

RICE MARKET REPORT

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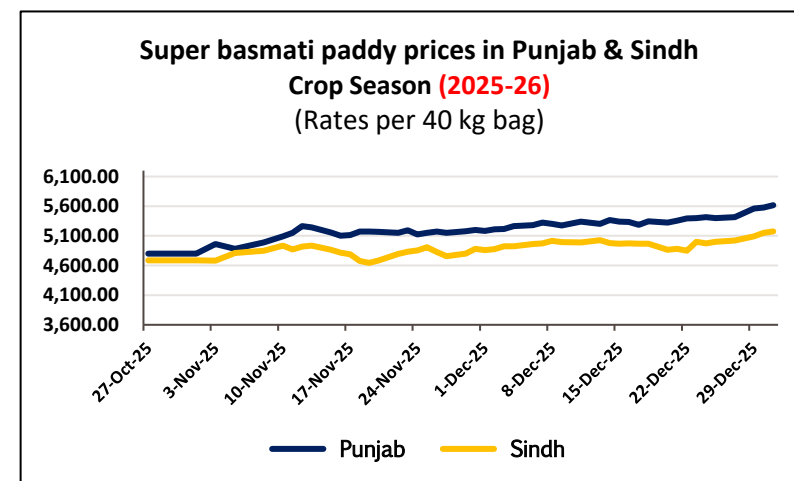
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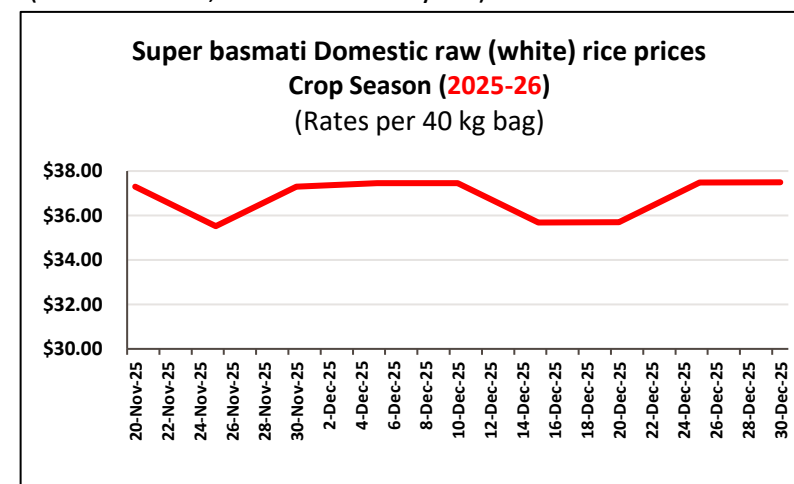
MAJOR RICE VARITIES GROWN IN PAKISTAN: (Basmati)

(Production, consumption, supply and Demand)

Super Basmati		
Growing Region	Punjab: Major quantity	Sindh: Relatively good quantity
Production Area	Punjab: 1% Decline in area 2025-26: 13,00,000 Acers 2024-25: 13,13,000 Acers	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 Super basmati parboiled brown Super basmati parboiled Milled 	
Major Markets	Europe, Gulf region and UK.	
Supply and Demand	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As per the reports, The Super Basmati market remains quite subdued, with Pakistan maintaining steady FOB levels The onset of Christmas and New Year holidays, trading has slowed further, and Gulf countries have announced one-week holidays for the New Year. The EU market continues to remain subdued. Export sentiment is expected to pick up following Gulfood 2026 in January. Current Super Basmati paddy rates in Sindh are hovering around PKR 5000 – 5200 per 40 kg, showing a bullish trend compared to last week's levels. 	
Local Consumption	Super basmati is consumed locally in a lower proportion.	
Competition	Pakistan: Super Basmati Milled: \$950 - \$990 (FOB PER TON)	India: PUSA Basmati White: \$860-\$900 (FOB PER TON)



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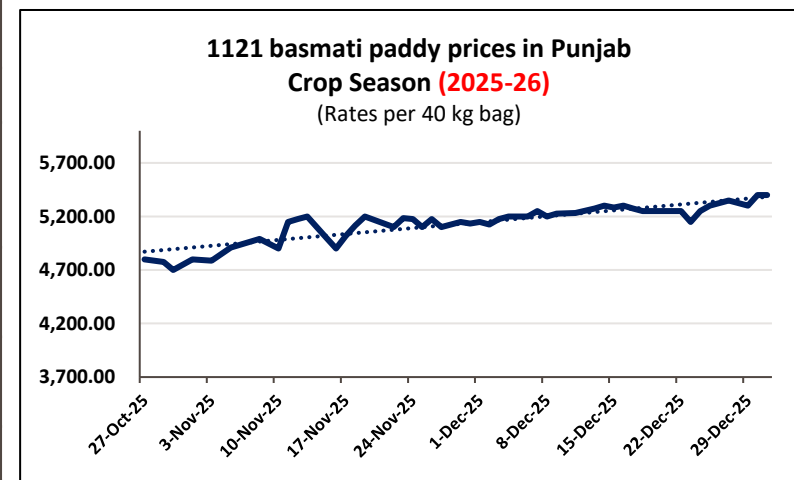
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MAJOR RICE VARITIES GROWN IN PAKISTAN: (Basmati)

