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From Indian Fields to Global Markets: Agri-Exports Gather Pace

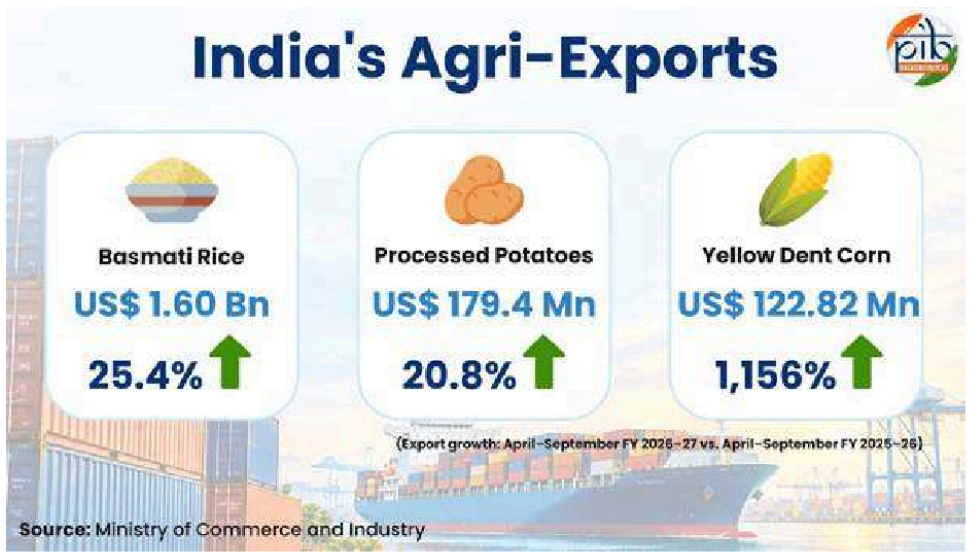
CHENNAI – 21 Nov, 2026 India's agricultural exports recorded strong growth during April-September FY 2026-27, led by Basmati rice, processed frozen potatoes and yellow dent corn. Basmati rice exports increased 25.4%, while processed potato exports rose 20.8%. Yellow dent corn exports surged around 12-fold. Strong growth in exports across West Asia, East and Southeast Asia, and other international markets reflects the widening geographical reach of India's agricultural and processed food exports.

Introduction

India's agricultural exports recorded strong growth across key commodities during April–September FY 2026–27, with Basmati rice, prepared or preserved frozen potatoes and yellow dent corn registering significant increases. The performance reflects a combination of stronger demand in traditional markets, rapid growth in emerging destinations and the increasing geographical diversification of India's agricultural exports.

Basmati rice exports increased across several West Asian markets, including Iran, Saudi Arabia, the UAE, Yemen and Oman. The United States also recorded growth during the period. Meanwhile, processed potato exports gained momentum across East and Southeast Asia, particularly in Indonesia, and Japan.

Yellow dent corn registered a particularly sharp increase in exports, with Vietnam, Bangladesh and the Philippines emerging as major destinations. Growth across these agricultural commodities highlights the widening geographical spread of India's exports and its expanding presence in international markets.



Basmati Rice Exports Rise 25% to US$ 1.60 Billion

Exports of Basmati rice increased around 25.4%, from US$ 1.28 billion during April–September FY 2025–26 to US$ 1.60 billion in the corresponding period of FY 2026–27. The increase was recorded across several important markets in West Asia, North America and other regions.

Iran emerged as the largest destination among the reported markets, with exports increasing 44.1%, from US$ 129.8 million to US$ 187.1 million.

Saudi Arabia recorded growth of 7.9%, with exports rising from US$ 161.6 million to US$ 174.4 million.

The United States registered an increase of 27.7%, with shipments rising from US$ 109.5 million to US$ 139.8 million.

The UAE recorded growth of more than 50%, with exports reaching US$ 138.3 million during the period.

Yemen registered a substantial increase of 66.8%, with exports rising from US$ 74.7 million to US$ 124.6 million.

Oman also recorded strong growth of 65.3%, with shipments increasing from US$ 44.9 million to US$ 74.2 million.