

# *Oryza sativa*



**Common Name:** Asian rice

**Scientific Name:** *Oryza sativa*

**Family:** Poaceae

*Oryza sativa*, commonly known as Asian rice, is the plant species most commonly referred to in English as rice. It is the type of farmed rice whose cultivars are most common globally and was first domesticated in the Yangtze River basin in China 13,500 to 8,200 years ago

**Economic Importance:** The rice is known as *Oryza sativa*. This is called the paddy crop and is the major source of carbohydrates in the food.

The flattened parboiled rice is known as flaked rice. Flaked rice is also used for preparing different kinds of food items. Sake is an important alcoholic beverage in Japan that is prepared by the fermentation of rice.