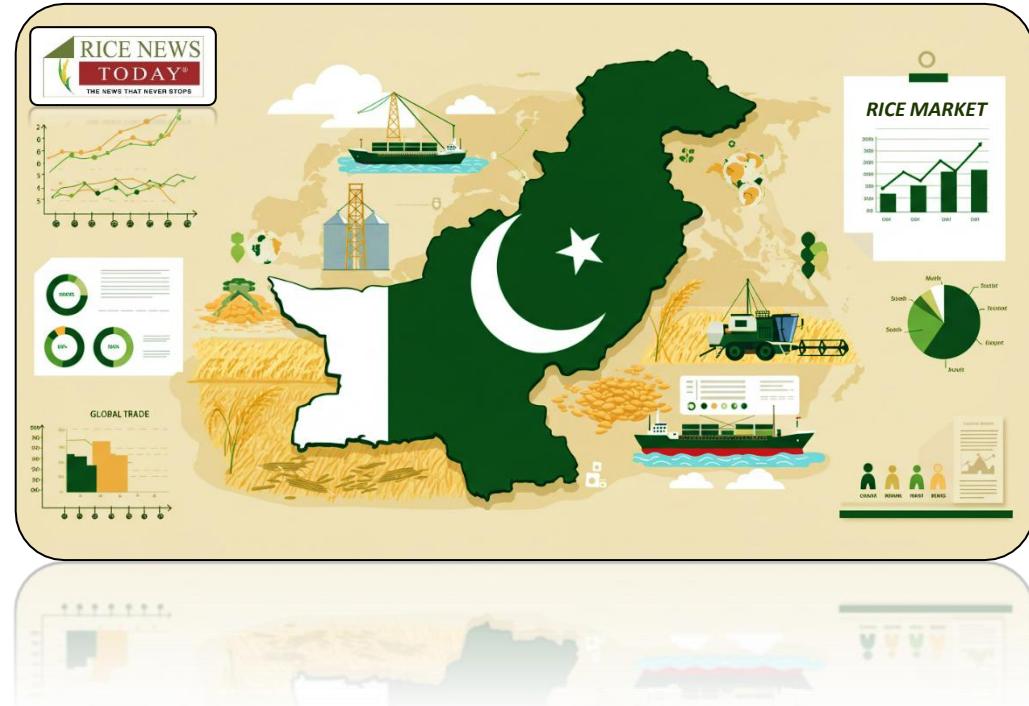
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MAJOR RICE VARITIES GROWN IN PAKISTAN: (Basmati)

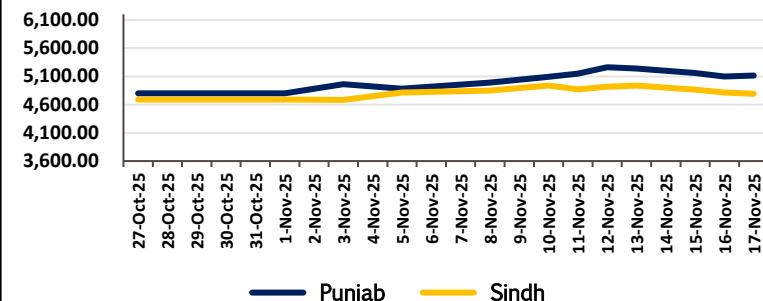
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Super Basmati		
Growing Region	Punjab: Major quantity	Sindh: Relatively good quantity
Production Area	Punjab: 1% Decline in area 2025-26: 13,00,000 Acres 2024-25: 13,13,000 Acres	Sindh: N/A
Quality of the crop year (2025-26)	Good quality of the crop is being reported so far in various areas of Punjab.	Good quality of the crop is being reported so far in various areas of Sindh.
Variants Available	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Super basmati brown Super basmati milled 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Super basmati parboiled brown Super basmati parboiled Milled
Major Markets	Europe, Gulf region and UK.	
Supply and Demand	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It has been reported that, Trade for Super Basmati has commenced, with two European buyers securing back-to-back shipments at \$780–\$830/ton (Super Basmati brown rice). Indian Pusa Basmati is trading at similar levels of \$790–\$850/ton. The Indian market remains firm, supported by Gulf buyers purchasing around 250,000 tons of parboiled and steam rice. In contrast, the Pakistani market is relatively soft due to competitive Indian prices. Both India and Pakistan have reported bumper basmati crops this year, with Pakistan's crop showing excellent quality and higher yields compared to last year. Overall, rice trading has started actively in both countries, and strong business is anticipated for the basmati season. Current super Paddy rates are around PKR 5,000–5,200 per 40 kg, up from early arrivals at PKR 4,700–4,900. 	
Local Consumption	Super basmati is consumed locally in a lower proportion.	
Competition	Pakistan: Super Basmati Milled: \$900 – \$930 (FOB PER TON)	India: PUSA Basmati White: \$780–\$800 (FOB PER TON)

Super basmati paddy prices in Punjab & Sindh

Crop Season (2025-26)

(Rates per 40 kg bag)

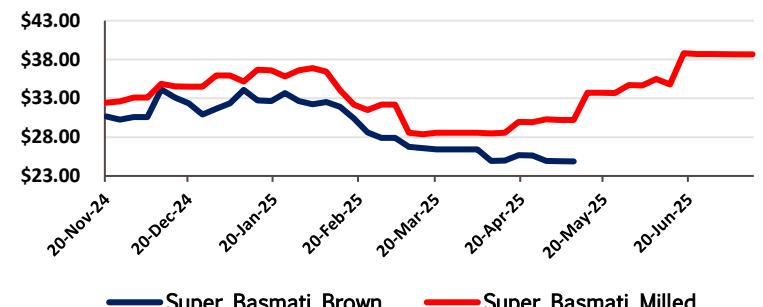


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Super basmati Domestic raw rice prices

