

# RICE MARKET REPORT

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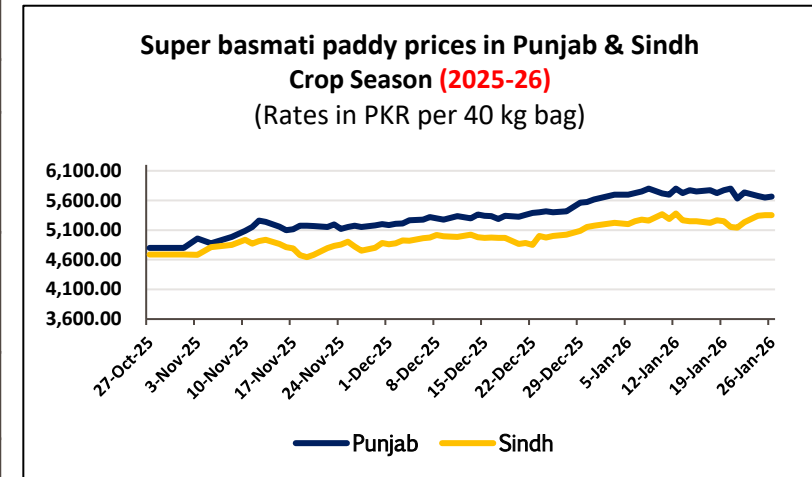
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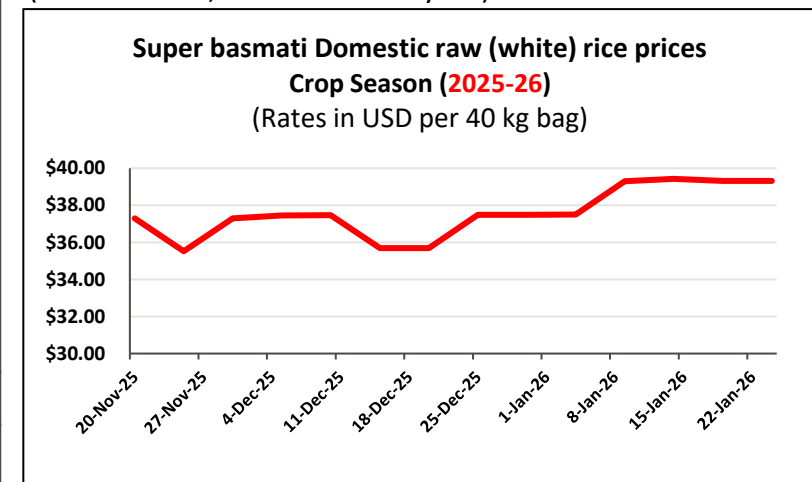
# MAJOR RICE VARITIES GROWN IN PAKISTAN: (Basmati)

(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 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"> <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>
Major Markets	Europe, Gulf region and UK.	
Supply and Demand	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As per the reports, <b>Super Basmati</b> remained the premium export variety but faced a <b>sharp contraction in H1 FY26</b>. Overall basmati exports declined by <b>40%</b> in volume to <b>249,794 tonnes</b>, reflecting strong price competition, mainly from India. Government support through a <b>9% DTLT rebate aims to stabilize</b> shipments and protect farmer margins, though volumes remain under pressure.</li> <li>the <b>Gulfood 2026</b> fair is now taking place in Dubai. 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 5,600–5,800 per 40 kg</b> in Punjab, stable with earlier prices.</li> </ul>	
Local Consumption	Super basmati is consumed locally in a lower proportion.	
Competition	Pakistan: Super Basmati Milled: \$950 - \$1000 (FOB PER TON)	India: PUSA Basmati White: \$930-\$960 (FOB PER TON)



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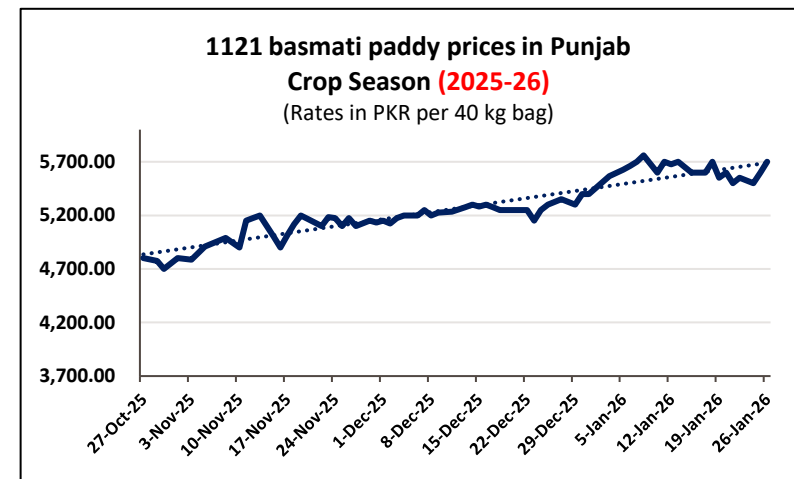


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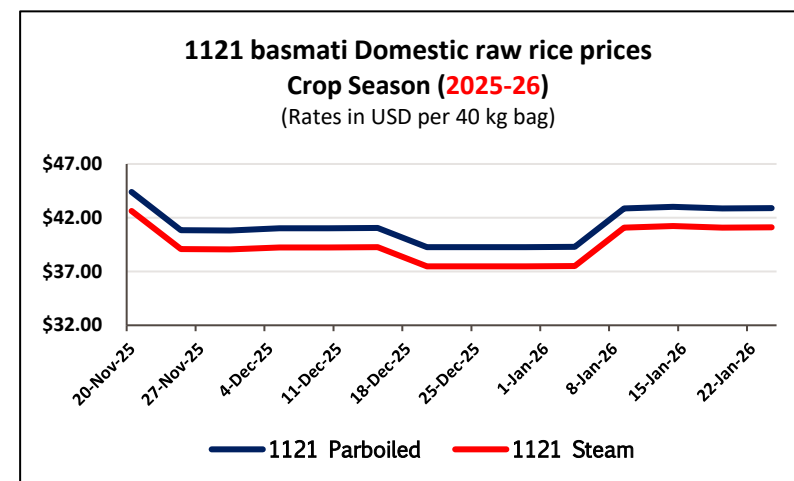
# MAJOR RICE VARIETIES GROWN IN PAKISTAN: (Basmati)

