

# RICE MARKET REPORT

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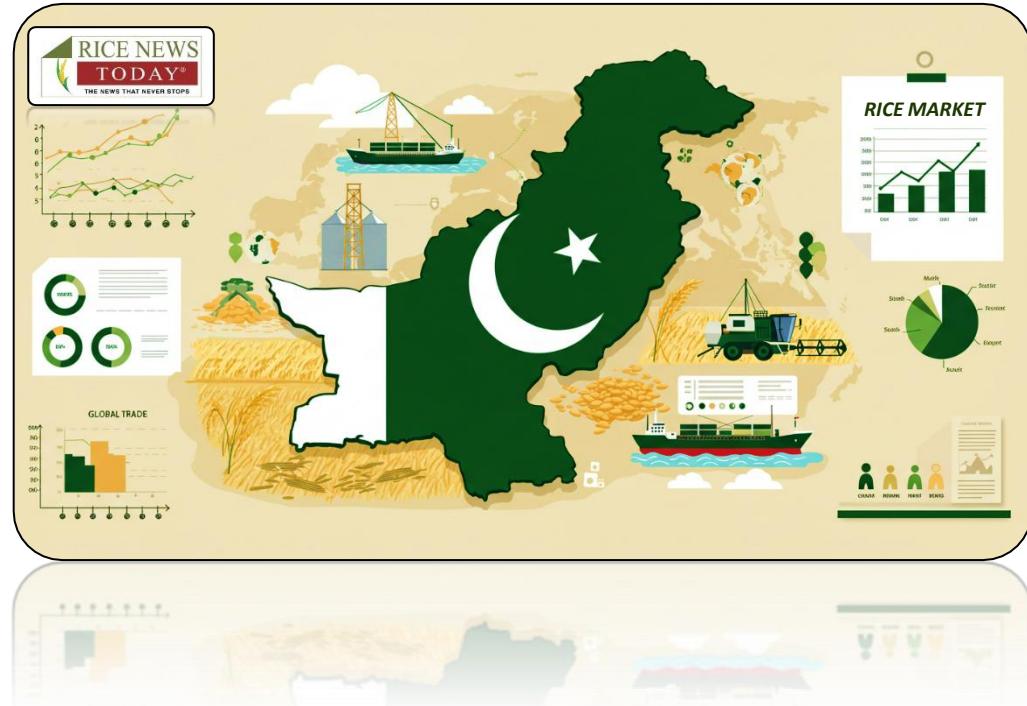
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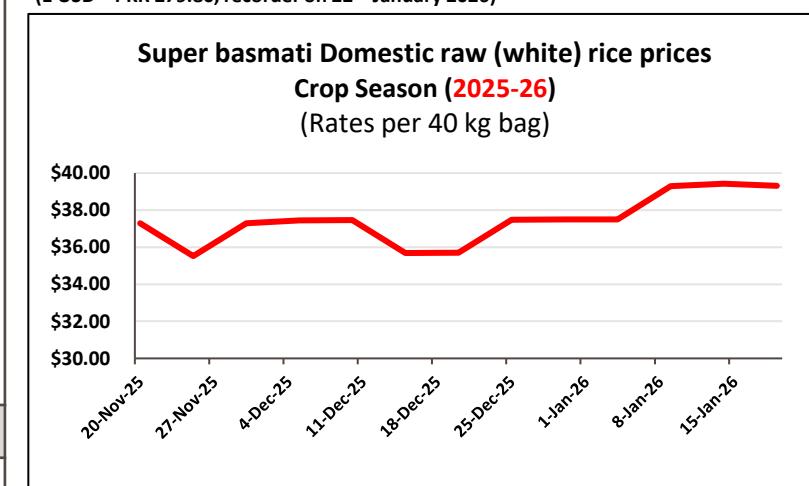
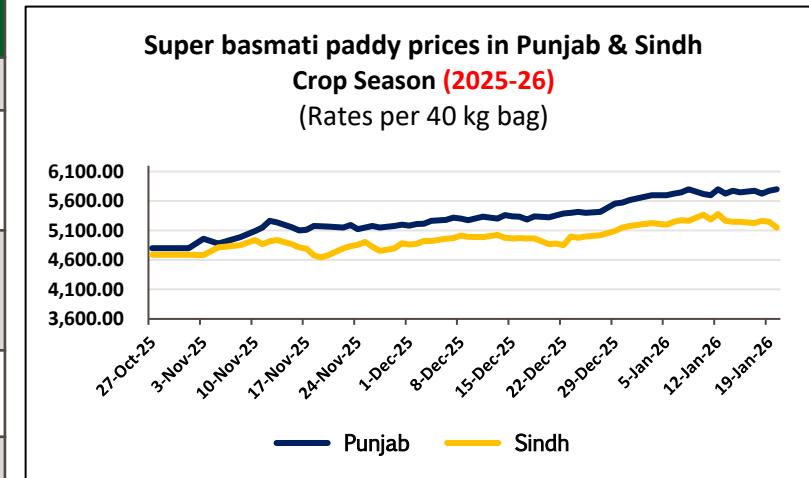
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# MAJOR RICE VARITIES GROWN IN PAKISTAN: (Basmati)

(Production, consumption, supply and Demand)

Super Basmati		
<b>Growing Region</b>	<b>Punjab:</b> Major quantity	<b>Sindh:</b> Relatively good quantity
<b>Production Area</b>	<b>Punjab:</b> 1% Decline in area <b>2025-26:</b> 13,00,000 Acres <b>2024-25:</b> 13,13,000 Acres	<b>Sindh:</b> N/A
<b>Quality of the crop year (2025-26)</b>	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.
<b>Variants Available</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Super basmati brown</li> <li>Super basmati milled</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Super basmati parboiled brown</li> <li>Super basmati parboiled Milled</li> </ul>
<b>Major Markets</b>	Europe, Gulf region and UK.	
<b>Supply and Demand</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As per the reports, Pakistani exporters monitored developments in <b>Iran</b>, where political unrest and payment delays continued to pose risks for credit-based shipments, a challenge also faced by Indian suppliers. Despite these concerns, Iran continued purchasing rice, <b>often re-exported via Dubai</b>.</li> <li>Current <b>Super Basmati</b> offers are <b>around \$900/ton</b>, with the <b>Gulfood 2026</b> fair taking place this week, presenting fresh opportunities for rice exports.</li> <li>Looking ahead, <b>Ramadan</b> is expected to follow shortly after Gulfood, when Gulf countries traditionally increase rice purchases. As <b>stockiest</b> begin selling in anticipation of <b>Ramadan</b> and <b>post-Eid demand</b>, a market correction is likely in the coming days.</li> <li>Locally, Super Basmati paddy prices are hovering around <b>PKR 5,700–5,800 per 40 kg</b> in Punjab, stable with earlier prices.</li> </ul>	
<b>Local Consumption</b>	Super basmati is consumed locally in a lower proportion.	
<b>Competition</b>	<b>Pakistan:</b> Super Basmati Milled: \$950 - \$1000 (FOB PER TON)	<b>India:</b> PUSA Basmati White: \$930- \$960 (FOB PER TON)