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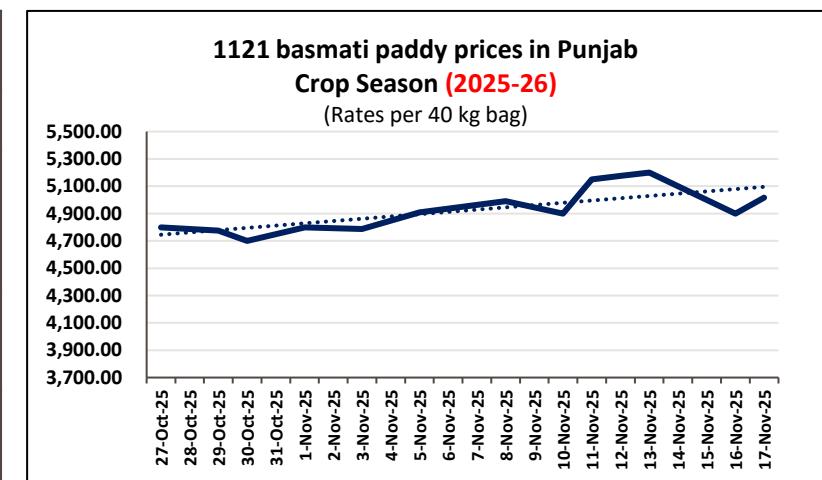
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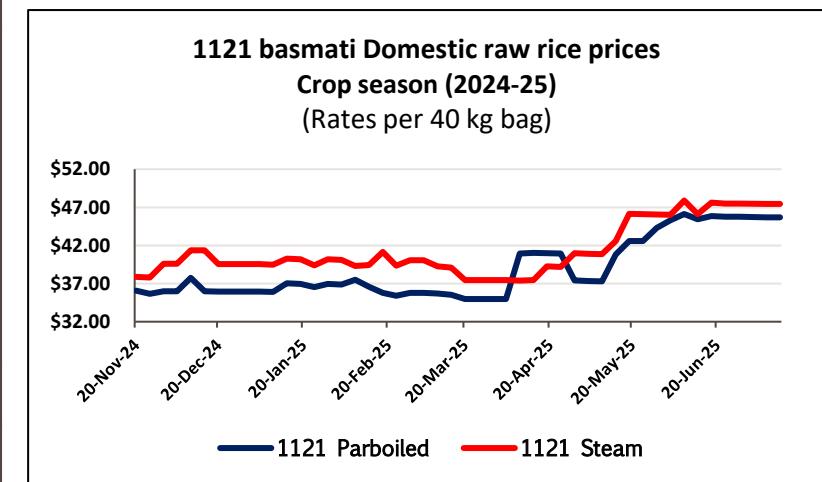
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1121/Kainat Basmati		
Growing Region	Punjab: Major quantity	Sindh: Very low quantity
Production Area	Punjab: 9% Decline in area 2025-26: 18,50,000 Acres 2024-25: 20,17,000 Acres	Sindh: N/A
Quality of the crop year (2025-26)	Good quality of the crop is being reported so far in various areas of Punjab.	
Variants Available	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1121 basmati Parboiled 1121 basmati Steam 1121 basmati Milled 	
Major Markets	Europe, Gulf region and UK.	
Supply and Demand	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It has been reported that, European buyers are showing interest in 1121 Basmati, although Pakistan's market faces competition from Indian prices. This year's crop is of excellent quality with high yields, and several 1121 hybrids such as 1718, 1885, and PB-07 are also harvesting well in Punjab. It remains to be seen whether these hybrids will be exported individually or blended with standard 1121. Overall, trade and export prospects for 1121 remain positive, and good business is expected this season. Current rates are hovering around PKR 4,800–4,900 per 40 kg, from early arrivals at PKR 4,700–4,800. 	
Local Consumption	1121 basmati rice is consumed locally	
Competition	Pakistan: 1121 Basmati Parboiled: \$1100 - \$1140 (FOB per ton)	India: 1121 Basmati Golden Sella: \$980 - \$1000 (FOB per ton)



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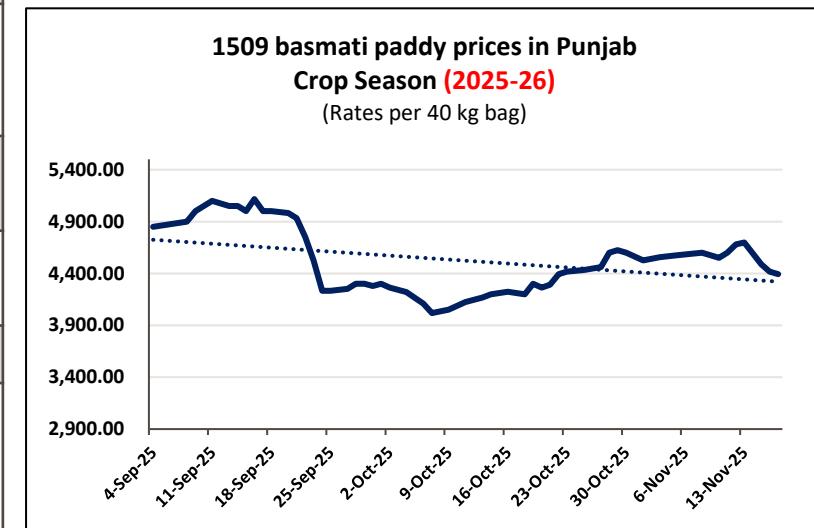