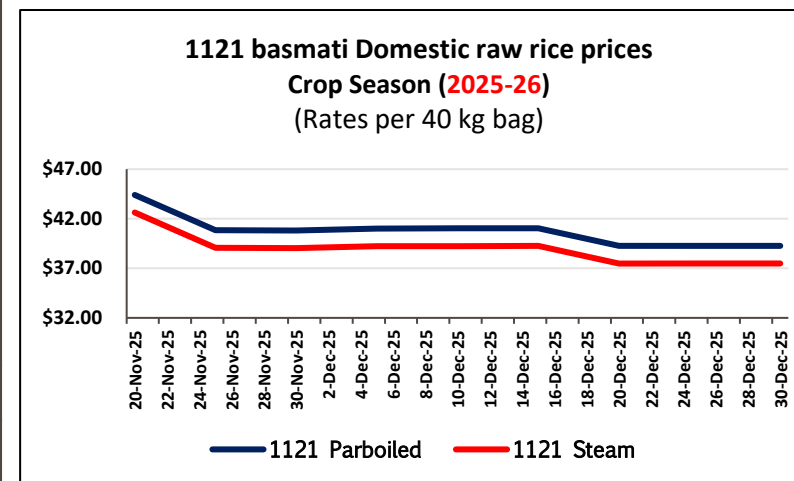
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1121/Kainat Basmati		
Growing Region	Punjab: Major quantity	Sindh: Very low quantity
Production Area	Punjab: 9% Decline in area 2025-26: 18,50,000 Acers 2024-25: 20,17,000 Acers	Sindh: N/A
Quality of the crop year (2025-26)	Good quality of the crop 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"> As per the news, The 1121 Basmati market remains quite subdued this week. Indian prices have seen some recent corrections, slightly improving regional competitiveness. The recent Iranian tender for 10,000 MT of 1121 white Basmati provides a fresh export opportunity, which could support prices in the coming weeks. With Christmas and New Year holidays underway, market activity has slowed, and Gulf countries have announced a one-week holiday for the New Year. Stakeholders expect trading to resume post-holidays, while additional positive sentiment may come from Gulfood 2026 in January. Current paddy rates are hovering around PKR 5,300–5,400 per 40 kg, Slight increase then earlier paddy prices. 	
Local Consumption	1121 basmati rice is consumed locally	
Competition	Pakistan: 1121 Basmati Parboiled: \$1100 - 1150 (FOB per ton)	India: 1121 Basmati Golden Sella: \$1000 to \$1050 (FOB per ton)



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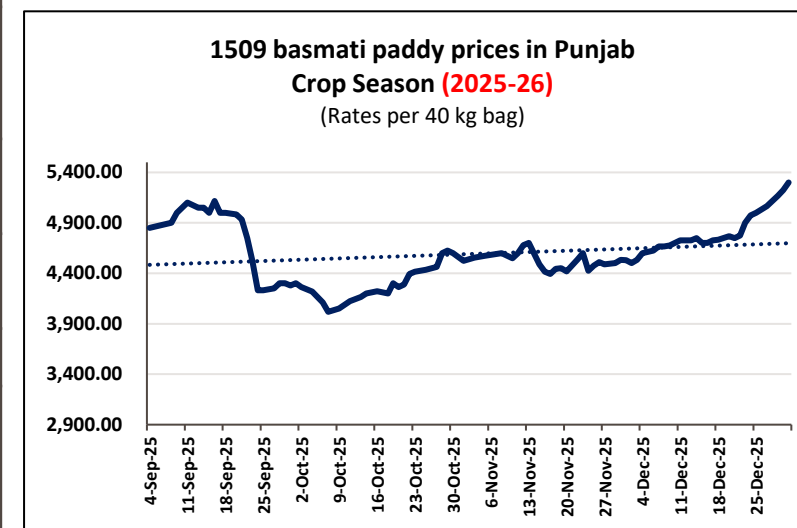


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MAJOR RICE VARITIES GROWN IN PAKISTAN: (Basmati)

(Production, consumption, supply and Demand)

1509/Kisan Basmati		
Growing Region	Punjab: Major Quantity	Sindh: Not available in Sindh
Production Area	Punjab: 10% Increase in area 2025-26: 12,36,000 Acers 2024-25: 11,08,000 Acers	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"> As per the market, 1509 basmati current paddy prices range between PKR 5100 – 5300 per 40 kg, compared to last week levels of PKR 4,600–4,700 per 40 kg, reflecting a bullish trend compared to last week's levels. Additionally, exporters in Pakistan are clubbing new varieties such as 1847 and 1692 with 1509 Basmati, as these variants are entering the market in good quantities. While it is still unclear whether they will form their own export category in the future, they are attracting growers due to better yield potential and improved grain quality. 	
Local Consumption	1509 basmati rice is consumed locally and also exported in some proportion.	