(Production, consumption, supply and Demand)

1121/Kainat Basmati		
Growing Region	Punjab: Major quantity	Sindh: Very low quantity
Production Area	<b>Punjab: 9% Decline in area</b> <b>2025-26: 18,50,000 Acers</b> <b>2024-25: 20,17,000 Acers</b>	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>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>As per reports, <b>1121 Basmati</b>, a key premium variety for <b>Middle Eastern and Gulf markets</b>, also suffered from the <b>broader basmati downturn</b>. Included in the <b>40% YoY decline in basmati exports</b>, shipments were impacted by higher <b>FOB prices compared to Indian 1121</b>, limiting buyer interest. Policy support and <b>G2G initiatives</b> are expected to support gradual recovery.</li> <li>With <b>Gulfood 2026</b> underway, fresh export opportunities are emerging. However, with <b>Ramadan approaching post-fair</b>, <b>stockiest are expected to sell gradually</b>, indicating a potential <b>market correction</b> in the coming days.</li> <li>On the local front, <b>1121 paddy prices</b> s are hovering around <b>PKR 5500–5,750 per 40 kg</b>, higher than earlier paddy prices.</li> </ul>	
Local Consumption	1121 basmati rice is consumed locally	
Competition	<b>Pakistan:</b> 1121 Basmati Parboiled: <b>\$1100 - 1150 (FOB per ton)</b>	<b>India:</b> 1121 Basmati Golden Sella: <b>\$1000 to \$1050 (FOB per ton)</b>



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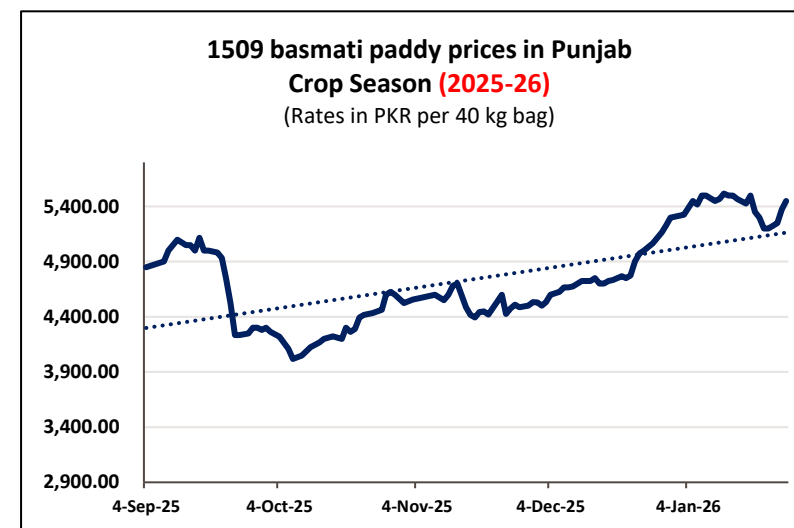


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# MAJOR RICE VARITIES GROWN IN PAKISTAN: (Basmati)

(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"> <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 5,400–5,500</b> per <b>40 kg</b> compared to last week level of <b>PKR 5,500–5,360</b> per <b>40 kg</b>, reflecting a <b>stable 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.	

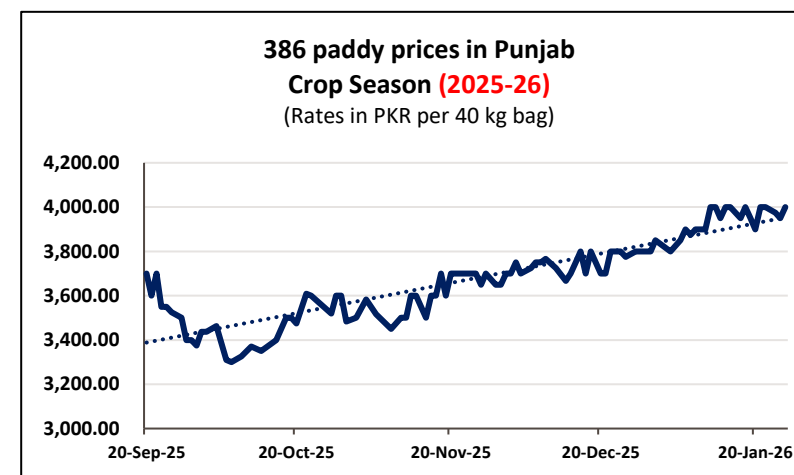


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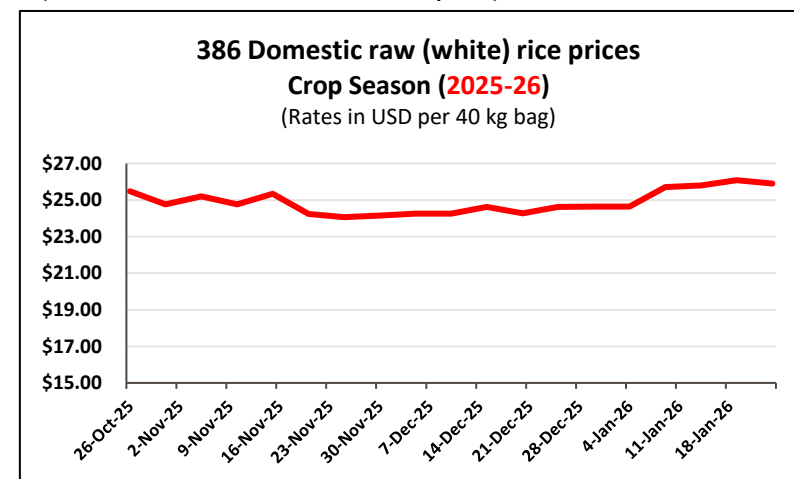
# MAJOR RICE VARIETIES GROWN IN PAKISTAN: (Non-Basmati)