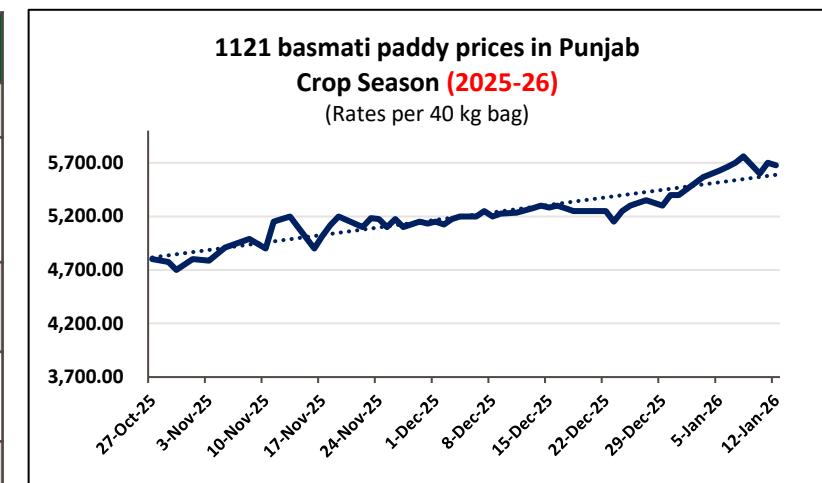


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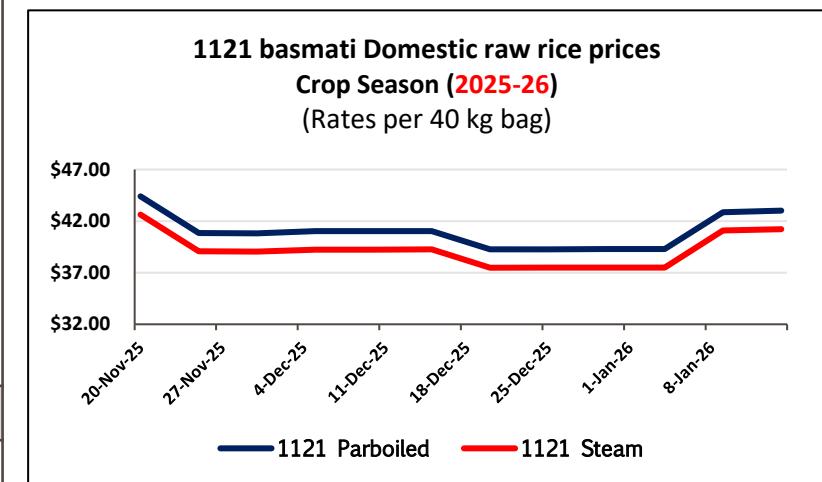
(Production, consumption, supply and Demand)



1121/Kainat Basmati		
<b>Growing Region</b>	<b>Punjab:</b> Major quantity	<b>Sindh:</b> Very low quantity
<b>Production Area</b>	<b>Punjab:</b> 9% Decline in area 2025-26: 18,50,000 Acres 2024-25: 20,17,000 Acres	<b>Sindh:</b> N/A
<b>Quality of the crop year (2025-26)</b>	Good quality of the crop is being reported so far in various areas of punjab.	
<b>Variants Available</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1121 basmati Parboiled</li> <li>1121 basmati Steam</li> <li>1121 basmati Milled</li> </ul>	
<b>Major Markets</b>	Europe, Gulf region and UK.	
<b>Supply and Demand</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>With <b>Gulfood 2026</b> underway this week, fresh export opportunities are emerging. However, with <b>Ramadan approaching post-fair, stockiest are expected to sell gradually</b>, indicating a potential <b>market correction</b> in the coming days.</li> <li>As per the market, The recent Iranian tender for 10,000 MT of <b>1121 white basmati</b> offers a modest opportunity, though buyers remain cautious due to <b>credit risks and shipment uncertainties</b>.</li> <li>On the local front, <b>1121 paddy prices</b> are hovering around <b>PKR 5500–5,750 per 40 kg</b>, higher than earlier paddy prices.</li> </ul>	
<b>Local Consumption</b>	1121 basmati rice is consumed locally	
<b>Competition</b>	<b>Pakistan:</b> 1121 Basmati Parboiled: \$1100 - 1150 (FOB per ton)	<b>India:</b> 1121 Basmati Golden Sella: \$1000 to \$1050 (FOB per ton)



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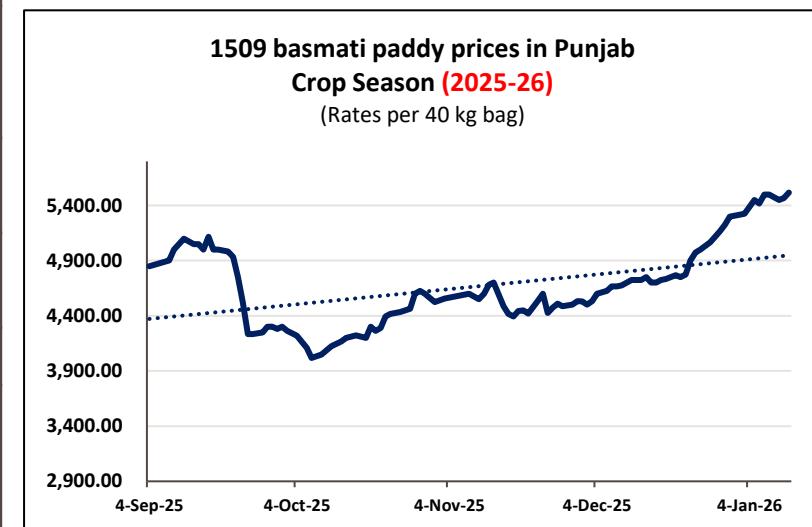