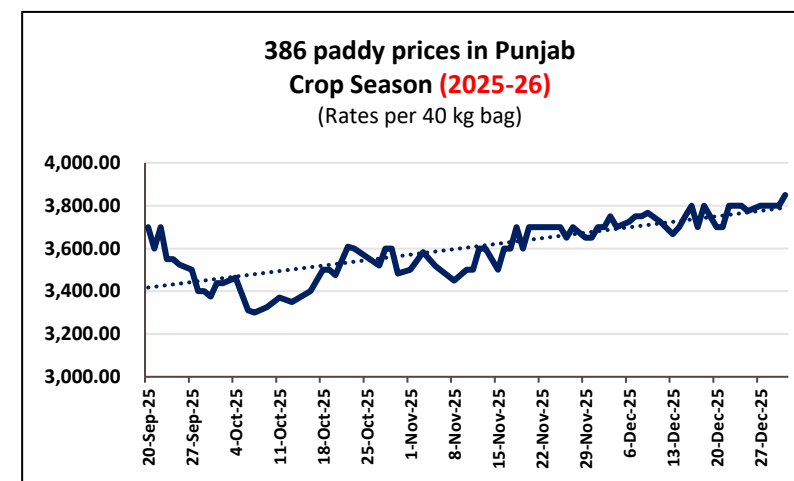


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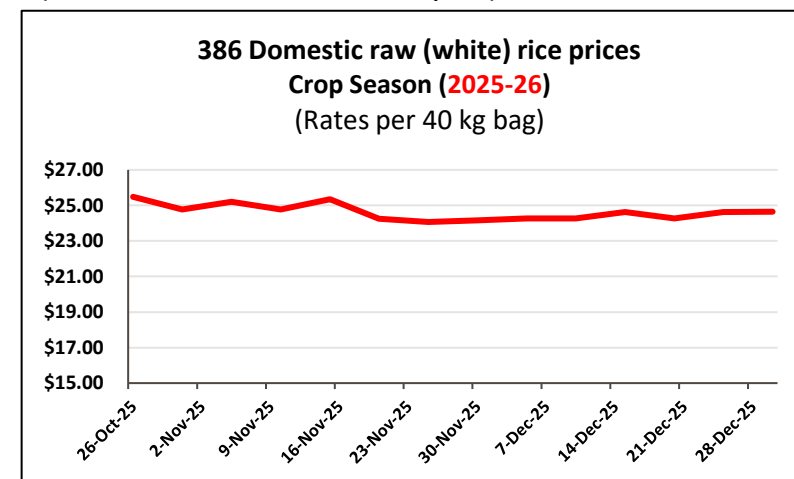
MAJOR RICE VARITIES GROWN IN PAKISTAN: (Non-Basmati)

(Production, consumption, supply and Demand)

PK-386		
Growing Region	Punjab: Major Quantity	Sindh: Not available in Sindh
Production Area	Punjab: 147% Decline in area 2025-26: 1,79,000 Acers 2024-25: 4,43,000 Acers	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"> The PK 386 long-grain segment remains under pressure amid global oversupply and muted demand from major markets. Import restrictions in the Philippines and reduced buying from Indonesia continue to weigh on prices. with market activity largely cautious as exporters navigate competitive pricing from regional suppliers. PK 386 paddy current rates are at PKR 3,700–3,800 per 40 kg reflecting Slight increase then earlier paddy prices. PK 386 Domestic raw rice prices stand at \$24.5–\$25.5 per 40 kg, roughly PKR 7,000–7,200. 	
Local Consumption	386 rice is consumed locally.	



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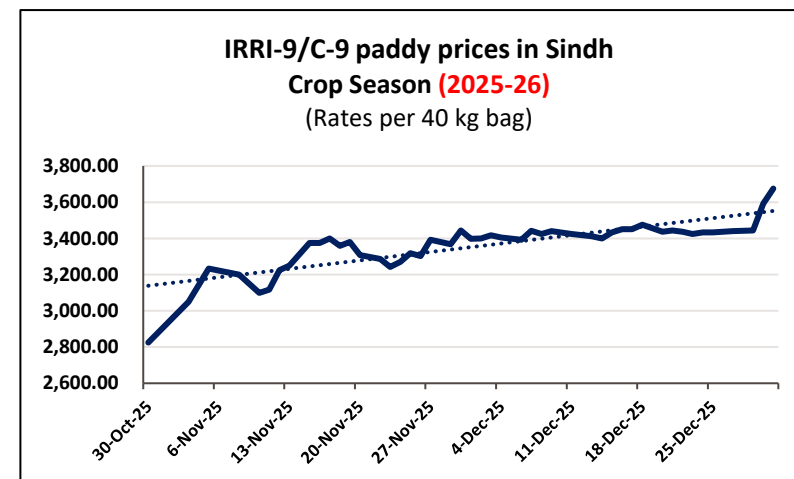


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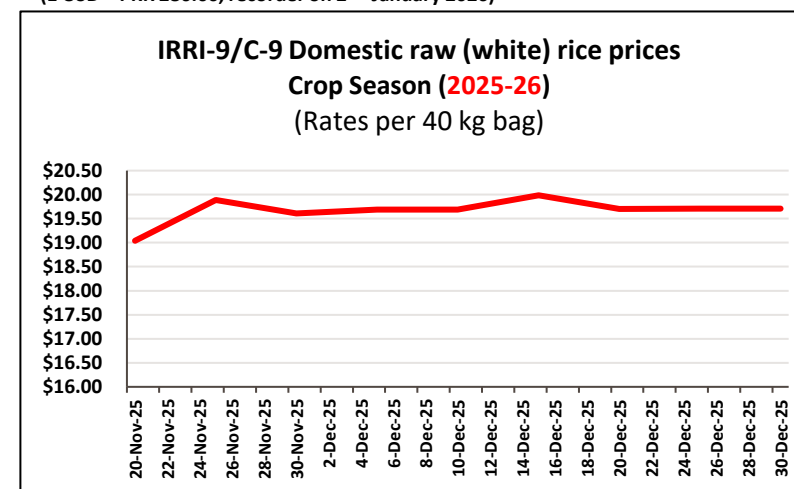
MAJOR RICE VARITIES GROWN IN PAKISTAN: (Non-Basmati)

(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 Acers 2024-25: 1,23,000 Acers	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"> IRRI-9 maintains a weak tone in line with global long-grain trends. Ample stocks in Pakistan combined with limited buying interest from traditional markets have led to slow movement. Despite slight improvement in local paddy prices, export momentum remains subdued as buyers assess regional price parity. Current paddy prices stand at PKR 3,600–3,670 per 40 kg,. showing a bullish trend compared to last week's levels. Irri-9 Domestic raw rice prices stand between \$19 –\$20 per 40 kg bag. 	
Local Consumption	IRRI-9 rice is consumed locally.	



