

Do's and don'ts for storage and handling of Rice-

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1.	Store the grains at ambient temperature and Humidity <60% in dedicated area.	Do not store in open, humid or moist area.
2.	Dry the grains at moisture level not more than 14%.	Do not store without drying up to 14% moisture level.
3.	Harvest grains at proper maturity	Do not harvest premature grains.
4.	Avoid mechanical injuries to grains during harvesting, threshing and processing.	Do not store the injured or broken grains.
5.	Use plastic or wooden pallets to store the grains	Do not store the grains directly on the floor.
6.	Stacking must be done in a way to facilitate maximum air flow and maintain aeration.	Do not store in close and compact manner.
7.	Use rodent traps and other means like pest-o flash to control rodent, insect and pests.	Do not allow rodent and pest to invade in storage area.
8.	Storage container must be free from large and small openings to prevent insect, pest and foreign matter to gain access to stored grains.	Do not put any container with small or large opening without sealing or closing the opening.
9.	Store in close covered or sealed container made up with fully dry material	Do not store in open top, woven bamboo or straw baskets with or without mud/dung plaster and jute or polyethylene bag.
10	The material should be packed in clean and if possible in new containers. if old containers are being used they should be cleaned or disinfected or fumigated properly with approved chemicals to kill hiding insects or pathogens before use.	Do not use/reuse the containers without cleaning or treatment for hiding insects or pathogens.

11.	The material should be regularly inspected for development of any pest and efficient remedial measures must be employed immediately to keep them under control.	Do not allow the insects to proliferate inside storage area.
12.	Make the storage area free from cracks and holes on floor and walls to avoid entry of water by seepage from ground or walls. The godown should provide maximum possible protection from moisture, rain, insects, pests, moulds, rodents, birds, fire etc.	Do not store in area with cracks, holes and moisture.
13.	The godown where the material has to be kept should be clean, dry and properly aerated.	Do not store the material at open, dirty and improper storage area.
14.	The stacks are built in the form of domes. As protection against rains and sun the stacks should be covered with thick (600 to 1000gauge) black polyethylene sheets and the cover should be tied to the stack with the help of plastic ropes.	Do not store without covering in open area.