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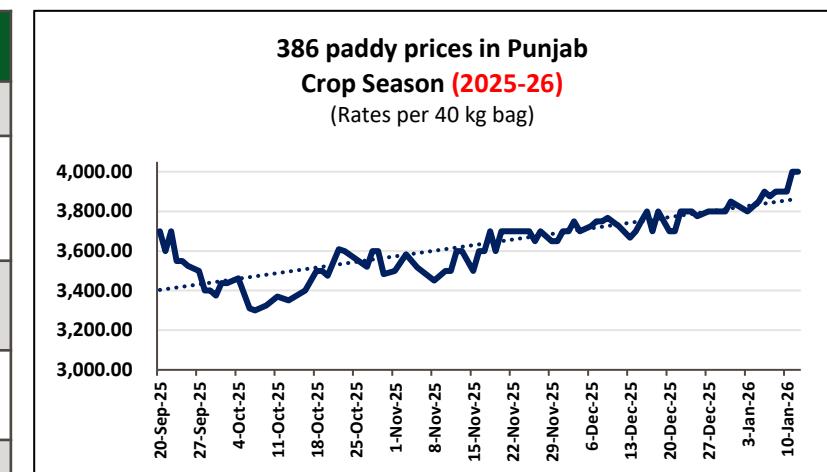
1509/Kisan Basmati		
Growing Region	Punjab: Major Quantity	Sindh: Not available in Sindh
Production Area	<b>Punjab:</b> 10% Increase in area <b>2025-26:</b> 12,36,000 Acres <b>2024-25:</b> 11,08,000 Acres	Sindh: N/A
Quality of the crop year (2025-26)	Good quality of the crop is being reported so far in various areas of punjab.	
Variants Available	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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>As per the market, <b>1509 Paddy prices</b> have risen sharply to <b>PKR 5,300–5,600</b> per <b>40 kg</b> compared to last week level of <b>PKR 5,100–5,300</b> per <b>40 kg</b>, reflecting a <b>bullish trend</b>. Market observers anticipate sustained domestic price momentum in the near term.</li> <li>Moreover, Looking ahead, <b>Ramadan</b> is expected to follow shortly after Gulfood, when Gulf countries traditionally <b>increase rice purchases</b>. As <b>stockiest</b> begin selling in anticipation of Ramadan and post-Eid demand, a market correction is likely in the coming days.</li> </ul>	
Local Consumption	1509 basmati rice is consumed locally and also exported in some proportion.	



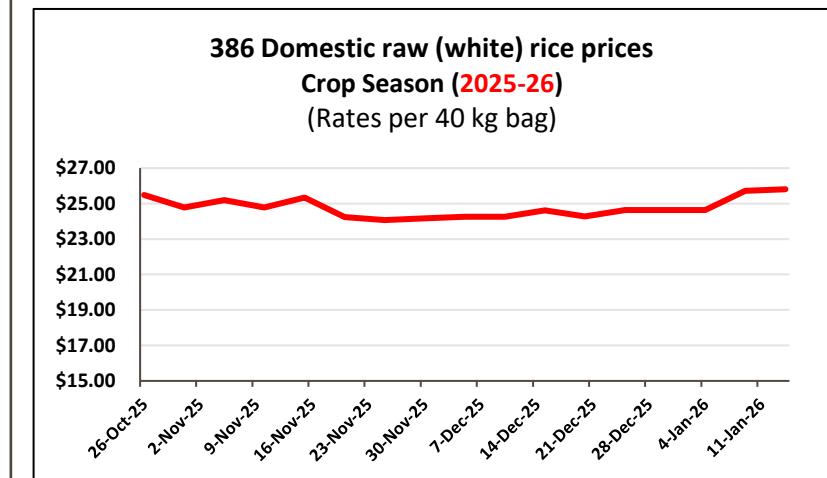
# MAJOR RICE VARITIES GROWN IN PAKISTAN: (Non-Basmati)

(Production, consumption, supply and Demand)

PK-386		
<b>Growing Region</b>	<b>Punjab:</b> Major Quantity	<b>Sindh:</b> Not available in Sindh
<b>Production Area</b>	<b>Punjab:</b> 147% Decline in area 2025-26: 1,79,000 Acres 2024-25: 4,43,000 Acres	<b>Sindh:</b> N/A
<b>Quality of the crop year (2025-26)</b>	Good quality of the crop is being reported so far in various areas of Punjab.	
<b>Variants Available</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>386 brown rice</li> <li>386 milled rice</li> <li>386 parboiled rice</li> </ul>	
<b>Major Markets</b>	African and Gulf countries.	
<b>Supply and Demand</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Exports of 386 rice</b> remain steady, with <b>Gulfood 2026</b> this week providing fresh opportunities for buyers and trade expansion. Market activity is expected to increase ahead of <b>Ramadan</b>, as <b>Gulf countries</b> traditionally boost purchases, leading to a possible <b>market correction afterward</b>. Export trends remain positive, supported by strong demand in regional and Middle Eastern markets.</li> <li>Meanwhile, ongoing <b>Pakistan–Indonesia</b> trade talks aim to strengthen rice cooperation, including a potential <b>G2G MoU</b>, which could secure long-term export growth.</li> <li>Domestically, <b>PK 386 paddy</b> prices are around <b>PKR 3800 – 4000 per 40 kg</b> reflecting an <b>upward trend</b>.</li> </ul>	
<b>Local Consumption</b>	386 rice is consumed locally.	



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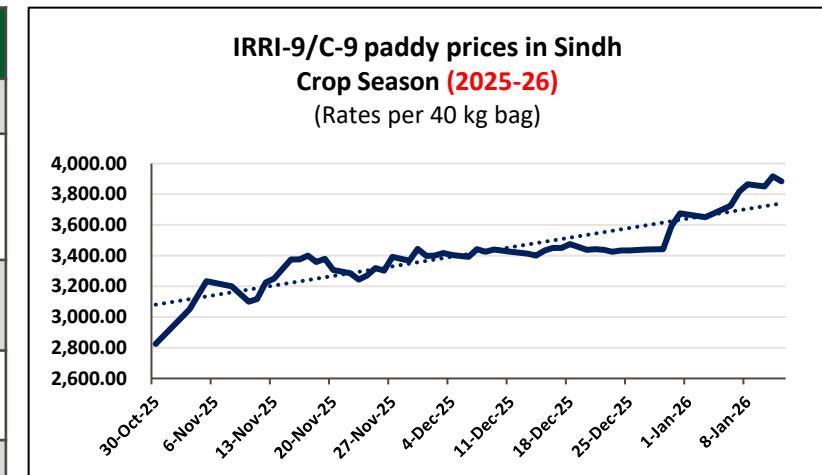
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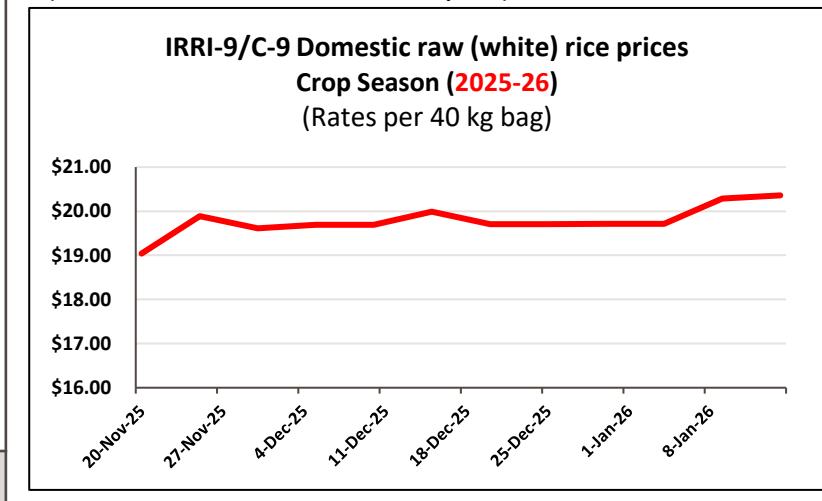
(Production, consumption, supply and Demand)