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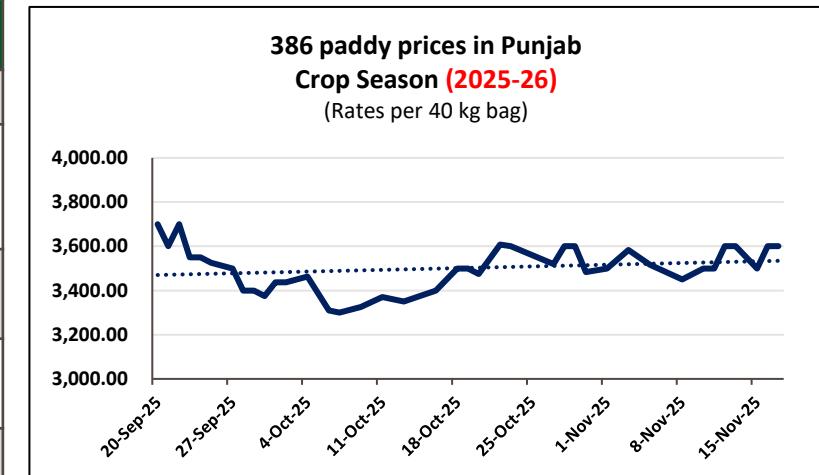
1509/Kisan Basmati		
Growing Region	Punjab: Major Quantity	Sindh: Not available in Sindh
Production Area	Punjab: 10% Increase in area 2025-26: 12,36,000 Acres 2024-25: 11,08,000 Acres	Sindh: N/A
Quality of the crop year (2025-26)	Good quality of the crop is being reported so far in various areas of punjab.	
Variants Available	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1509 basmati Parboiled 1509 basmati Steam 1509 basmati Milled 	
Major Markets	Gulf region, UK and USA.	
Supply and Demand	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The 1509 Basmati bumper crop, along with other non-Basmati varieties, has started arriving in the market. Paddy prices showed a mixed trend this week, initially rising from PKR 4,500–4,700 per 40 kg before softening to around PKR 4,400, reflecting increased market arrivals and pressure from ample supply. 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.	



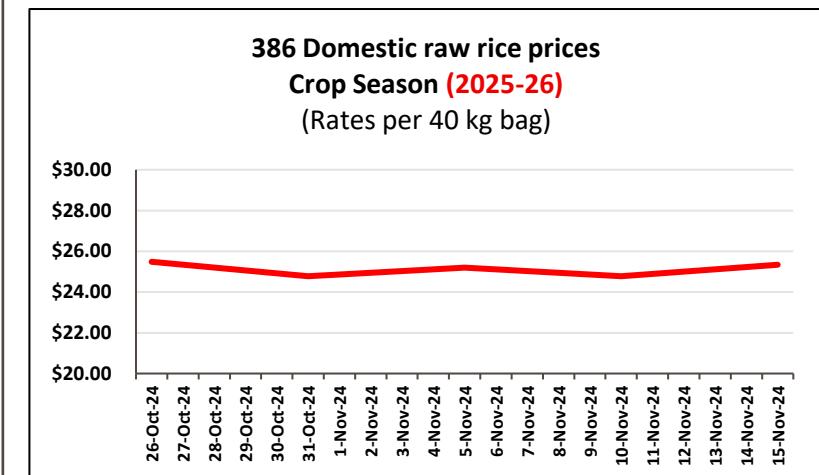
MAJOR RICE VARITIES GROWN IN PAKISTAN: (Non-Basmati)

(Production, consumption, supply and Demand)

PK-386		
Growing Region	Punjab: Major Quantity	Sindh: Not available in Sindh
Production Area	Punjab: 147% Decline in area 2025-26: 1,79,000 Acres 2024-25: 4,43,000 Acres	Sindh: N/A
Quality of the crop year (2025-26)	Good quality of the crop is being reported so far in various areas of Punjab.	
Variants Available	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 386 brown rice 386 milled rice 386 parboiled rice 	
Major Markets	African and Gulf countries.	
Supply and Demand	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It has been reported that, The long grain rice market remains under pressure as global prices stay low, with major producing countries Pakistan, Thailand, India, and Vietnam reporting bumper crops this year. Meanwhile, key importers such as the Philippines have imposed ban on rice import and Indonesia is currently not purchasing. Despite slightly higher prices, Pakistan's rice market faces competitive pressure from other exporters. The PK 386 variety has also begun arriving in the market. Current paddy prices range between PKR 3,500–3,600 per 40 kg, compared to last week levels of PKR 3,400–3,500 per 40 kg, Reflecting a stable momentum. Domestic raw rice prices for 386 rice variety are around \$24.5–\$25.5 per 40 kg, equivalent to approximately PKR 7,000–7,200. 	
Local Consumption	386 rice is consumed locally.	



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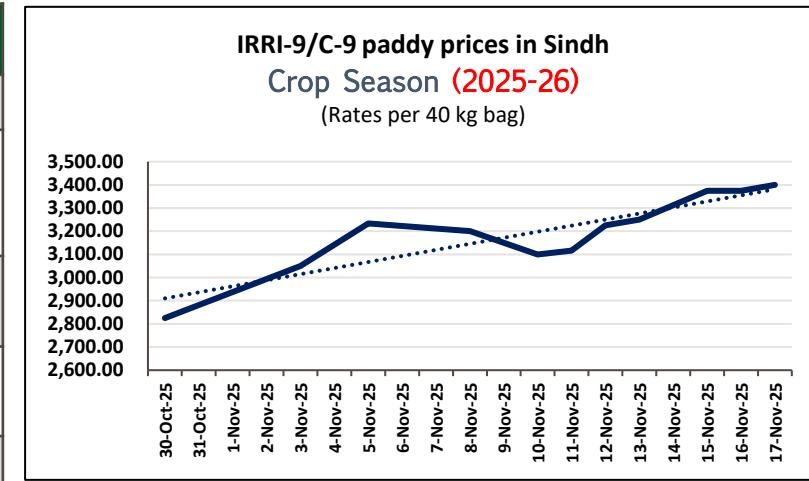


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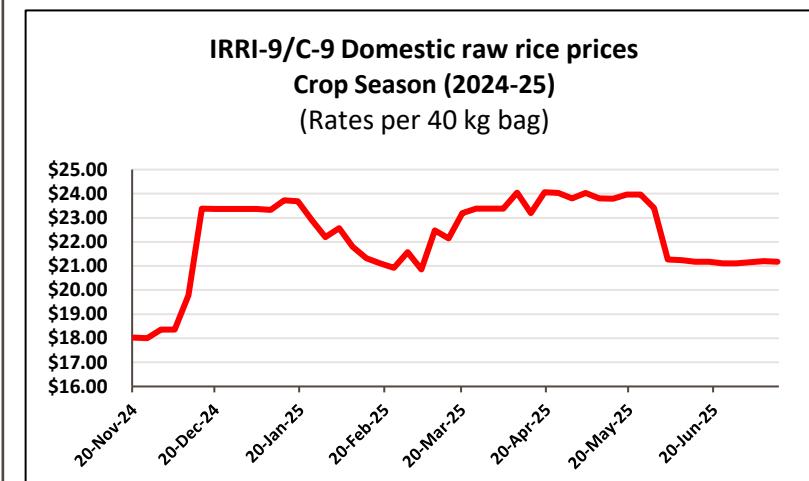
MAJOR RICE VARITIES GROWN IN PAKISTAN: (Non-Basmati)