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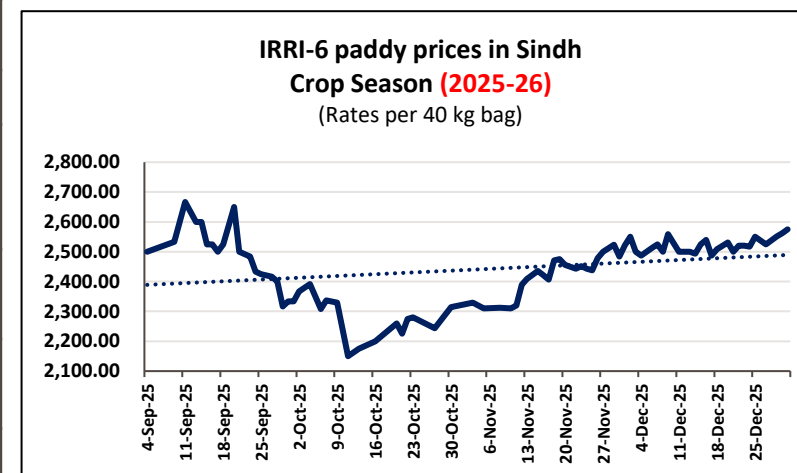


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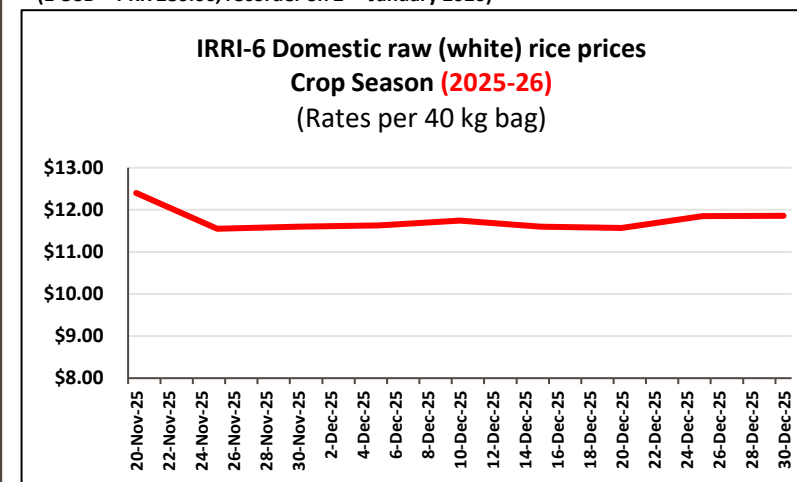
MAJOR RICE VARIETIES GROWN IN PAKISTAN: (Non-Basmati)

(Production, consumption, supply and Demand)

IRRI- 6		
Growing Region	Punjab: Relatively good Quantity.	Sindh: Major Quantity.
Production Area	Punjab: 92% Decline in area 2025-26: 1,08,000 Acers 2024-25: 2,07,000 Acers	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"> IRRI-6 stocks are abundant this season, with feed mills actively purchasing due to its lower price. Approximately 40–50% of IRRI-6 stocks remain to be sold, though there is optimism that Indonesia may absorb some of the surplus. Iran's buying activity remains slow, and trade with Afghanistan is impacted by border closures, contributing to sluggish market movement. Bangladesh's multiple tenders and Pakistan's TCP tender for 100,000 tonnes of IRRI-6 may provide temporary demand support. The long-grain (LG) rice market is also under pressure globally, and there are rumors that India may reconsider exports of non-basmati rice due to domestic food security concerns. The IRRI-6 variety current paddy prices ranging between PKR 2,500–2,550 per 40 kg, showing an upward trend. 	
Local Consumption	IRRI-6 rice is consumed locally.	