IRRI- 9		
<b>Growing Region</b>	Punjab: Lower Quantity.	Sindh: Major Quantity.
<b>Production Area</b>	Punjab: 108% Decline in area 2025-26: 59,000 Acres 2024-25: 1,23,000 Acres	Sindh: N/A
<b>Quality of the crop year (2025-26)</b>	Good quality of the crop is being reported so far in various areas of Sindh.	
<b>Variants Available</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>IRRI-9 milled rice.</li> <li>IRRI-9 steam rice.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>IRRI-9 parboiled rice</li> </ul>
<b>Major Markets</b>	Gulf & African countries.	
<b>Supply and Demand</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Exports of IRRI-9 remain steady, contributing to Pakistan's total rice shipments of <b>489,000 MT</b> in December, with <b>non-Basmati varieties</b> supporting regional and <b>Middle Eastern demand</b>.</li> <li><b>Gulfood 2026</b> this week presents fresh opportunities for buyers and trade expansion, while <b>Ramadan</b> is expected to <b>drive traditional bulk purchases</b> in <b>Gulf countries</b>, Strengthening <b>Pakistan–Indonesia</b> trade relations, including discussions on a potential <b>G2G rice MoU</b>, could enhance market access and support sustainable export growth for <b>IRRI-9</b>.</li> <li>Current paddy prices are around <b>PKR 3750 – 3900</b> per <b>40 kg</b> reflecting a <b>upward trend</b>.</li> </ul>	
<b>Local Consumption</b>	IRRI-9 rice is consumed locally.	



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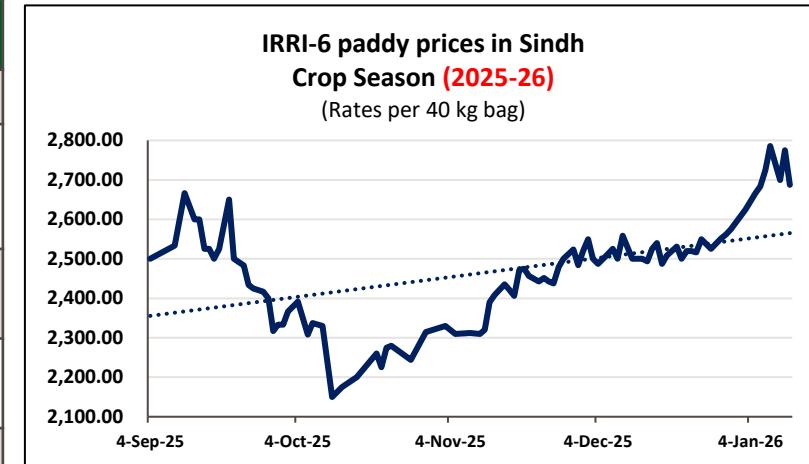


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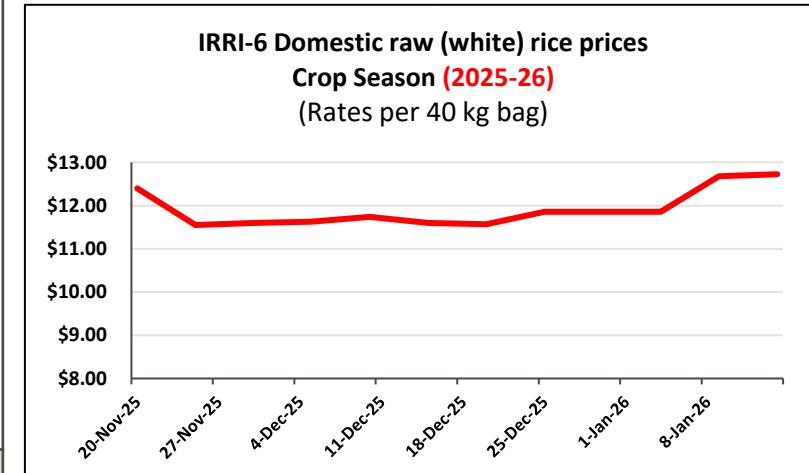
# MAJOR RICE VARIETIES GROWN IN PAKISTAN: (Non-Basmati)

(Production, consumption, supply and Demand)

IRRI- 6		
<b>Growing Region</b>	<b>Punjab:</b> Relatively good Quantity.	<b>Sindh:</b> Major Quantity.
<b>Production Area</b>	<b>Punjab:</b> 92% Decline in area 2025-26: 1,08,000 Acres 2024-25: 2,07,000 Acres	<b>Sindh:</b> N/A
<b>Quality of the crop year (2025-26)</b>	Good quality of the crop is being reported so far in various areas of Sindh.	
<b>Variants Available</b>	<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>	
<b>Major Markets</b>	Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines and African countries.	
<b>Supply and Demand</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Exports of IRRI-6</b> continue to perform steadily, with <b>Pakistan shipping significant volumes to regional markets</b>. Total non-Basmati shipments, including IRRI-6, contributed to Pakistan's record <b>489,000 MT rice exports in December</b>.</li> <li><b>Gulfood 2026</b> offers fresh opportunities for trade expansion, with increased activity expected ahead of <b>Ramadan</b>, when Gulf countries <b>traditionally boost purchases</b>. Strengthening <b>Pakistan–Indonesia trade ties</b> and potential <b>G2G MoUs</b> could further support long-term export.</li> <li>Current paddy prices are around <b>PKR 2700 – 2800 per 40 kg</b> reflecting an <b>upward trend</b>.</li> </ul>	
<b>Local Consumption</b>	IRRI-6 rice is consumed locally.	

