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Department of Agriculture, Cooperation and Farmers Welfare releases 3rd Advance Estimates of production of major crops for 2017-18

Country witnesses record foodgrains production in current year estimated at 279.51 million tonnes

The 3rd Advance Estimates of production of major crops for 2017-18 have been released by the Department of Agriculture, Cooperation and Farmers Welfare on 16th May, 2018. The assessment of production of different crops is based on the feedback received from States and validated with information available from other sources. The estimated production of various crops as per the 3rd Advance Estimates for 2017-18 vis-à-vis the comparative estimates for the years 2003-04 onwards is enclosed.

As per 3rd Advance Estimates, the estimated production of major crops during 2017-18 is as under:

- **Foodgrains** – 279.51 million tonnes (record)
- Rice – 111.52 million tonnes (record)
- Wheat – 98.61 million tonnes (record)
- Nutri/Coarse Cereals – 44.87 million tonnes (record)
- Maize – 26.88 million tonnes (record)
- Pulses – 24.51 million tonnes (record)
- Gram – 11.16 million tonnes (record)
- Tur – 4.18 million tonnes
- Urad – 3.28 million tonnes (record)
- **Oilseeds** – 30.64 million tonnes
- Soyabean – 10.93 million tonnes
- Groundnut – 8.94 million tonnes
- Rapeseed & Mustard – 8.04 million tonnes
- Castorseed – 1.49 million tonnes
- **Cotton** – 34.86 million bales (of 170 kg each)
- **Sugarcane** – 355.10 million tonnes

As a result of near normal rainfall during monsoon 2017 and various policy initiatives taken by the Government, country has witnessed record **Foodgrains** production in the current year. As per Third Advance Estimates for 2017-18, total foodgrains production in the country is estimated at 279.51 million tonnes which is higher by 4.40 million tonnes than the previous record production of foodgrain of 275.11 million tonnes achieved during 2016-17. The current year's production is also higher by 19.33 million tonnes than the previous five years' (2012-13 to 2016-17) average production of foodgrains.

Total production of **Rice** during 2017-18 is estimated at record 111.52 million tonnes. Production of rice has increased by 1.82 million tonnes than the production of 109.70 million tonnes during 2016-17. It is also higher by 5.22 million tonnes than the last five years' average production of 106.29 million tonnes.

Production of **Wheat** during 2017-18 is estimated at record 98.61 million tonnes is higher by 0.10 million tonnes as compared to wheat production of 98.51 million tonnes achieved during 2016-17. Further, the production of wheat during 2017-18 is higher by 5.28 million tonnes than the average wheat production of the last five years.

Production of **Nutri/Coarse Cereals** during 2017-18 is estimated at record 44.87 million tonnes is higher than the average production of the last five years by 3.17 million tonnes. Further, it is also higher by 1.10 million tonnes as compared to their production of 43.77 million tonnes achieved during 2016-17.

Total **Pulses** production during 2017-18 is estimated at record 24.51 million tonnes which is higher by 1.37 million tonnes than the previous year's production of 23.13 million tonnes. The production of pulses during 2017-18 is higher than the last five years' average production by 5.66 million tonnes.

Total **Oilseeds** production in the country during 2017-18 is estimated at 30.64 million tonnes which is lower by 0.64 million tonnes than the production of 31.28 million tonnes during 2016-17. However, the production of oilseeds during 2017-18 is higher by 1.09 million tonnes than the average oilseeds production of the last five years.

With a significant increase by 49.03 million tonnes over 2016-17, total production of **Sugarcane** in the country during 2017-18 is estimated at 355.10 million tonnes. The production of sugarcane during 2017-18 is also higher by 13.06 million tonnes than the average sugarcane production of 342.04 million tonnes of the last five years.

Production of **Cotton** during 2017-18 estimated at 34.86 million bales (of 170 kg each) is higher by 2.28 million bales than the previous year's production of 32.58 million bales. Further, it is also higher by 1.36 million bales than its average production of 33.50 million bales of the last five years.

Production of **Jute & Mesta** during 2017-18 estimated at 10.62 million bales (of 180 kg each) is lower than the production during the 2016-17.

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