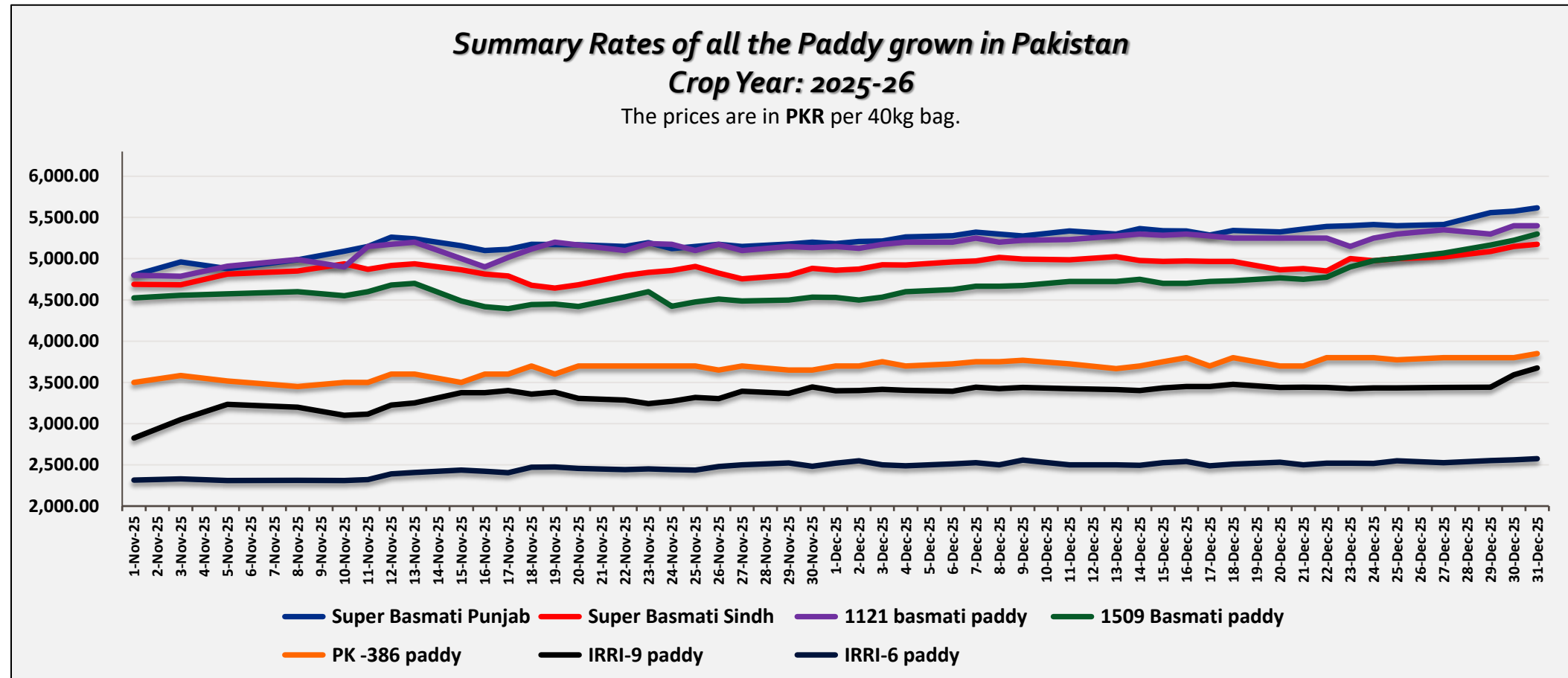


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SUMMARY RATES OF ALL THE PADDY GROWN IN PAKISTAN



Here we present a comparative performance on all the varieties grown in Pakistan till the time being reported. **(Last Updated: 31st December 2025)**

For checking previous year rates and comparing various varieties please click here: [Pakistan Domestic Market](http://PakistanDomesticMarket.com)

EMERGING BASMATI VARIETIES FOR NEW SEASON CROP: 2025–26



Key Emerging Basmati Varieties Observed This Season:

1. 1718
2. 1692
3. 1847
4. 1885
5. PB-07
6. Guard 101

Super Basmati	1121 Basmati	1509 Basmati
PB-07 (Clubbed with Super Basmati)	1718 (Clubbed with 1121 Basmati)	1847 Basmati (Clubbed with 1509 Basmati)
	1885 (Clubbed with 1121 Basmati)	1692 Basmati (Clubbed with 1509 Basmati)

- ❑ Exporters of Pakistan may club these new varieties with traditional Super, 1121, and 1509 Basmati. Although it is still unclear whether these varieties will form an individual export category, yet they are now arriving in the market in good quantities.
- ❑ These varieties are gaining attraction among growers due to certain agronomic benefits such as Improved yield potential & Better grain quality for export markets.

Using certified varieties not only ensures better productivity but also strengthens Pakistan’s position in the global basmati rice market by maintaining consistency, quality, and authenticity.

APPROVED BASMATI & NON- BASMATI VARIETIES FROM GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN

APPROVED BASMATI VARIETIES	
Basmati -370	Kissan Basmati
Basmati C 622	NIAB Basmati 2016
Sultan Super Basmati	Noor Basmati
Basmati 198	Super Gold
Basmati 385	Super Basmati 2019
Super Basmati	NIBGE Basmati 2020
Basmati 2000	PK 2021 aromatic
Shaheen Basmati	KSK 111 H
Basmati 515	Sona Super Basmati
PK 1121 aromatic	Vital Super Basmati
Punjab Basmati	NIAB HT 39
NIAB HT 18	NIAB S-39
GUARD 101	NIAB Super
Chenab Basmati	NIAB Basmati-2016

APPROVED NON-BASMATI VARIETIES	
IRRI-6	IRRI-9
KSK- 282	NIBGE GSR 8
KSK- 133	SKCB – 370-5-32
NIAB IRRI-9	
NIAB 2013	
KSK- 434	
NIBGE -5	
NIAB ST-9	
NIAB IRRI – 195	
KSK- 706	
NIBGE GSR 6	
NIBGE GSR 7	

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

PAKISTAN NEWS HIGHLIGHTS:

- The **Karachi administration** has notified new official **prices for rice** to curb overcharging and protect consumers. Under the revised rates, kernel basmati rice has been fixed at **PKR 365 per kg**, while ordinary **basmati rice** is priced at **PKR 195 per kg**. The prices have taken immediate effect and will remain applicable until further notice. Authorities have warned of strict action against violations. [Read More](#) (27th Dec).
- Pakistan's **rice exports to China rose 14% year-on-year** during **January–November 2025**, reaching **USD 49.37 million**, according to **GACC data**. The growth reflects stronger demand and improved trade facilitation between the two countries. Better processing standards, packaging, and compliance with **Chinese import regulations** supported the increase. Experts say further gains will depend on enhanced quality control, logistics, and branding. [Read More](#) (26th Dec).
- **Pakistan's rice exports fell sharply by 40%** in volume during **July–November FY26**, with **basmati down 41.8%** and **IRRI-6/9 non-basmati by 39.7%**, while **export value declined nearly 50%**, according to **PBS**. Experts cited the re-entry of cheaper Indian rice into global markets, reduced international liquidity, and lower commodity prices as major factors. Domestic challenges, including **flood-related production losses**, a shift from the Final Tax Regime to Normal Tax Regime, and higher financing costs, further weakened competitiveness. **Exports dropped from \$431.37 million in November 2024 to \$188.13 million in November 2025**, mainly due to lower volumes. Analysts predict improvement once flood effects subside and trade tensions with India ease, but structural reforms are needed to regain market share. [Read More](#) (25th Dec).