(Production, consumption, supply and Demand)

IRRI- 9		
Growing Region	Punjab: Lower Quantity.	Sindh: Major Quantity.
Production Area	Punjab: 108% Decline in area 2025-26: 59,000 Acres 2024-25: 1,23,000 Acres	Sindh: N/A
Quality of the crop year (2025-26)	Good quality of the crop is being reported so far in various areas of Sindh.	
Variants Available	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> IRRI-9 milled rice. IRRI-9 steam rice. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> IRRI-9 parboiled rice
Major Markets	Gulf & African countries.	
Supply and Demand	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It has been reported that, Global long-grain rice prices remain low with bumper crops in Pakistan, Thailand, India, and Vietnam. Despite slightly higher local rates, Pakistan faces stiff export competition as the Philippines has banned rice import and Indonesia is not buying, while much IRRI rice stock is still available in market for sale. The paddy arrival of IRRI-9 has started in the market, with a bumper flow expected within a week. Local trade for IRRI-9 has commenced this season, and offers to international buyers are already underway. Current paddy prices range between PKR 3,200–3,400 per 40 kg up from last week levels of PKR 2,800–3,200 per 40 kg bag. Showing a notable increase in IRRI-9 Paddy prices. 	
Local Consumption	IRRI-9 rice is consumed locally.	



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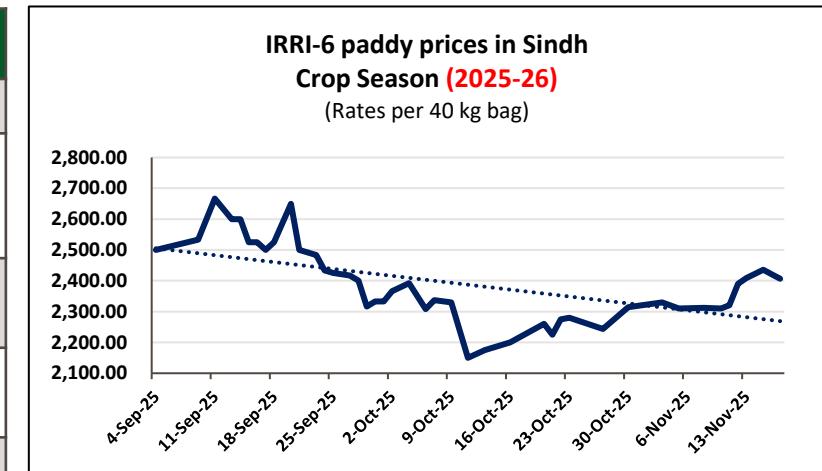


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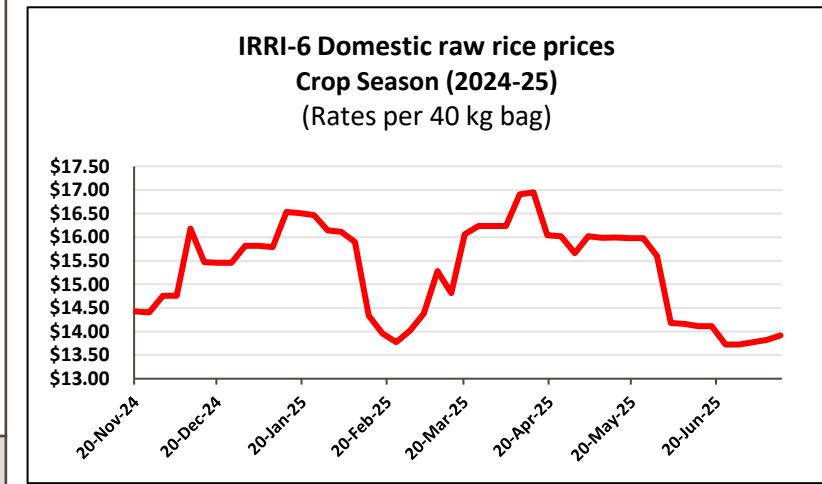
MAJOR RICE VARITIES GROWN IN PAKISTAN: (Non-Basmati)

(Production, consumption, supply and Demand)

IRRI- 6		
Growing Region	Punjab: Relatively good Quantity.	Sindh: Major Quantity.
Production Area	Punjab: 92% Decline in area 2025-26: 1,08,000 Acres 2024-25: 2,07,000 Acres	Sindh: N/A
Quality of the crop year (2025-26)	Good quality of the crop is being reported so far in various areas of Sindh.	
Variants Available	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> IRRI-6 milled rice. IRRI-6 steam rice. IRRI-6 parboiled rice IRRI-6 brown rice 	
Major Markets	Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines and African countries.	
Supply and Demand	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It has been reported that, Global long-grain rice prices remain low with bumper crops in Pakistan, Thailand, India, and Vietnam. Despite slightly higher local rates, Pakistan faces stiff export competition as the Philippines has ban rice import and Indonesia is not buying, while much IRRI rice stock is still available in market for sale. The IRRI-6 variety has also started arriving in good quantity in the market, with current paddy prices ranging between PKR 2,200–2,300 per 40 kg, increased from PKR 2,300–2,400 per 40 kg, last week. 	
Local Consumption	IRRI-6 rice is consumed locally.	