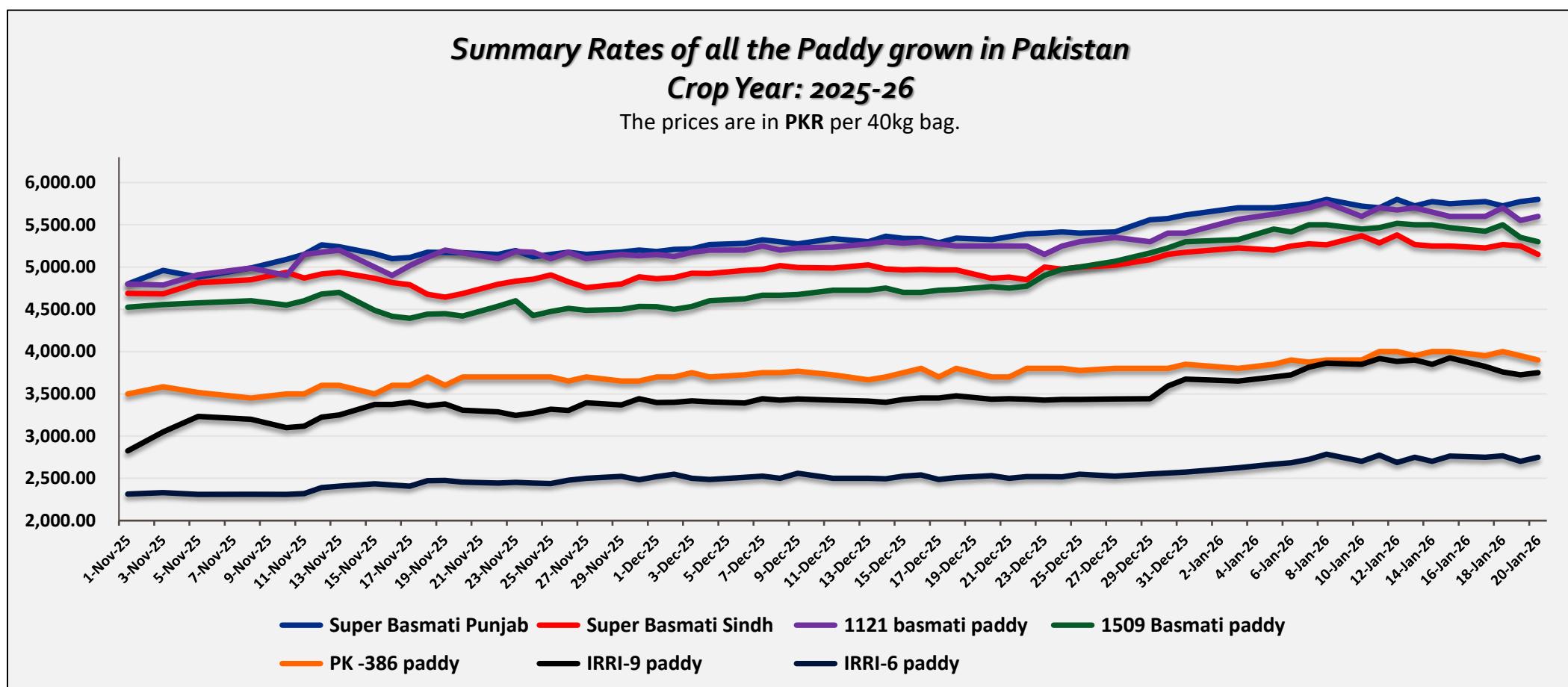


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# SUMMARY RATES OF ALL THE PADDY GROWN IN PAKISTAN



Here we present a comparative performance on all the varieties grown in Pakistan till the time being reported. (Last Updated: 20<sup>th</sup> January 2026)

For checking previous year rates and comparing various varieties please click here: [Pakistan Domestic Market](#)

# EMERGING BASMATI VARIETIES FOR NEW SEASON

## CROP: 2025–26

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### 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		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** has urged Indonesia to early-finalise a **rice export MoU** on a **government-to-government basis**, reviving a 2015 agreement that allowed up to **1 million tonnes** annually and expired in 2019. Commerce **Minister Jam Kamal Khan** said rice exports are a top priority, as Pakistan seeks to re-engage key partners like Indonesia through price-competitive, reliable, and quality-driven trade frameworks. [Read More](#) (21<sup>st</sup> Jan).
- **Pakistan's rice export** growth is underpinned by a **20% expansion in cultivation area** and an expected output of **11 million metric tons**, leaving an exportable surplus of about **8 million tons**. However, the shift toward water-intensive non-Basmati rice enabled by nearly **650,000 solar-powered tubewells** is accelerating groundwater depletion and sidelining **premium Basmati**, raising long-term sustainability concerns. [Read More](#) (20<sup>th</sup> Jan).
- **Pakistan** and **Indonesia** agreed to deepen trade ties with a renewed focus on rice, including early meetings of the **Joint Trade and Development Committee** and trade forums. **Pakistan** highlighted its position as a leading **rice exporter** and pushed for early finalization of a revised rice **MoU originally signed in 2015** for up to **1 million metric tons** annually to institutionalize long-term cooperation, while also raising concerns over agricultural market access issues. [Read More](#) (20<sup>th</sup> Jan).
- **Pakistan's rice exports rose 14% month-on-month** in December 2025 to a record **489,000 tonnes**, driven by a **50%+ surge in Basmati shipments**, pushing **Pakistan** past **Vietnam (387,000 tonnes)** to rank as the **world's third-largest exporter**. The **UAE topped** destinations with **74,897 tonnes**, followed by **China (74,685 tonnes)**, while Central Asia emerged as a new growth area, with Kazakhstan importing over **17,000 tonnes**, including **10,300 tonnes** of Basmati. [Read More](#) (19<sup>th</sup> Jan).



**PAKISTAN is the 4<sup>th</sup> 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 NEWS HIGHLIGHTS:

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## *Pakistan Rice Exports (Dec 2025): 489,000 tonnes*

### **Basmati Rice Exports:**

- **UAE:** 16,850 tonnes, **Saudi Arabia:** 5,350 tonnes, **EU & UK:** 15,600 tonnes, **Kazakhstan:** 10,300 tonnes, **Uzbekistan:** 10,382 tonnes

### **Non-Basmati / Other Rice Exports:**

- **UAE:** 58,047 tonnes, **China:** 74,685 tonnes, **Tanzania:** 62,900 tonnes, **Kenya:** 60,300 tonnes, **Ivory Coast:** 41,700 tonnes, **Guinea-Bissau:** 31,850 tonnes, **Malaysia:** 23,930 tonnes, **Madagascar:** 17,800 tonnes, **Kazakhstan:** 6,750 tonnes, **Saudi Arabia:** 10,682 tonnes, **EU & UK:** 5,500 tonnes, Other markets (**Oman, US, Canada**) small volumes.

