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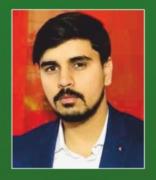




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#### **Editorial**

## India is witnessing a transformational period in agritech sector

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grow such crops. Agritech companies are also using AI to identify why crops may be underperforming. For instance, a farmer can upload photos of a pest or other abnormality on a particular crop and the platform's technology can recognise the issue and provide details of the types of pesticides that can be used to eliminate the insect attack, or fertilizers to encourage healthier growth, saving time and money and leading to a higher overall crop yield.



According to the Food and Agricultural Organisation (FAO), an estimated 40% of the food produced in India gets wasted every year due to an inefficacious supply chain. Through online detection technologies, smart monitoring of fresh foods, and inventory management software that can keep complete track of food delivery and storage as well as anticipate overstocking or inventory shortage, the new-age agri-centric innovations by companies can minimise this wastage to a large extent. The agritech sector also offers immense scope for women to traverse into managerial and leadership roles in agriculture, especially in the post-harvest space. With a slew of appropriate policies and programmes being enacted into action, India is witnessing the rise of a digitalised agricultural vista that is heralding a new dawn of economic empowerment and social upliftment for countless women. In all, agtech is a massive industry with major tailwinds and there is significant innovation that has happened and will come in the next decade.

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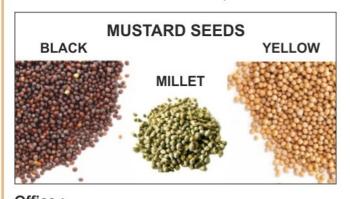




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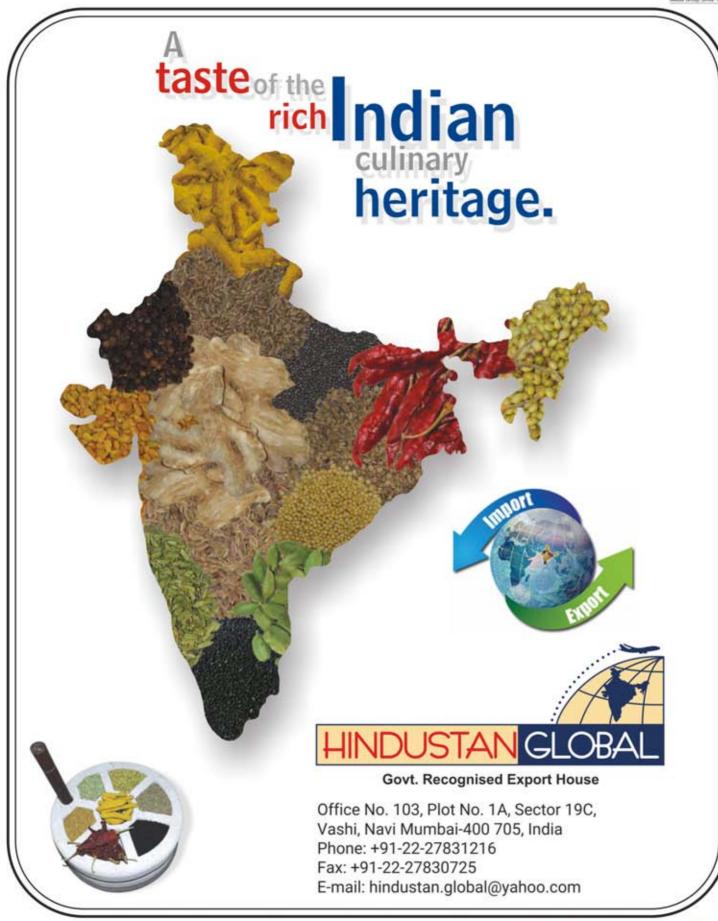
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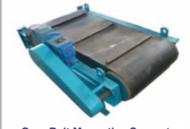
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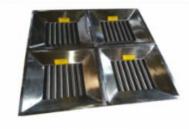
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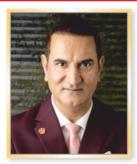
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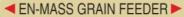
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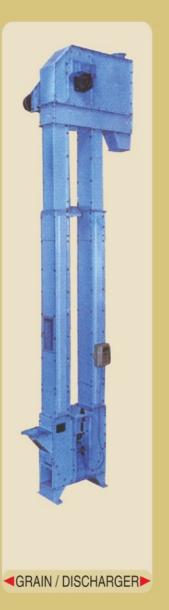