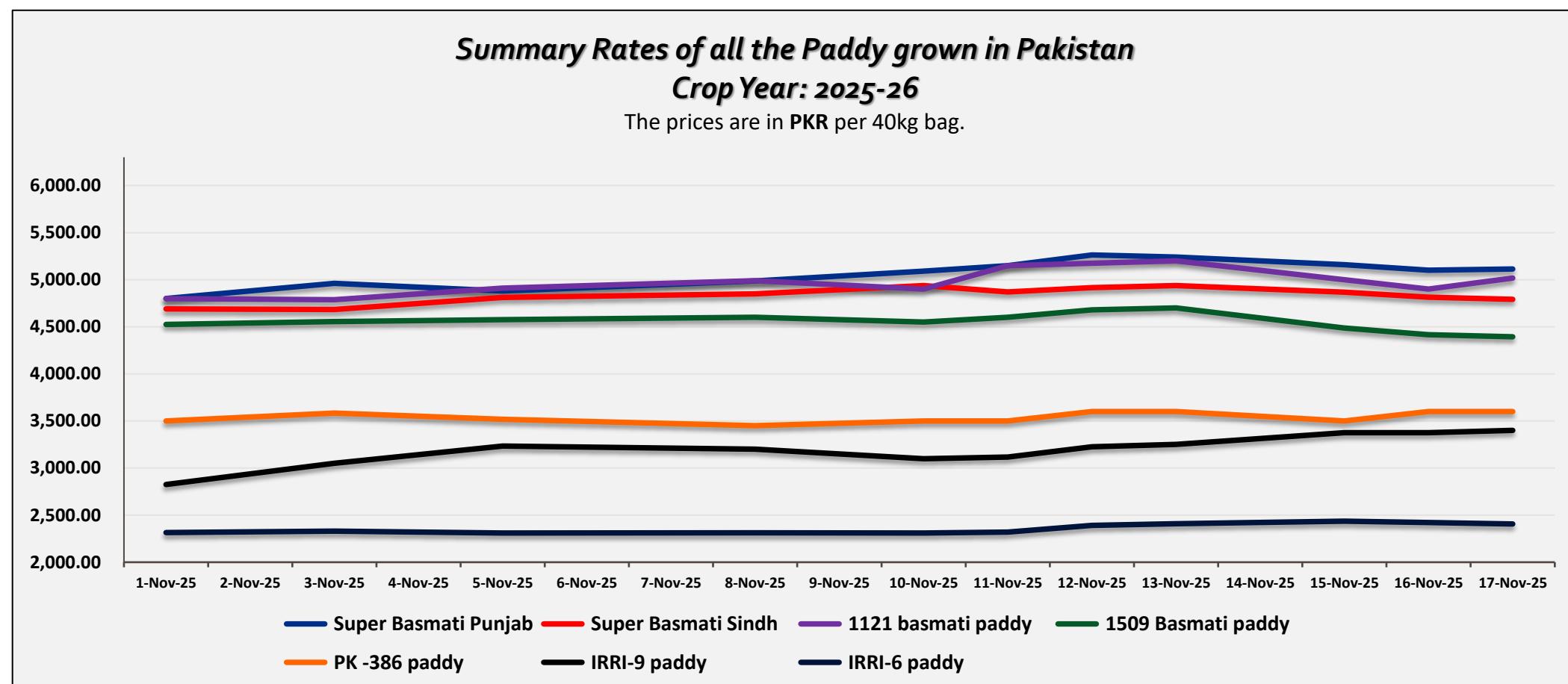


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SUMMARY RATES OF ALL THE PADDY GROWN IN PAKISTAN



Here we present a comparative performance on all the varieties grown in Pakistan till the time being reported. (Last Updated: 17th November 2025)

For checking previous year rates and comparing various varieties please click here: [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		APPROVED NON-BASMATI VARIETIES	
Basmati -370	Kissan Basmati	IRRI-6	IRRI-9
Basmati C 622	NIAB Basmati 2016	SKS- 282	NIBGE GSR 8
Sultan Super Basmati	Noor Basmati	SKS- 133	SKCB – 370-5-32
Basmati 198	Super Gold	NIAB IRRI-9	
Basmati 385	Super Basmati 2019	NIAB 2013	
Super Basmati	NIBGE Basmati 2020	SKS- 434	
Basmati 2000	PK 2021 aromatic	NIBGE -5	
Shaheen Basmati	SKS 111 H	NIAB ST-9	
Basmati 515	Sona Super Basmati	NIAB IRRI – 195	
PK 1121 aromatic	Vital Super Basmati	SKS- 706	
Punjab Basmati	NIAB HT 39	NIBGE GSR 6	
NIAB HT 18	NIAB S-39	NIBGE GSR 7	
GUARD 101	NIAB Super		
Chenab Basmati	NIAB Basmati-2016		

Source: [Approved Basmati Rice Varieties](#)
[Approved Non-Basmati Rice Varieties](#)

PAKISTAN NEWS HIGHLIGHTS:

- **Pakistan's agricultural exports** declined by **3.4% in FY 2024-25**, mainly due to falling international prices after India lifted its rice export ban. Commerce **Minister Jam Kamal Khan** noted that the re-entry of **Indian agri-products**, particularly rice and onions, has created oversupply and reduced Pakistan's competitiveness in key farm commodities. While overall **exports slightly rose to \$32.04 billion**, weaknesses in the agriculture sector offset gains in textiles and IT. Regional transit challenges through Iran, Afghanistan, and Gulf routes also added pressure. Trade analysts warn that intensifying competition from India, Vietnam, and Myanmar could further impact **Pakistan's farm export earnings**. The situation highlights the vulnerability of Pakistan's export sector due to reliance on a limited range of agricultural commodities. [Read More](#) (20th Nov).
- **Pakistan** achieved a major legal victory in the global basmati rice dispute as the **New Zealand High Court** dismissed **India's appeal** for exclusive certification trademark rights. The court upheld the earlier decision by **New Zealand's Intellectual Property Office**, recognizing that basmati is grown in both Pakistan and India and cannot be exclusively associated with India. **India's APEDA** had sought sole rights since 2019, but the court ruled that restricting the term would unfairly disadvantage Pakistani exporters. The verdict reinforces **Pakistan's legitimacy** as a basmati producer and safeguards its access to **New Zealand's market**. Industry representatives welcomed the decision, noting it strengthens Pakistan's position in ongoing international basmati trademark disputes. [Read More](#) (16th Nov).