### **Highlights:**

- December exports best-ever monthly performance, UAE top destination, Central Asia exports growing (Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Azerbaijan, Turkmenistan, Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan), Basmati high value helps compete with low-priced Indian rice

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# RICE FARMING IN PAKISTAN:

## Pakistan's Rice Boom: Growth Today, Water Crisis Tomorrow:

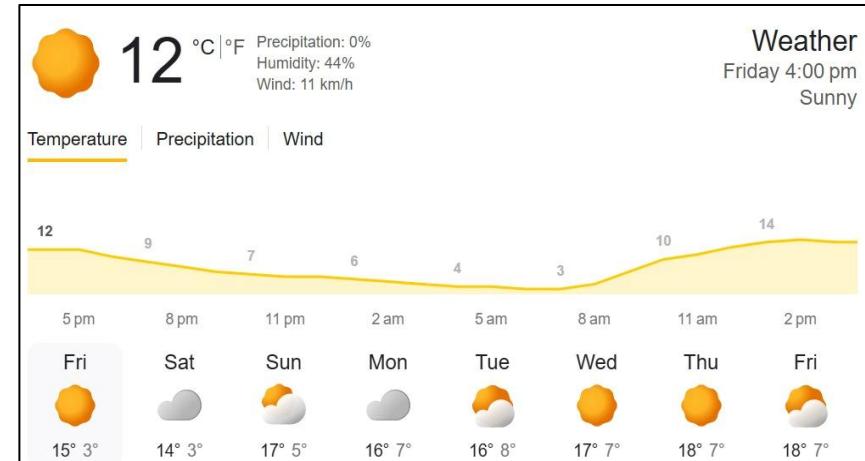
- Pakistan's agricultural story over the past few decades has been one of effort without proportionate reward, and rice sits at the heart of this paradox. Policies long focused on boosting yields through better seeds, fertilizers and pest control, yet progress has remained slow. **Rice yields** have grown at an annual rate of just **1.38%**, far below population growth, pushing farmers to compensate through area expansion and more intensive cropping. In many districts, solar-powered tubewells and short-duration rice varieties such as **Basmati 1509** have enabled double and even triple cropping systems, embedding rice into tight rotations like **wheat, sesame, Basmati**. These farmer-led adjustments have raised output and **exports**, but they have also deepened dependence on a water-intensive crop at a time when irrigation supplies are under mounting strain.
- Behind this rise in **rice production** lies a more troubling narrative. Decades of underinvestment in **agricultural research** have left **Pakistan** ill-equipped to develop climate-resilient, **high-yielding rice varieties**, while **post-harvest losses** of up to **10%** for grains erode hard-won gains. **Traditional Basmati** Pakistan's most valuable rice asset remains confined to limited districts, with little varietal innovation and weak global branding. Meanwhile, low-value staples like rice and wheat still dominate **over 90%** of cropped area, restricting income growth. The authors argue **Pakistan's future** lies not in growing more rice alone, but in producing it more sustainably protecting water resources, reducing losses, strengthening export access, and gradually shifting toward **higher-value crops and Agro-processing**. Without this pivot, today's rice-driven gains risk becoming tomorrow's vulnerability.

(20, January 2026)

Source: Publications & News



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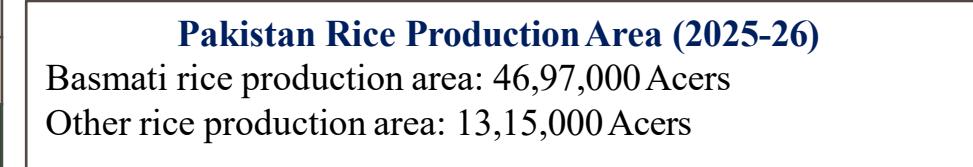
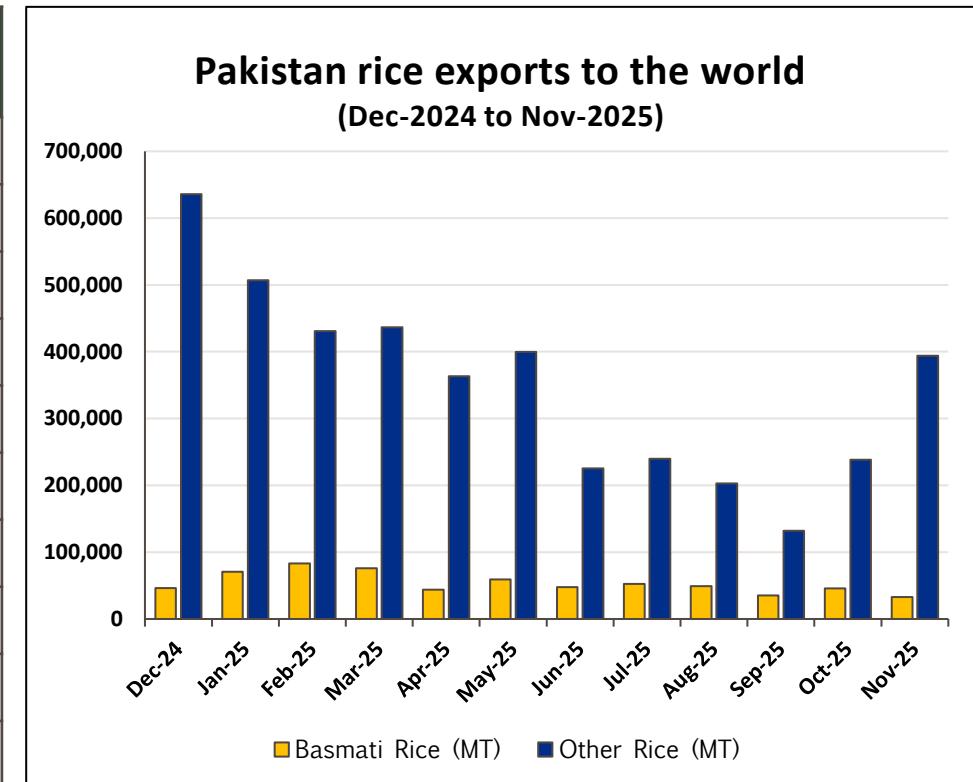
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Weather forecast from 23<sup>rd</sup> January and onward.