(Production, consumption, supply and Demand)

PK-386		
Growing Region	Punjab: Major Quantity	Sindh: Not available in Sindh
Production Area	Punjab: <b>147%</b> 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"> <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>As per reports, The <b>non-basmati segment</b>, which saw volumes fall <b>40.6% to 1,569,111 tonnes</b> in H1 FY26. Traditionally strong in <b>African, Chinese, and regional markets</b>, PK-386 faced stiff competition from <b>lower-priced Indian and Vietnamese supplies</b>. Despite steady demand for bulk shipments, price sensitivity and global oversupply limited export growth, prompting reliance on government incentives and volume-focused trade strategies. <b>Gulfood 2026</b> is happening, 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.</li> <li>Domestically, <b>PK 386 paddy prices</b> are around <b>PKR 3800 – 4000 per 40 kg</b> reflecting a stable trend.</li> </ul>	
Local Consumption	386 rice is consumed locally.	



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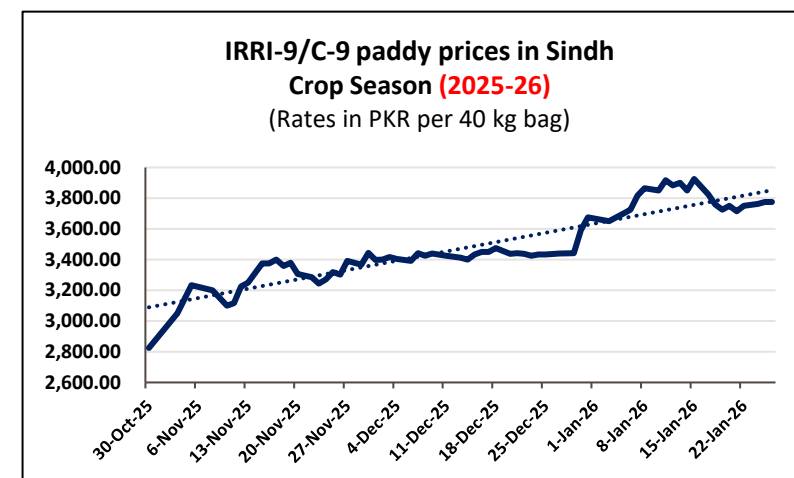


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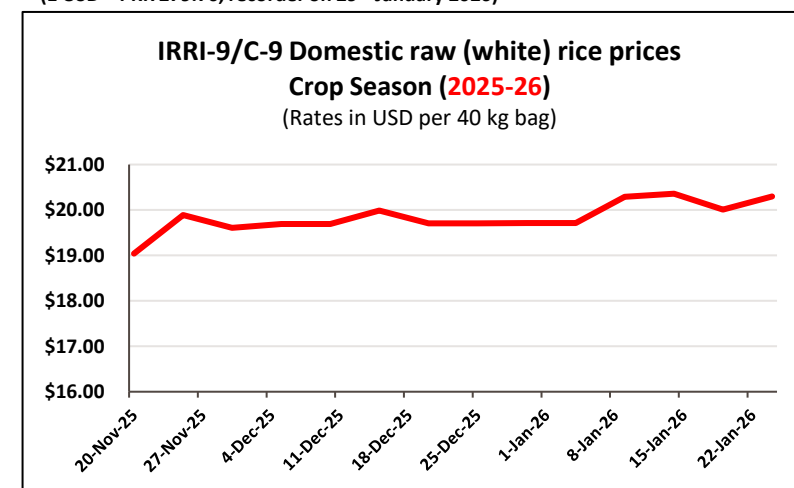
# MAJOR RICE VARIETIES GROWN IN PAKISTAN: (Non-Basmati)

(Production, consumption, supply and Demand)

IRRI- 9		
Growing Region	Punjab: Lower Quantity.	Sindh: Major Quantity.
Production Area	Punjab: <b>108%</b> 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"> <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>
Major Markets	Gulf & African countries.	
Supply and Demand	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Exports of <b>IRRI-9</b> remain stable, As part of the <b>non-basmati</b> category, the variety contributed to the overall <b>40.6% decline in export volumes in 1<sup>ST</sup> Half of FY26.</b></li> <li><b>Gulfood 2026</b>, presents fresh opportunities for buyers and trade expansion, while <b>Ramadan</b> is expected to <b>drive traditional bulk purchases in 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 per 40 kg</b> reflecting a <b>upward trend</b>.</li> </ul>	
Local Consumption	IRRI-9 rice is consumed locally.	



