

International Rice Research Institute

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About International Rice Research Institute

- It is an independent, nonprofit, research and educational institute, founded in 1960 by the Ford and **Rockefeller foundations** with support from the Philippine government.
- It is the world's **premier research organization** dedicated to reducing poverty, hunger, and malnutrition through rice science.
- It aims to **improve the health and welfare** of those who **depend on rice-based agri-food** systems, and promote and protect the environmental sustainability of rice farming for future generations.
- The institute has offices in 17 rice-growing countries in **Asia and Africa**.
- IRRI's research for development is characterized by its **collaborative nature**: from alliances with advanced research institutes; through strong collaborations and capacity development with governments and national agricultural research and extension systems.

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Headquarter: Los Banos, Philippines.

Q1: What is Pusa Basmati 1847?

It is an improved version of the popular Basmati rice variety, Pusa Basmati 1509 with inbuilt resistance to bacterial blight and blast disease.

Source: [IRRI-ISARC targets low-methane rice varieties](#)

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