# 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) \$
Dec-24	46,160	\$47,699	636,055	\$312,085	<b>682,215</b>	<b>\$359,784</b>
Jan-25	70,696	\$77,782	506,845	\$241,270	<b>577,541</b>	<b>\$319,052</b>
Feb-25	83,254	\$88,368	430,828	\$200,595	<b>514,082</b>	<b>\$288,963</b>
Mar-25	75,994	\$77,002	436,683	\$197,333	<b>512,677</b>	<b>\$274,335</b>
Apr-25	43,895	\$45,741	363,434	\$160,555	<b>407,329</b>	<b>\$206,296</b>
May-25	59,077	\$59,226	399,785	\$180,025	<b>458,862</b>	<b>\$239,251</b>
Jun-25	47,516	\$48,635	225,236	\$101,172	<b>272,752</b>	<b>\$149,807</b>
Jul-25	52,339	\$55,760	239,562	\$112,350	<b>291,901</b>	<b>\$168,110</b>
Aug-25	49,240	\$51,534	202,997	\$94,744	<b>252,237</b>	<b>\$146,278</b>
Sep-25	35,093	\$41,094	132,232	\$63,213	<b>167,325</b>	<b>\$104,307</b>
Oct-25	45,725	\$54,038	238,544	\$108,623	<b>284,269</b>	<b>\$162,660</b>
Nov-25	32,737	\$38,674	394,195	\$149,451	<b>426,932</b>	<b>\$188,125</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>641,727</b>	<b>685,552</b>	<b>4,206,396</b>	<b>1,921,416</b>	<b>4,848,123</b>	<b>\$2,606,968</b>

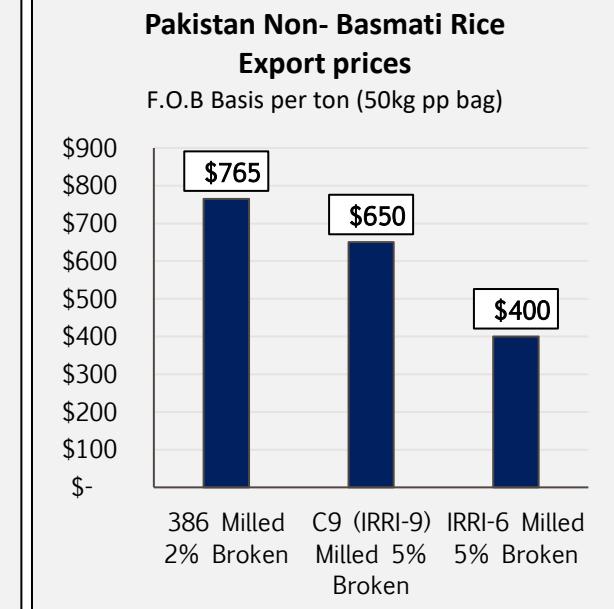
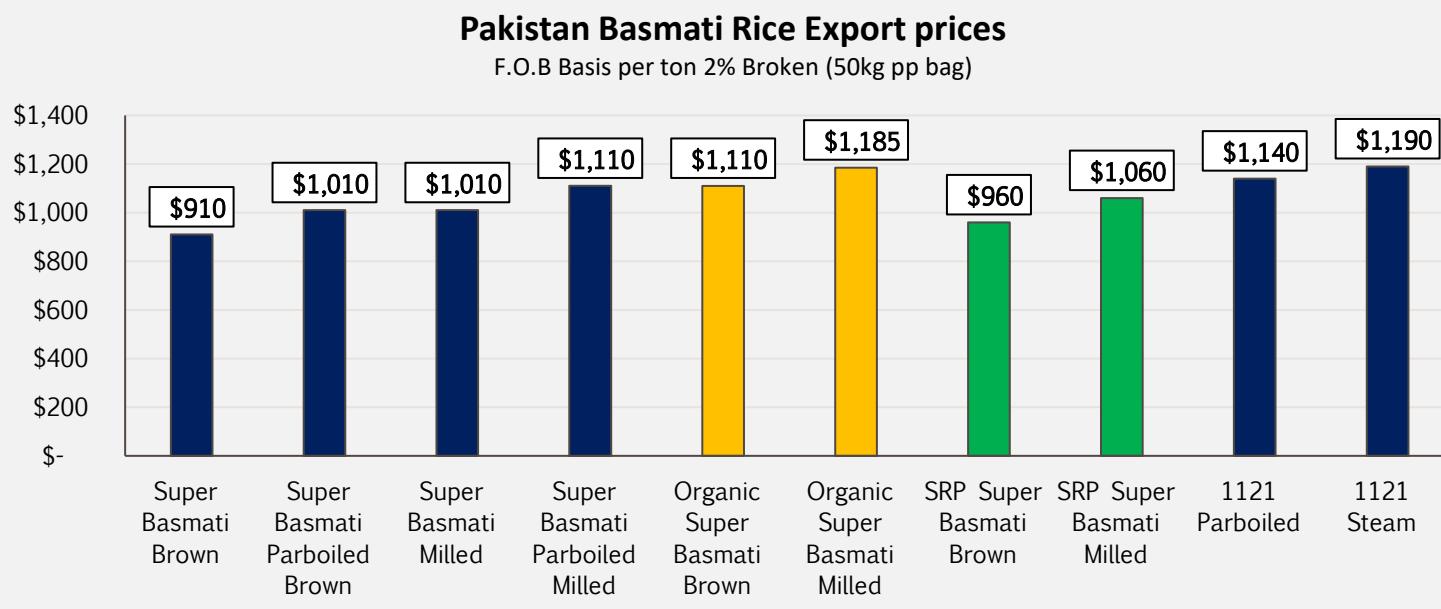
Source: Pakistan Bureau of statistics



Source: Punjab crop department

# PAKISTAN RICE PRICES:

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



All Rice Prices were updated on 19<sup>th</sup> January 2026.

This week, prices for all major rice varieties remained high, with increase of **\$15/ton** in **Super Basmati** and **\$5/ton** increase in **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](#)

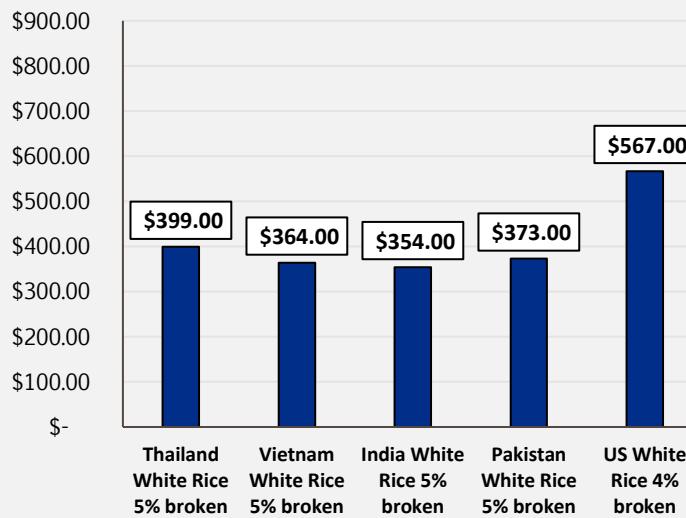
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EXPORT PRICES F.O.B BASIS (PER TON)