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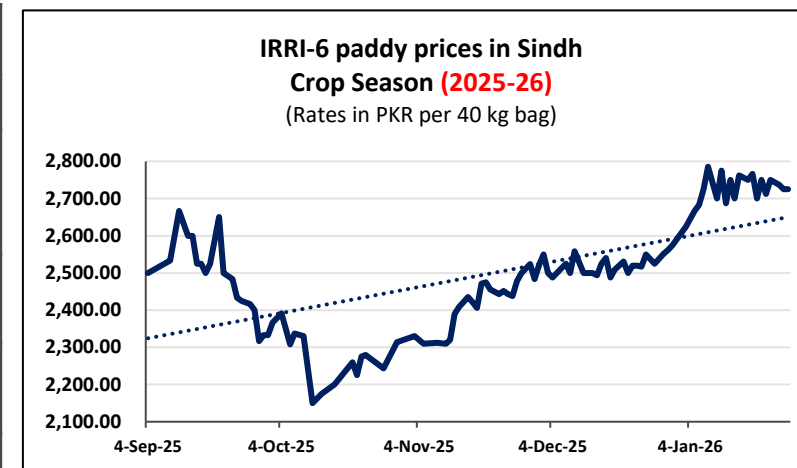


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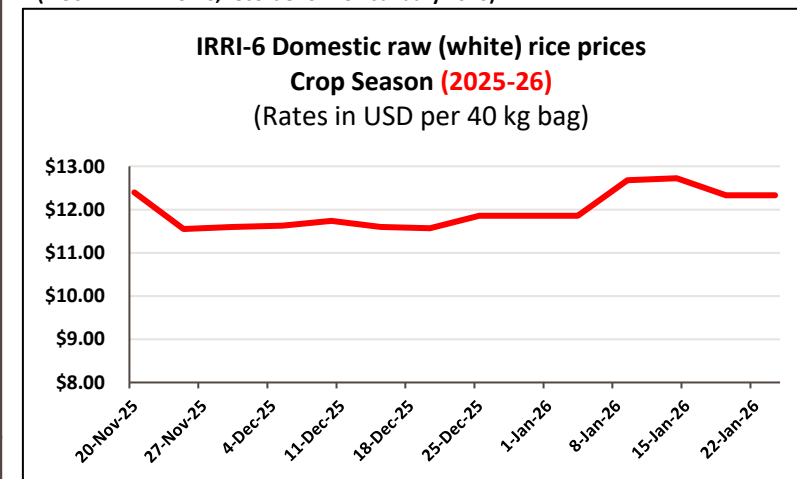
# MAJOR RICE VARIETIES GROWN IN PAKISTAN: (Non-Basmati)

(Production, consumption, supply and Demand)

IRRI- 6		
Growing Region	Punjab: Relatively good Quantity.	Sindh: Major Quantity.
Production Area	Punjab: <b>92%</b> 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"> <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>As per reports, <b>IRRI-6, Pakistan's primary volume-driven export rice</b>, continued to <b>anchor non-basmati shipments</b> despite a noticeable slowdown. <b>While value exports of IRRI-6 declined by 21.93% to \$37.24M</b>, volume pressure remained evident within the broader non-basmati decline. <b>Strong demand from China and regional markets</b> persisted, but aggressive pricing from competitors capped growth. The <b>3% FOB rebate under the government support</b> scheme is aimed at maintaining <b>IRRI-6's role as a bulk export staple</b>.</li> <li>Current paddy prices are around <b>PKR 2700 – 2800 per 40 kg</b> reflecting an <b>upward trend</b>.</li> </ul>	
Local Consumption	IRRI-6 rice is consumed locally.	