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

- Total rice exports fell to **712,797 tonnes** in **Q1 FY26** from **991,146 tonnes** in **Q1 FY25**, a **28% decline**.
- Basmati rice exports fell to **137,066 tonnes** in **Q1 FY26** from **248,500 tonnes** last year, a **45.5% decline**.
- Non-basmati rice exports dropped to **575,731 tonnes** from **764,700 tonnes**, down **22.1%**.
- 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:

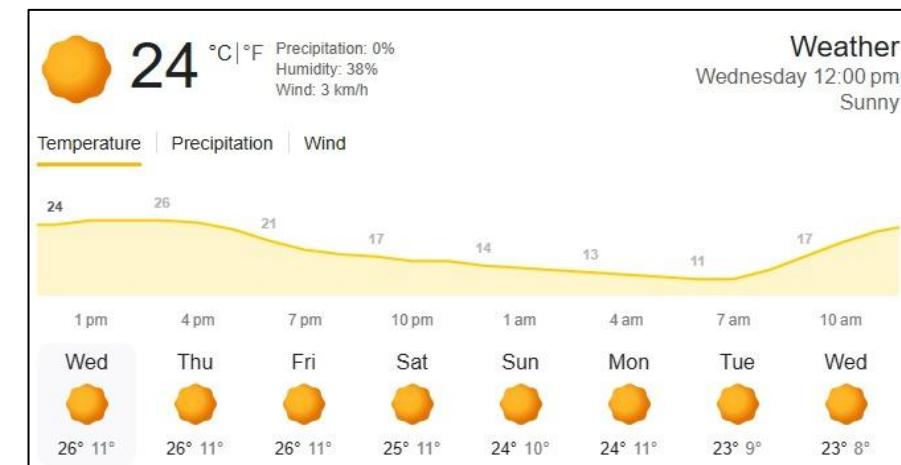
Sindh Pushes for Paddy Support Price and Direct Farmer Subsidies:

- The Sindh government has called on the federal authorities to establish a clear and effective mechanism for fixing the support price of paddy, similar to the system applied for wheat. Sindh's Agriculture Minister, Sardar Muhammad Bakhsh Mahar, highlighted the ongoing challenges faced by rice farmers in the province and stressed the importance of fair compensation for their hard work. To address these concerns, district-level committees have been formed, led by Assistant Commissioners and Market Committee secretaries, to monitor market practices, take action against exploitative middlemen, and ensure that farmers' complaints are addressed promptly. These committees will submit weekly reports to the Agriculture Secretary, creating a structured system of oversight aimed at protecting farmers' interests.
- In a bid to reduce production costs and improve profitability, the Sindh government has also decided to channel all agricultural subsidies through the Benazir Hari Card, creating a transparent and direct support system for small and marginalized farmers. The minister emphasized that while provincial governments cannot independently fix crop prices due to federal regulations and IMF agreements, a collaborative long-term agricultural strategy involving both federal and provincial authorities is essential. By combining direct financial assistance with improved monitoring of market practices, the Sindh government aims to safeguard farmers against unfair pricing, strengthen their livelihoods, and promote sustainable growth in the rice sector. (14, November 2025)

Source: Publications & News



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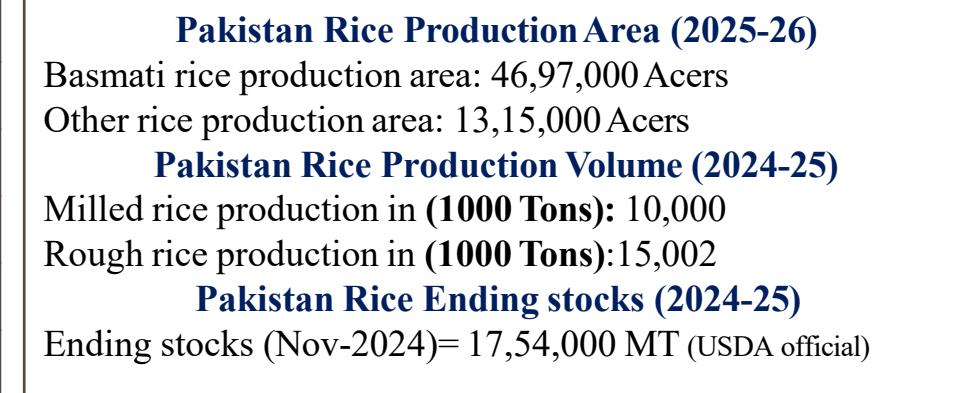
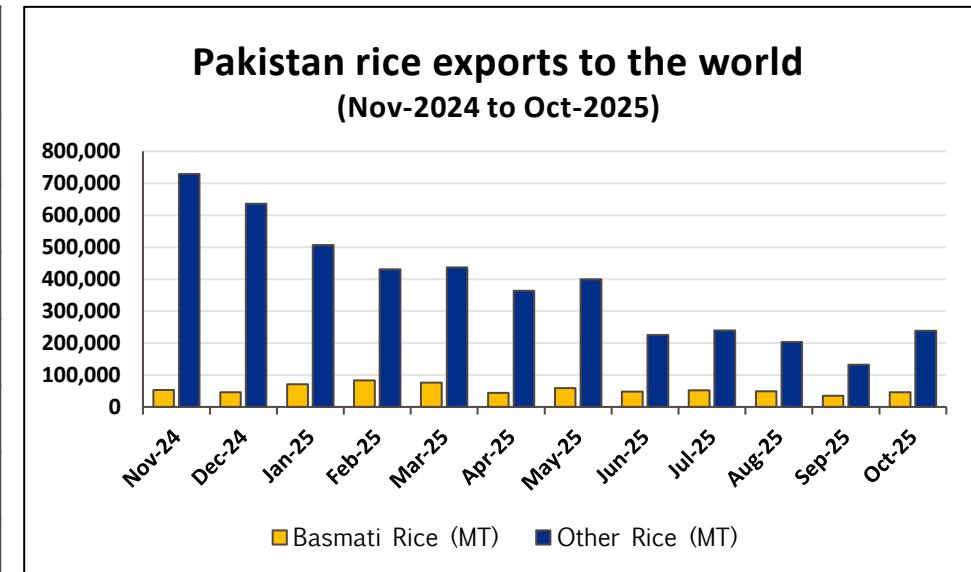
Source: Google Weather
Weather forecast from 19th November and onward.