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:

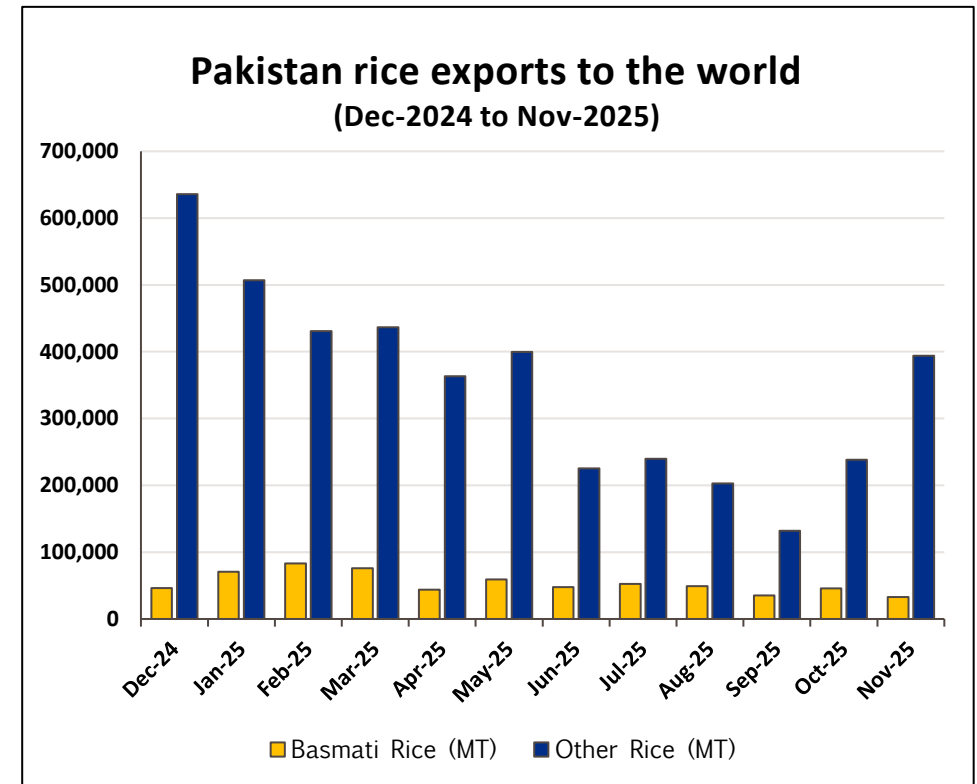
- Asia (Malaysia, Indonesia, Philippines and also neighboring country Afghanistan)
- Middle East (Saudi Arabia, UAE & Oman)

Source: Publications

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) \$
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	\$162,660
Nov-25	32,737	\$38,674	394,195	\$149,451	426,932	\$188,125
Total	641,727	685,552	4,206,396	1,921,416	4,848,123	\$2,606,968