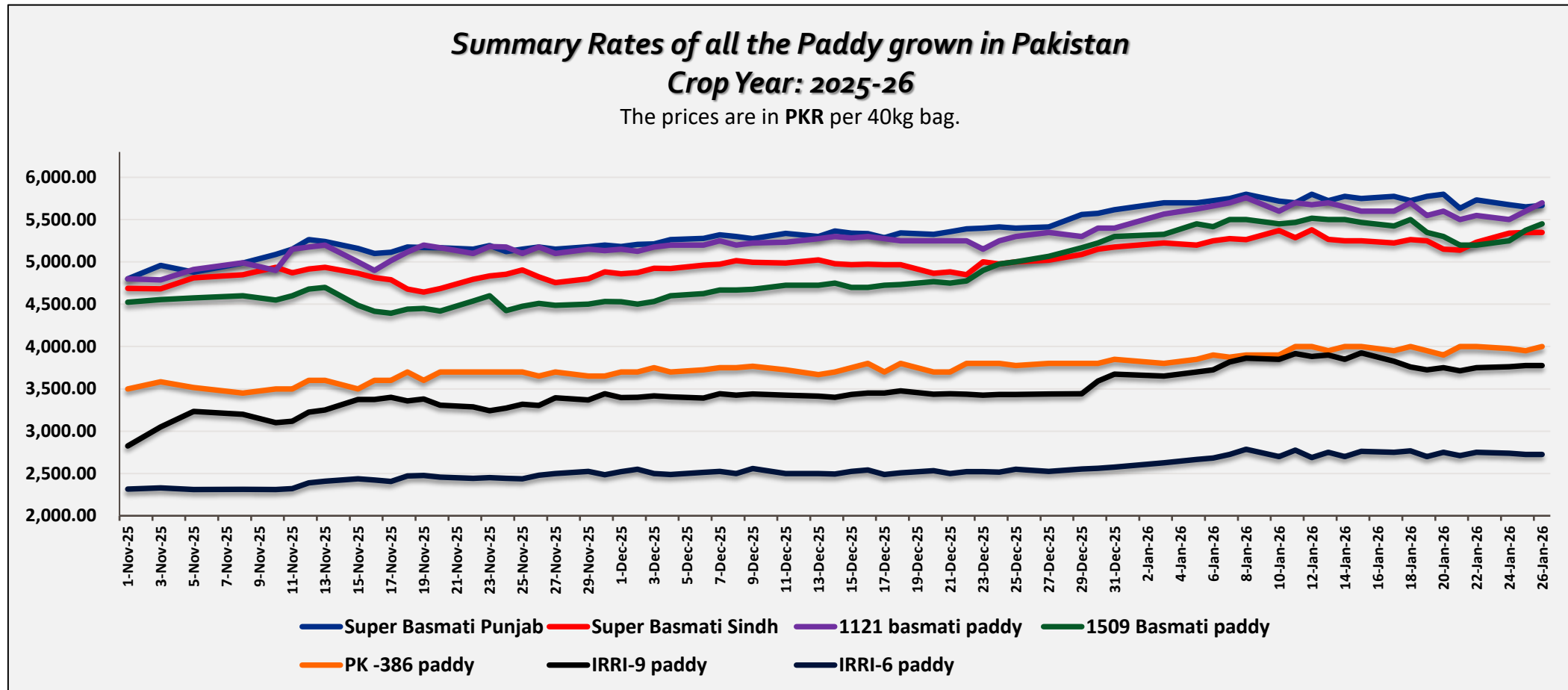


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# SUMMARY RATES OF ALL THE PADDY GROWN IN PAKISTAN



Here we present a comparative performance on all the varieties grown in Pakistan till the time being reported. (Last Updated: 26<sup>th</sup> January 2026)

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:

- **Pakistan urged Turkey for zero or reduced tariffs on basmati rice** and better use of the **18,000-ton PTA quota**, citing a **strong harvest and exportable surplus**. Commerce Minister **Jam Kamal Khan** highlighted a pricing support mechanism to stay competitive against **India and Vietnam**. Both countries agreed to **explore G2G trade**, improve quota utilization, and enhance business engagement, **targeting \$5 billion in bilateral trade**. [Read More](#) (29<sup>th</sup> Jan).
- **Pakistan's rice exports to China reached over \$62 million in 2025**, totaling **157.74 million kg**, led by **semi- and wholly milled rice** along with **broken rice**. Guangdong province imported **61.8 million kg (\$26M)** and **Beijing 42.93 million kg (\$15.48M)**, reflecting strong demand across major provinces. Competitive pricing, improved milling standards, and stable supply chains drove the growth, with exports expected to maintain momentum. [Read More](#) (29<sup>th</sup> Jan).
- **Pakistan is boosting rice exports** through diplomatic outreach, engaging ambassadors from key markets like **Turkey, Indonesia, and the Philippines**. Commerce Minister Jam Kamal Khan highlighted a **strong harvest, sufficient exportable surplus**, and a pricing support mechanism to stay **competitive against India and Vietnam**. The government also announced a **Rs15 billion export rebate** and is exploring **G2G trade** channels to expand shipments and stabilise export volumes. [Read More](#) (29<sup>th</sup> Jan).
- **Pakistan's rice exports plunged nearly 50% in H1 FY26 to \$405 million**, with **basmati down 53% (\$170.25M)** and **Irri-6 falling 22% (\$37.24M)**, amid rising competition and reduced regional shipments. **Overall food exports declined 22% to \$2.27 billion**, while imports surged to \$34.5 billion, pushing the trade deficit up 35.5% to over \$19 billion. [Read More](#) (28<sup>th</sup> Jan).



## PAKISTAN is the 4<sup>th</sup> largest rice exporting country in the world.

- Total rice exports fell to **18,18,905 tonnes** in H1 FY26 from **30,59,548 tonnes** in H1 FY25, a **40.5% decline**.
- Basmati rice exports fell to **249,794 tonnes** in H1 FY26 from **416,634 tonnes** last year, a **40% decline**.
- Non-basmati rice exports dropped to **15,69,111 tonnes** from **26,42,914 tonnes**, down **40.6%**.
- 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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- The government announced a **Rs15 billion tax rebate** for **rice exporters 9% of FOB for basmati and brown rice above \$750/tonne, 3% for coarse rice below \$750/tonne** to boost competitiveness amid declining exports. **Exporters are divided:** some see it as necessary to match **India's lower prices**, while critics warn it may **raise domestic rice prices**, benefit stockiest, and fail to address structural issues like productivity and cost efficiency. Long-term competitiveness, they argue, requires higher output and improved yields rather than **short-term fiscal incentives**. [Read More](#) (27<sup>th</sup> Jan).
- **FPCCI President Atif Ikram Sheikh** praised the government's rebate for rice exporters 9% for basmati and 3% for non-basmati saying it will enhance **Pakistan's global competitiveness, boost exports, and benefit farmers**. The rebate is expected to help **rice exports reach \$1.5 billion** and bridge the price gap with Indian rice, supporting the country's economy. [Read More](#) (27<sup>th</sup> Jan).
- **Pakistan** is participating in **Gulfood 2026** with a record **67 companies**, showcasing **agro-based** and value-added products including **basmati rice**, pulses, meat, honey, spices, and dairy across four specialized pavilions. The event features the **Pakistan Biryani Festival**, live culinary masterclasses, and a **Pakistan-UAE Business Conference** to connect exporters with **international buyers**, aiming to **boost food and beverage exports** and strengthen bilateral trade. [Read More](#) (27<sup>th</sup> Jan).
- Pakistan is engaging the **Philippines to expand rice exports** under a **government-to-government framework**, highlighting surplus stocks, consistent quality, and price competitiveness ahead of **Manila's procurement tenders**. **Commerce Minister Jam Kamal Khan and Philippine Ambassador Emmanuel Fernandez** discussed finalizing a **multi-year MoU on G2G rice trade**, with technical teams coordinating and a Pakistani delegation expected to visit Manila. The talks also covered tariff issues, aiming to strengthen trade and secure timely procurement. [Read More](#) (24<sup>th</sup> Jan).
- The **Ministry of Commerce approved Rs15 billion financial assistance** for rice exporters 9% of FOB for basmati and 3% for non-basmati valid until **June 30, 2026**, to address a nearly **50% export decline** and price competitiveness issues against India. The scheme will be strictly monitored, digitally disbursed, and reviewed **every 90 days** to prevent misuse, with **SBP, PSW, and Customs** involved in oversight. **EDF's annual budget** was also raised to **Rs27.3 billion** to support broader export initiatives, while long-term concerns about structural competitiveness and equitable support across sectors were noted. [Read More](#) (24<sup>th</sup> Jan).