PAKISTAN RICE EXPORTS (Month-wise) & PRODUCTION OVERVIEW (2025-26):



Months	Basmati Rice (MT)	Value in (000) \$	Other Rice (MT)	Value in (000) \$	Total QTY (MT)	Total Value in (000) \$
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
Oct-25	45,725	\$54,038	238,544	\$108,623	284,269	\$162,661
Total	661,907	701,178	4,541,165	2,149,037	5,203,072	\$2,850,215

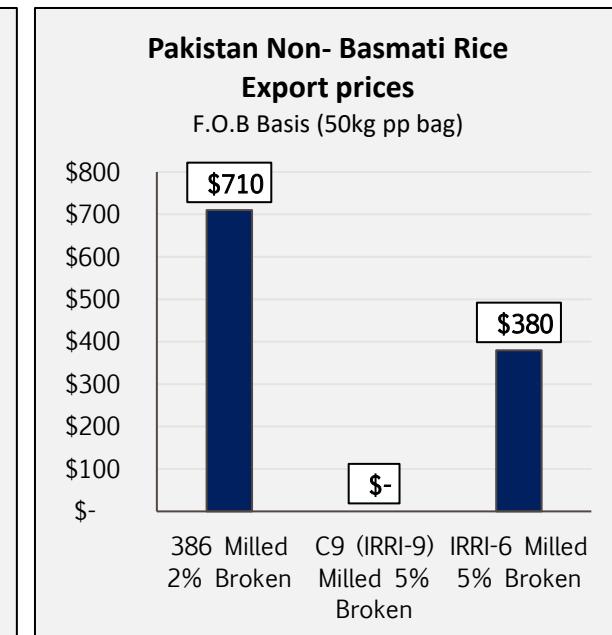
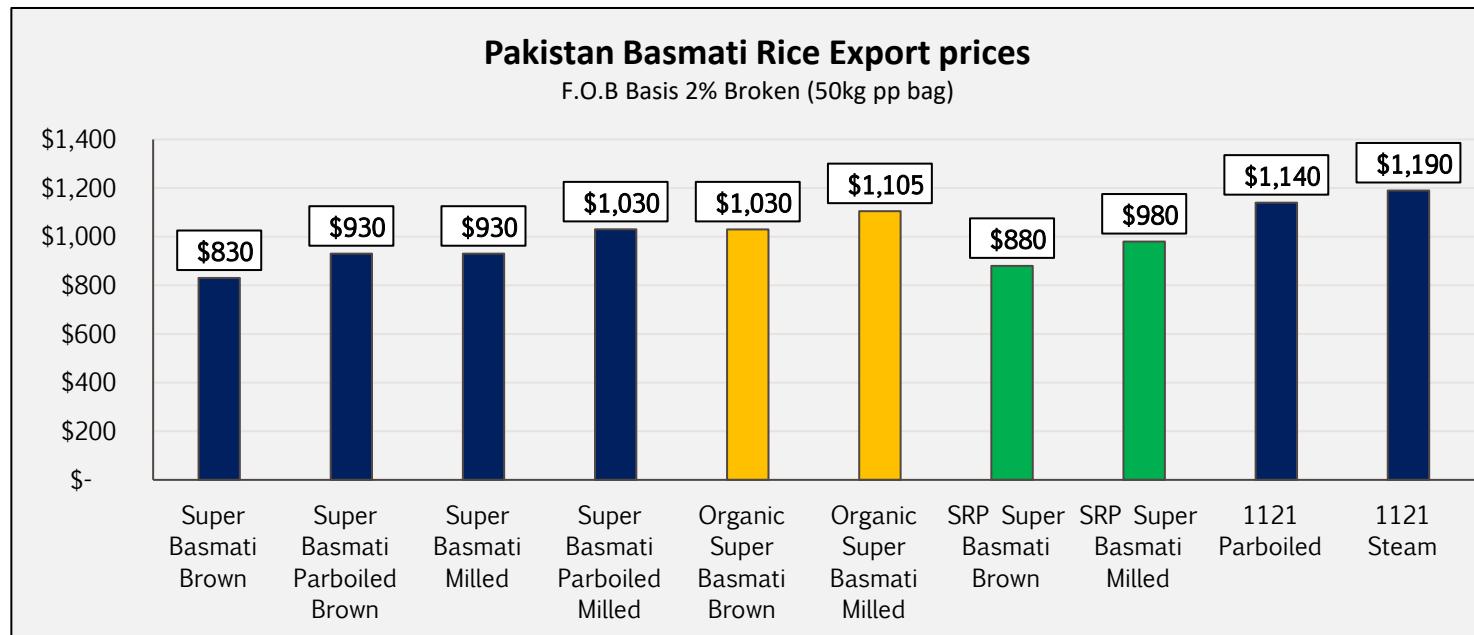
Source: Pakistan Bureau of statistics



Source: Punjab crop department & USDA

PAKISTAN RICE PRICES:

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



All Prices were updated on 20th November 2025.

- This week, **Super Basmati** rice prices increased by \$20/ton across all categories, while **1121 Basmati parboiled and steam** saw a rise of \$35/ton. Among non-Basmati varieties, **IRRI-6 recorded a price increase of \$15/ton**, whereas PK-386 experienced a decline of \$40/ton. Export prices for IRRI-9 will be updated shortly.