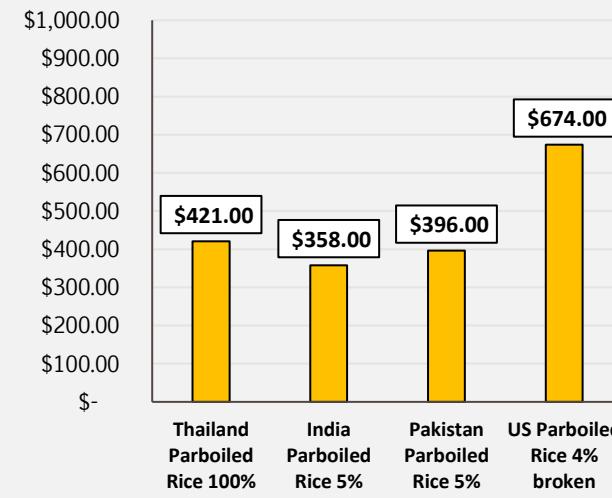
## Global White (Milled) Rice Export Prices

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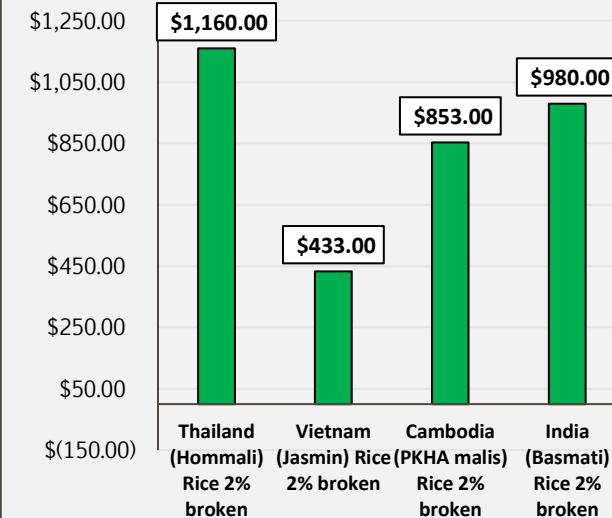
## Global (Parboiled) Rice Export Prices

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## Global (Fragrant) Rice Export Prices

F.O.B. Based per ton updated on 19-Jan,2026



All Prices were updated on 19<sup>th</sup> January 2026.

- As per the news, **Rice export prices** from **India** and **Thailand** edged lower this week amid weak demand and market inactivity, while **Vietnamese prices** remained flat. **India's 5% broken rice** slipped to \$350–358/ton, Thailand's to \$390–399/ton and Vietnam's **5% broken** held steady at \$362–366/ton, with global prices expected to stay under pressure into 2026.

Source: TREA (Thailand Rice Exporters Association), For more details on global rice prices Please click here: [Global Rice Market](#)

# GLOBAL NEWS HIGHLIGHTS OF THIS WEEK:



**Thailand's rice exports** in 2025 reached **7.9 million tonnes**, exceeding the **7.5 million-tonne target**, with white rice leading despite a year-on-year drop. Key markets included **Iraq, South Africa, the US, and China**, while **2026** is expected to see **fierce price competition** and a forecast of **7 million tonnes**, with the **Thai government** promoting exports through **G2G deals, premium markets, and trade initiatives**. [READ MORE](#) (22-Jan)



**Vietnam's rice exports** are projected at **7.73 million tonnes** in **2026**, with around **75%** being **high-quality and fragrant rice**. Exports are expected to peak in early and **mid-2026**, following **8.06 million tonnes** exported in **2025**, which earned **\$4.1 billion** highlighting **Vietnam's continued significance** in the global rice market. [READ MORE](#) (22-Jan)



**India** is seeking **new markets** for its **basmati rice** as political unrest, economic instability, and **US tariffs** in **Iran** disrupt exports and delay payments. **Exporters** are now targeting **Africa, West Asia, and Europe** especially Nigeria to mitigate risks and maintain revenue from India's rice surplus. [READ MORE](#) (20-Jan)



The **Philippines' rice production** rose **3%** to **19.68 million metric tons (MMT)** in **2025**, up from **19.09 MMT** in **2024**, but remained below the **2023** record of **20.06 MMT**. Irrigated farms grew **4% to 15.15 MMT**, while rainfed farms slightly declined to **4.52 MMT**. Corn output also increased 2.22% to 8.32 MMT, with yellow corn at 6.36 MMT and white corn at 1.96 MMT. [READ MORE](#) (20-Jan)



**Rice prices in Dhaka's markets** remained high, with old Miniket rice selling at **Tk 75–85/kg** and local Nazirshail at **Tk 72–85/kg**, up Tk **3–4** from two weeks ago, while newly arrived Miniket was cheaper at **Tk 70–74/kg**. Coarse rice prices stayed stable at **Tk 50–60/kg**, reflecting higher wholesale costs and continued consumer preference for older varieties. [READ MORE](#) (17-Jan)

# GLOBAL RICE TENDER & TRADE UPDATE:

## Philippines to Import 2.5 Million Tonnes of Rice from Vietnam in 2026

- Vietnam is set to export **2.5 million tonnes** of rice to the **Philippines in 2026**, which plans to import a total of **3.6 million tonnes** this year, mostly from **Vietnam**. The **Philippines** had suspended **rice imports** for the last four months of 2025 to support **domestic production** and will implement measures, including tariffs, to control import volumes. *(19, January 2026)*



## Pakistan Pushes for Early Rice Export MoU with Indonesia

- **Pakistan** has urged **Indonesia** to finalize a **government-to-government (G2G) MoU** for **rice exports**, originally signed in 2015 for up to **1 million tonnes annually**, which expired in 2019. **Commerce Minister Jam Kamal** highlighted Pakistan's priority on **rice exports**, emphasizing quality, reliability, and competitiveness, while sharing a revised draft with Indonesia to institutionalize long-term trade cooperation. *(21, January 2026)*



## Bangladesh Resumes Rice Imports from India, Approves 2 Lakh Tonnes for Private Traders

- **Rice imports from India to Bangladesh** resumed at Hili land port after a **120-day suspension**, with **243 tonnes of coarse rice** arriving in the first shipment and **40 importers** authorized to bring in a total of **17,000 tonnes**. The Bangladeshi government has also issued fresh permits for private traders to import **2 lakh tonnes of parboiled rice**, bringing total import permissions this fiscal year to **8 lakh tonnes**, while public stocks stand at **18.71 lakh tonnes**. Imported rice is priced lower (**Tk 64–65/kg**) than local coarse rice (**Tk 70–71/kg**), and all imports must be **sold by March 10** under regulatory conditions. *(22, January 2026)*



Source: Publications & News

# UPCOMING EVENTS:

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## **BIOFACH 2026**

**BIOFACH – World's Leading Trade Fair for Organic Food**

**Date:** February- 10, 2026 to February -13, 2026

**Location:** Nuremberg, Germany



## **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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