# RICE FARMING IN PAKISTAN:

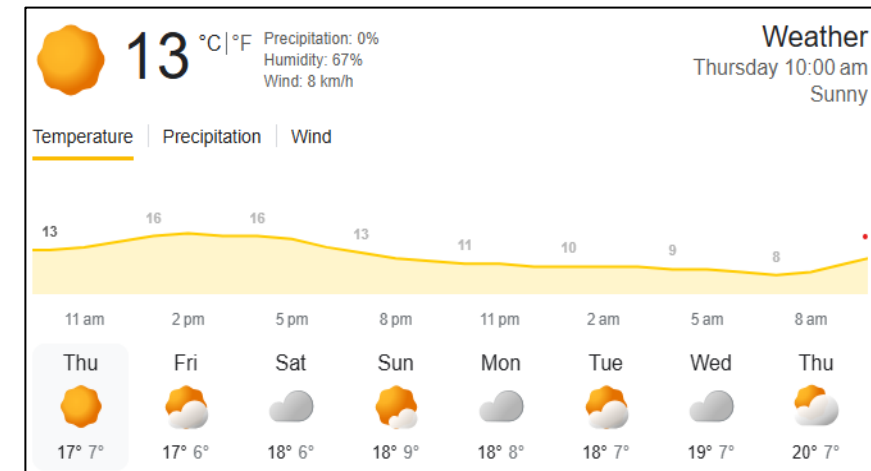
## Pakistan's Rice Boom: Growth Today, Water Crisis Tomorrow:

- **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.

Source: Publications & News



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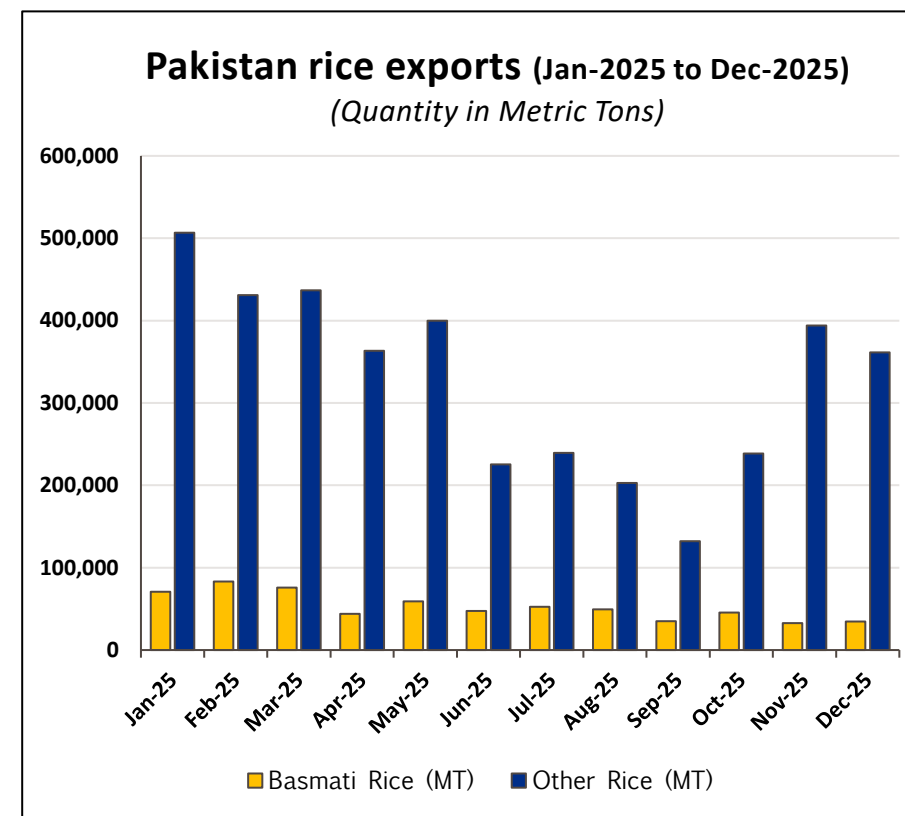


Source: Google Weather  
Weather forecast from 29<sup>th</sup> January and onward.

# 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) \$
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
Dec-25	34,660	\$37,238	361,580	\$133,011	396,240	\$170,249
<b>Total</b>	<b>630,227</b>	<b>\$675,091</b>	<b>3,931,921</b>	<b>\$1,742,342</b>	<b>4,562,148</b>	<b>\$2,417,433</b>