Source: Pakistan Bureau of statistics

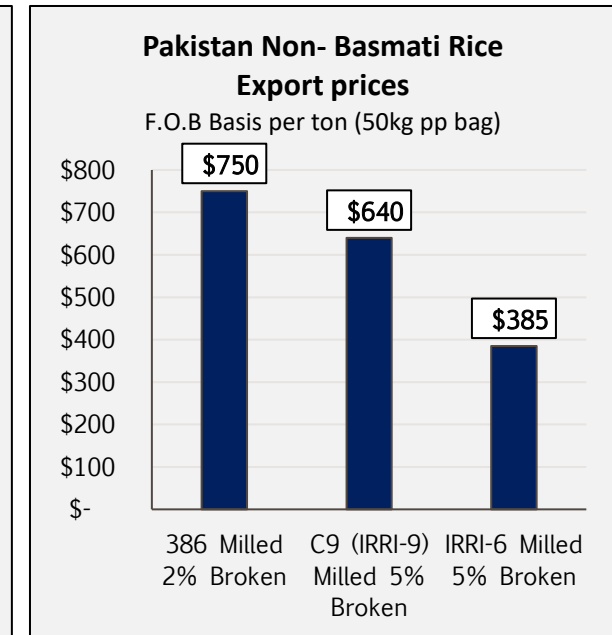
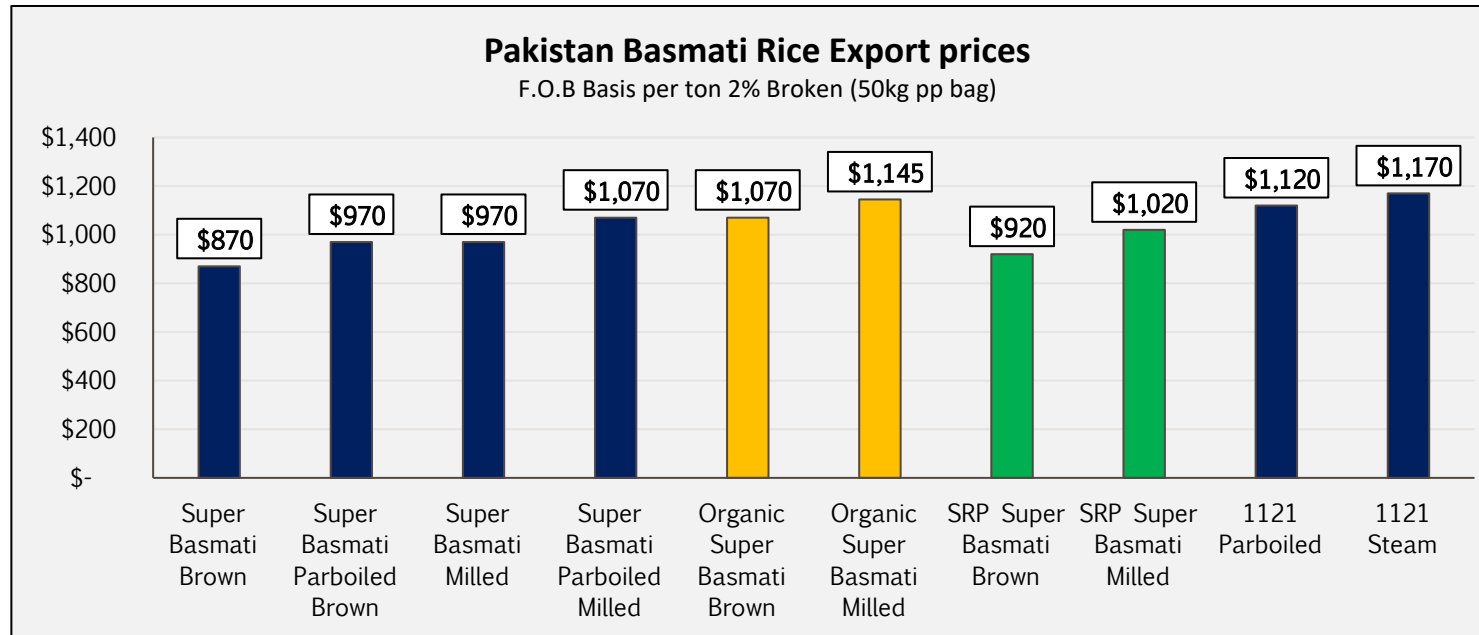


Pakistan Rice Production Area (2025-26)
 Basmati rice production area: 46,97,000 Acers
 Other rice production area: 13,15,000 Acers

Source: Punjab crop department

PAKISTAN RICE PRICES:

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



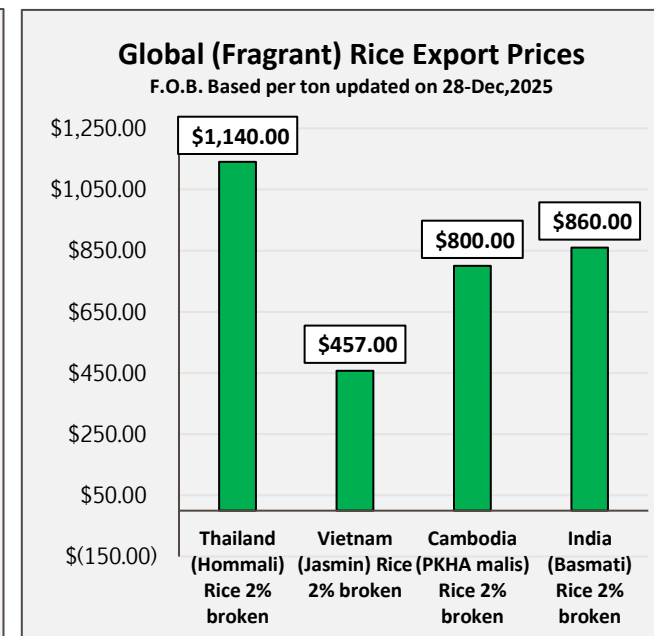
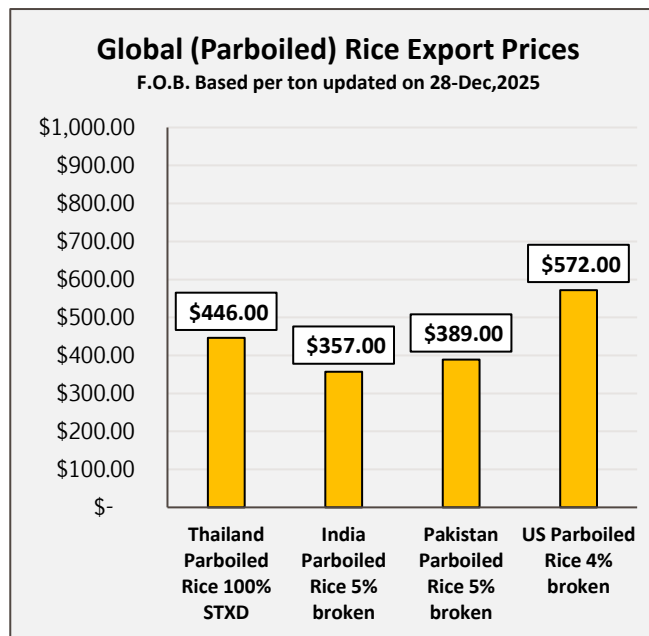
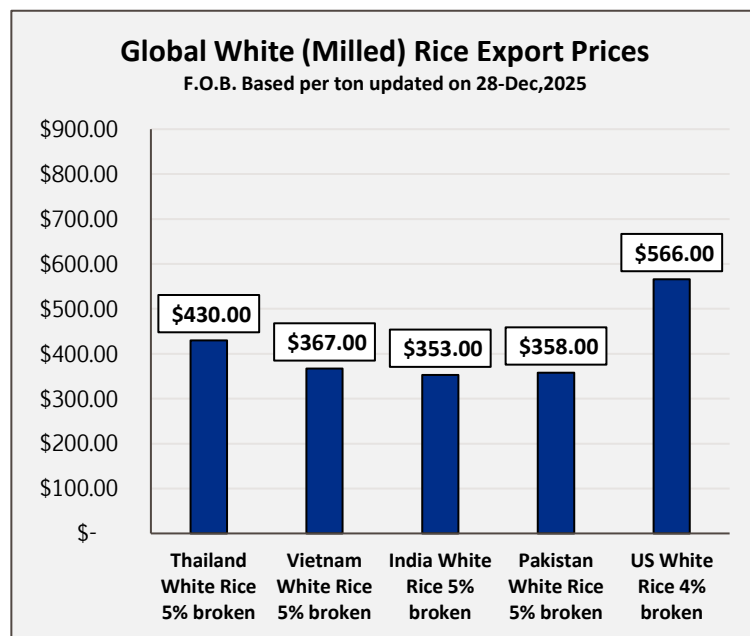
All Rice Prices were updated on 30th December 2025.