For more details on Pakistan market rice prices Please click here: [Pakistan Rice Market](#)

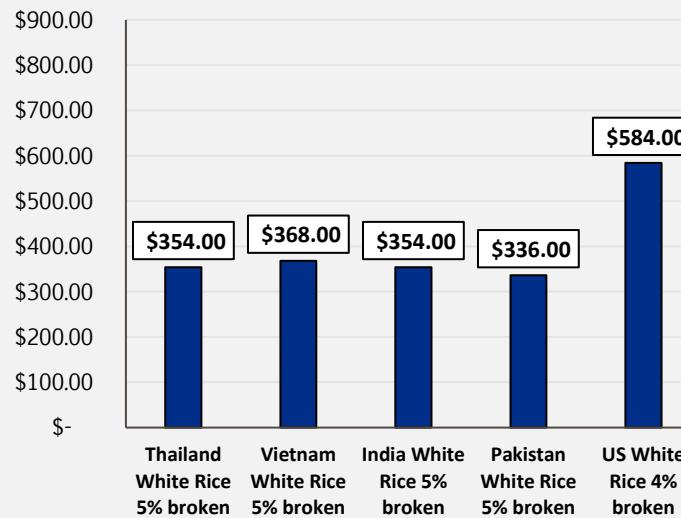
GLOBAL RICE PRICES:

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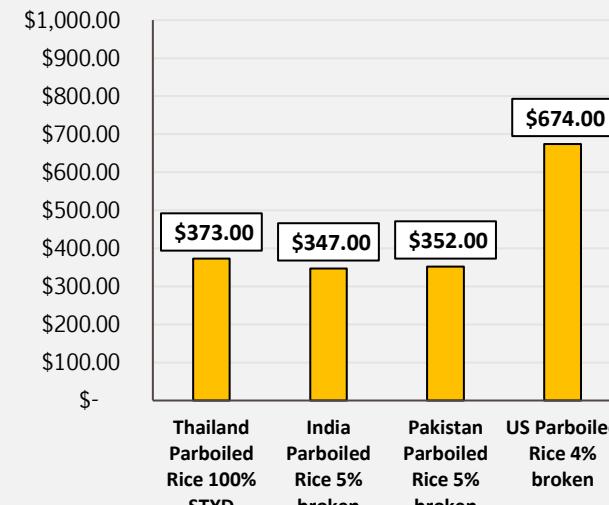
Global White (Milled) Rice Export Prices

F.O.B. Based per ton updated on 17-Nov,2025



Global (Parboiled) Rice Export Prices

F.O.B. Based per ton updated on 17-Nov,2025



Global (Fragrant) Rice Export Prices

F.O.B. Based per ton updated on 17-Nov,2025



All Prices were updated on 17th Nov 2025.

- As per the news, This week, **Thai 5% broken rice prices** fell to **\$355/ton**, the lowest since 2007, due to weak demand and abundant new-season supply. Indian **5% broken parboiled** rice held steady at **\$344–\$350/ton**, while **5% broken white rice** remained at **\$350–\$360/ton**. Vietnam's **5% broken rice** was stable at **\$365–\$375/ton** despite slow sales. Bangladesh approved importing parboiled rice at \$355.59/ton to stabilize local supply.

For more details on global rice prices Please click here: [Global Rice Market](#)

GLOBAL NEWS HIGHLIGHTS OF THIS WEEK:



Thailand's rice exports fell 24% in **2024-25** to **7.5 million tonnes** due to intense competition from India and Vietnam, particularly in white rice. While parboiled and **fragrant rice** performed better, overall exports are expected to remain the same in **2025-26**. Production will dip slightly but strong ending stocks will help stabilize prices despite global competition. [READ MORE](#) (19-Nov)



The **Philippines** has extended its ban on regular and **well-milled rice imports until end-2025**, creating risks for **Việt Nam**, which relies on the market for over 40% of its **rice exports**. **Vietnamese exporters** are shifting focus toward **Africa** and the Middle East as exports to the **Philippines drop 27%**, though **Việt Nam** still maintains strong competitiveness with higher **export prices** than regional rivals. [READ MORE](#) (17-Nov)



Vietnam's VFA chairman says Vietnam has many high-quality rice varieties but weak branding and no long-term strategy limit global recognition. Despite **ST25** winning the **World's Best Rice Award 2025**, it remains unfamiliar to many consumers, underscoring the need for national-level branding, protection and coordinated promotion to elevate Vietnamese premium rice worldwide. [READ MORE](#) (15-Nov)



India's bid to secure exclusive rights to the term **basmati** was rejected by the **New Zealand High Court**, which ruled the name is descriptive and applies to rice grown in both **India and Pakistan**. The decision prevents India from restricting basmati sales to its own varieties and aligns with similar rulings in Australia. [READ MORE](#) (20-Nov)



Japan's editorial board warns that current rice policy is confused, as prices remain high despite **increased supply**. The new minister's "**production in line with demand**" approach risks repeating past misjudgments that caused shortages, and policymakers are urged to support farmers while ensuring consumers are protected from excessively high prices. [READ MORE](#) (19-Nov)

GLOBAL RICE TENDER & TRADE UPDATE:

Bangladesh Moves to Strengthen Rice Supplies with New Tenders and Imports Ahead of Ramadan:

- The government has approved the **import of 50,000 MT** of **non-Basmati parboiled rice** through an international tender at **\$354.19/ton** to strengthen food supplies ahead of Ramadan. The shipment will be managed by **M/S Aditya Birla Global Trading (Singapore)**, with an estimated cost of **Tk 216.90 crore**. Authorities have also eased LC restrictions and initiated imports of rice and wheat to stabilize prices, while expediting procurement timelines to meet rising domestic demand.

(19, November 2025)

- Bangladesh's state grains buyer has issued a new international tender to purchase **50,000 metric tons** of rice.
- Price offers must be submitted by **December 1** and remain **valid until December 15**.
- The tender requests **non-Basmati parboiled** rice on CIF liner out terms, with shipment to Chittagong and Mongla ports 40 days after contract award.
- Rice can originate from any country except Israel.

(18, November 2025)



UPCOMING EVENTS:



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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