Source: Pakistan Bureau of statistics

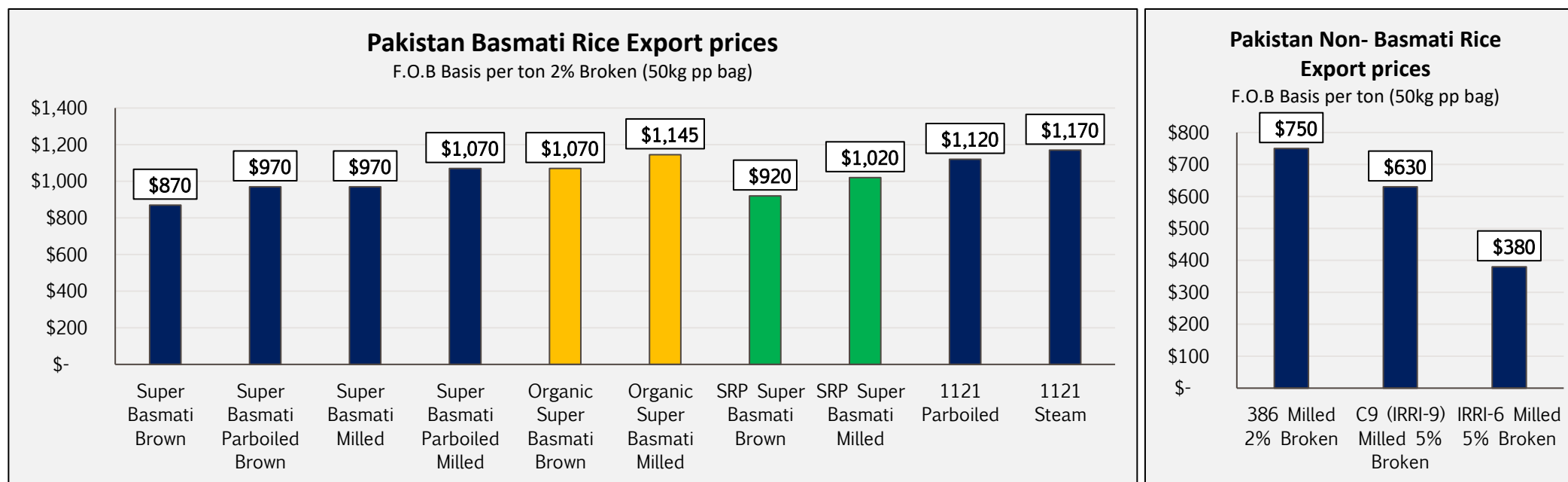


**Pakistan Rice Production Area (2025-26)**  
 Basmati rice production area: 46,97,000 Acers  
 Other rice production area: 13,15,000 Acers

Source: Punjab crop department

# PAKISTAN RICE PRICES:

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



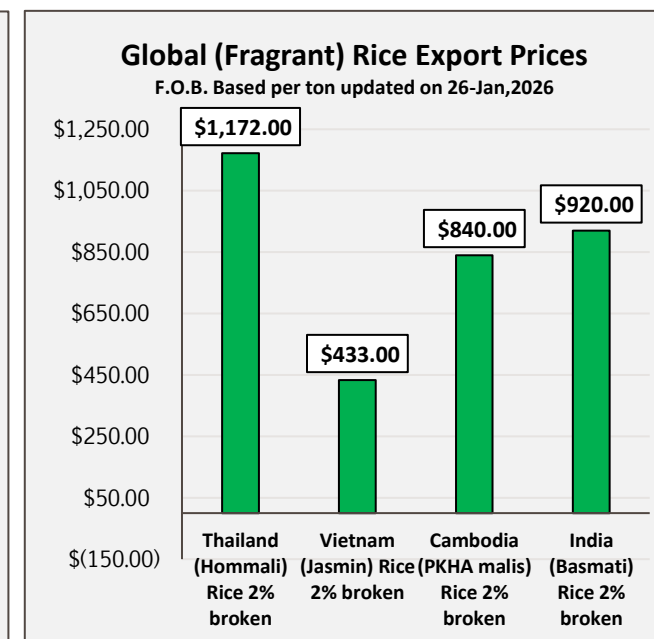
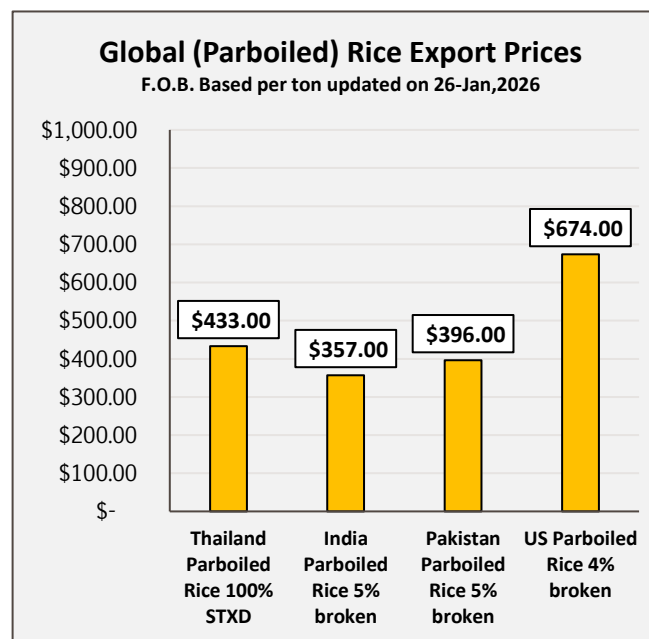
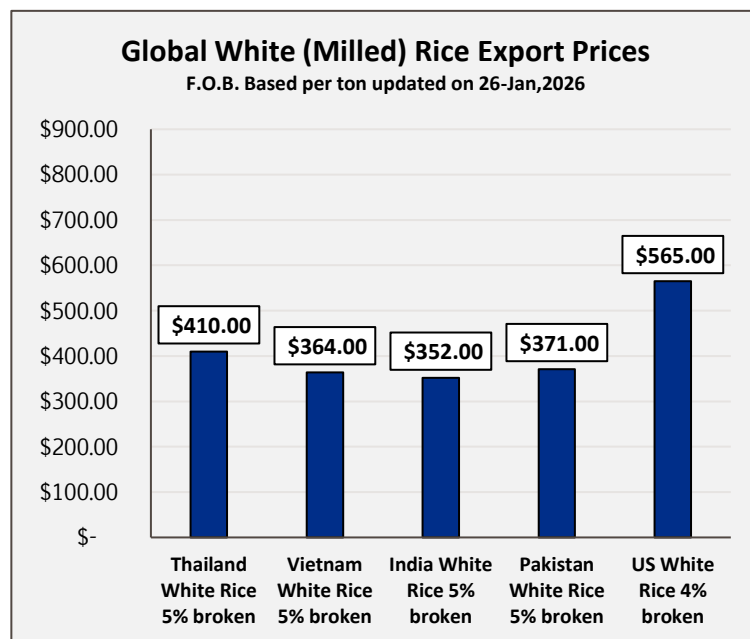
All Rice Prices were updated on 29<sup>th</sup> January 2026.