This week, prices for all major rice varieties remained high, with increase of \$10–15/ton. **Super Basmati, 1121 Basmati (parboiled and steam), non-Basmati Long Grain - 386, IRRI-9 and IRRI-6** white rice all saw slight movements, reflecting a steady market.

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 28th December 2025.

➤ As per the news, The Global rice prices remained stable this week.

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

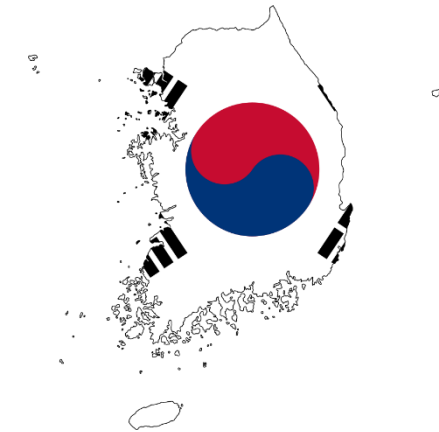
GLOBAL NEWS HIGHLIGHTS OF THIS WEEK:

	<p>India has become the world's largest rice producer and exporter, but farmers in Punjab and Haryana face severe groundwater depletion due to water-intensive rice cultivation. Falling water tables, rising irrigation costs, and subsidy-driven policies are raising concerns about long-term sustainability. Experts warn that without meaningful crop diversification support; rice farming may become economically and environmentally unsustainable. READ MORE (30-Dec)</p>
	<p>Philippines rice production in 2025–26 is projected to dip to 19.6 million tonnes due to typhoon-related losses, though government subsidies continue to support planting. Strong consumption and an extended import ban are expected to reduce rice imports to 4.4 million tonnes and push ending stocks down to 2.9 million tonnes. READ MORE (31-Dec)</p>
	<p>USDA projects Bangladesh's rice output to rise to 3.76 crore tonnes in MY 2025–26, driven by higher acreage and solid Aman and Aus harvests. Despite increased production, retail rice prices have climbed due to higher input and milling costs, inflation, and supply-chain inefficiencies. READ MORE (28-Dec)</p>
	<p>Thailand's rice exports are expected to decline to about 7 million metric tons in 2026, pressured by a strong baht and increased competition from India. Although 2025 shipments may reach nearly 8 million tons, export volumes and values have already fallen sharply due to lower global prices and reduced demand from key buyers like the Philippines. READ MORE (27-Dec)</p>
	<p>Indonesia's government rice reserves are projected to reach a record 3.5 million tons by end-2025, the highest since independence and achieved without imports. Strong domestic production, estimated at 34.79 million tons in 2025, has ensured ample supply, easing concerns over shortages and price stability. READ MORE (26-Dec)</p>

GLOBAL RICE TENDER & TRADE UPDATE:

South Korea tenders to buy rice

- South Korea's state-backed Agro-Fisheries & Food Trade Corp has issued an international tender to purchase **56,944 metric tons of rice**.
- The tender specifically seeks non-glutinous brown short-grain rice to be sourced from China.
- Delivery is requested in three consignments between **April 30 and June 30, 2026**.
- Price offers must be submitted by **December 30, 2025**, with final results pending sample analysis and review by the corporation.



Bangladesh Moves to Strengthen Food Stocks with Fresh Rice Import Approvals:

- Bangladesh's government has approved the procurement of **50,000 metric tons of non-Basmati parboiled rice** through international open tender at a cost of **Tk 220.05 crore for FY 2025–26**. The move aims to strengthen national food reserves and ensure domestic food security. *(30, December 2025)*
- The government has approved the **import of 50,000 tonnes of non-basmati rice from India**, with Bagadia Brother winning the bid at **Tk 210.5 crore, costing \$359.77 per tonne**. The approval follows a similar purchase of the same quantity earlier, as part of efforts to strengthen food stocks amid rising prices. *(30, December 2025)*



UPCOMING EVENTS:



5TH ANNUAL Sustainable Foods 2026

Date: January- 28, 2026 to January -29, 2026

Locations: Business Design Centre, London



Gulf Food Fair 2026

Date: January- 26, 2026 to January -30, 2026

Locations:

- Dubai world trade center
- Dubai expo city

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