- This week, Pakistan rice prices softened across most categories, led by a sharp correction in **Super Basmati brown and white** (conventional, organic, and SRP), which declined by around **USD 30 per ton**. **1121 Basmati parboiled and steam** prices fell by approximately **USD 15 per ton**, while non-Basmati **Long Grain PK-386, IRRI-9, and IRRI-6** white rice recorded moderate declines of **USD 10–15 per ton**, reflecting easing demand and improved market availability.

For more details on Pakistan market rice prices Please click here: [Pakistan Rice Market](http://PakistanRiceMarket.com)

# GLOBAL RICE PRICES:

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**All Prices were updated on 26<sup>th</sup> January 2026.**

- As per the news, This week Asian rice prices were mixed, with **India's 5% broken parboiled rice** easing to **USD 351–357/ton** and **white rice** to **USD 348–353/ton** due to rupee weakness and soft demand. **Vietnam's 5% broken rice** held steady at **USD 360–365/ton**, while **Thailand's 5% broken rice** rose to about **USD 410/ton**, though gains may be capped by cheaper Indian offers.

**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><b>The Philippines’ Department of Agriculture</b> has assured that <b>rice imports from Pakistan</b> will be strictly calibrated to domestic supply gaps, with <b>no over-importing allowed</b>. Authorities stressed that imported rice will only supplement <b>local production, as self-sufficiency and food security</b> remain top priorities, alongside efforts to diversify import sources. <a href="#">READ MORE</a> (29-Jan)</p>
	<p><b>Japan’s private-sector rice imports</b> jumped 95-fold in 2025 to <b>96,834 tonnes</b>, driven by high domestic rice prices despite steep tariffs. Imports peaked in summer due to <b>crop uncertainty</b>, with the <b>United States</b> supplying about 78%, followed by Taiwan, Vietnam, and Thailand. <a href="#">READ MORE</a> (29-Jan)</p>
	<p><b>Thailand</b> has launched its pavilion at <b>Gulfood 2026</b>, showcasing <b>194 halal-certified, export-ready food</b> and beverage <b>exhibitors</b> and reinforcing its image as the “<b>Kitchen of the World</b>.” Spanning venues at <b>DEC and DWTC</b>, the pavilion highlights <b>Thai rice</b>, fresh produce, beverages, and ready-to-eat foods, positioning Dubai as a strategic gateway for expanding <b>Thailand’s global and halal food trade</b>. <a href="#">READ MORE</a> (28-Jan)</p>
	<p>The <b>Philippines plans to import 300,000 MT</b> of rice in February, a limited window expected to be absorbed by incoming <b>Vietnamese winter/spring supplies</b>, keeping <b>Vietnam rice prices stable</b>. Market participants say the volume is too small to lift prices meaningfully, with ample supply and <b>Vietnam’s projected 7.7 million MT exports in 2025–26</b> capping any upside. <a href="#">READ MORE</a> (27-Jan)</p>
	<p><b>Kenya is facing a widening rice supply gap</b> as a court reviews the <b>government’s move to allow time-bound, duty-free rice imports to safeguard food security</b>. With domestic production covering <b>less than 20%</b> of demand and shortages projected to exceed <b>380,000 tonnes</b>, authorities say controlled imports are needed to <b>stabilise prices</b> while continuing full support and timely payments to local farmers. <a href="#">READ MORE</a> (27-Jan)</p>

# GLOBAL RICE TENDER & TRADE UPDATE:

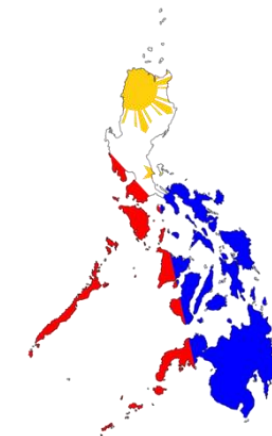
## Bangladesh Resumes Rice Imports from India, Approves 2 Lakh Tonnes for Private Traders

- **Rice imports from India** resumed at Benapole Land Port after a three-month gap, with **510 tonnes** of **non-basmati (parboiled) rice** arriving in **14 trucks**. The government has allowed **232 companies to import 200,000 tonnes** duty-free to stabilize the domestic market, with imported **rice priced around Tk 51 per kg**. *(28, January 2026)*
- Rice imports from India resumed through Hili land port after a **50-day suspension**, with **243 tonnes** of coarse rice arriving on six trucks on the first day. Authorities have **approved 40 importers to bring in 17,000 tonnes**, with imported rice priced lower than locally produced coarse rice. *(23, January 2026)*



## Philippines Opens Limited Rice Import Window Amid Tight Supply Controls

- The **Philippines plans to import 300,000 MT** of rice in **February 2026** under a **limited import window**, as part of tighter controls to **protect domestic farmers** amid record local production. **Market sources** expect minimal impact on **Vietnamese rice prices**, with supplies likely sourced from **Vietnam and other origins**, including **Pakistan**, based on price competitiveness. *(27, January 2026)*
- **Pakistan** is targeting upcoming **Philippine rice tenders** to offload surplus stocks, seeking higher exports through closer price alignment and institutional coordination. Both sides are pushing for early finalization of a **government-to-government MoU** to secure multi-year rice procurement and expand **bilateral trade**. *(24, January 2026)*



Source: Publications & News

# UPCOMING EVENTS:

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