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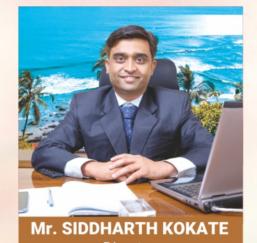
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## India's paddy arrivals at 18-year-low as rain, lower yield hit crop

ndia's kharif paddy arrivals have declined to an 18-year low during October 1-20 as the crop has been affected by weather and lower productivity in key growing regions of Haryana and Punjab. However, experts say there need not be any cause for alarm though production might be a little lower than the Ministry of Agriculture's estimates. Currently, this is helping prices to rule above the minimum support price (MSP) of Rs 2,040 a quintal this year. Complicating the situation is the effort of officials to meet the kharif paddy procurement target of 518 lakh tonnes (lt). This has led to some traders buying paddy at around Rs 1,600 a quintal from farmers in Uttar Pradesh villages and selling them in Haryana at the MSP of Rs 2,040. According to data available on Agmarknet, a unit of the Ministry of Agriculture, 39.20 lt of paddy arrived in various agricultural produce marketing committee (APMC) yards across the country during October 1-20. This is the lowest since 2004 when the arrivals were 34.71 lt. This is mainly since paddy inflow to APMC yards in Punjab has plunged to a 21year low of 11.28 lt. In 2001, the arrivals were a meagre 98,675 tonnes. Arrivals in Haryana are higher than last year, a major reason why the Haryana government banned the entry of paddy from other districts in Karnal as it was worried that the



procurement target given to the State would get over in no time. Going by Agmarket portal data, arrivals in Punjab are almost 50 percent lower than last year. Higher arrivals in the State have always resulted in a consequential rise in all-India arrivals. For example, the record arrivals of 90.38 lt arrivals of paddy in 2010 were due to inflow in Punjab APMC mandis topping 60 lt. Similarly in 2001, the inflow was a meagre 1.05 lt resulting in arrivals across the country being just 3.07 lt. This year, the monsoon has yielded over six percent excess rainfall but the precipitation has not been distributed evenly with eastern and northeastern parts being deficient. This led to kharif paddy sowing declining by 5.5 percent from last year. In October, the country received 73 percent excess rainfall with Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Harvana and Rajasthan receiving rainfall manifold times higher than normal. This has now impacted the arrival of kharif crops that are ready for harvest.

## Russia sets new cereals export quotas, despite a record wheat crop



ussia announced an export quota that would cap exports of wheat, corn, rye, and barley at 25.5 million tonnes from February 15 to June 30, 2023, despite harvesting its largest wheat crop ever this summer. Individual cereal export restrictions have not been set yet, but even at the announced limit, Russia's wheat exports for the quota period are expected to be higher than last year. For the whole 2021/22 marketing year, Russia exported 33 million tonnes of wheat. Throughout its growing season, Russia's winter wheat benefited from mild temperatures and adequate precipitation throughout April as the crop emerged from dormancy. In Russia, mid-February through the end of June export quotas on cereals have become fairly standard practice in recent years, but the new caps arrive as the country is battling soaring domestic food inflation. The new measures might also push the USDA to dial back its wheat export estimate for Russia. Currently, the USDA is expecting Russia to ship a record 42 million tonnes of wheat for the full 2022/23 marketing year that started on July 1.





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### 3rd Advance Estimates of area and production of horticultural crops for the year 2021-22 released

inistry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Government of India has released the 3rd Advance Estimates of the area and production of various horticultural crops for the year 2021-22. According to this estimate, a record 342.33 million tonnes are estimated to be produced in an area of 28.08 million hectares. The Union Minister for Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Shri Narendra Singh Tomar has congratulated the farmers, scientists and officers of horticulture for this achievement. The third advance estimates of the area and production of various horticultural crops for the year 2021-22, compiled on the basis of information received from States/UTs and other government source agencies, are as follows-

Total Horticulture	2020-21 (Final)	2021-22 (Second Advance Estimate)	2021-22 (3rd Advance Estimate)
Area (in million hectares)	27.48	27.74	28.08
Production (in Million Tonnes)	334.60	341.63	342.33



The vegetable production is estimated to rise by 2.1% to 204.8 mt in 2021-22 compared to 200.4 mt as per the final estimate for 2020-21. The production of onion is estimated to rise by close to 17% to 31.2 mt in 2021-22 against 26.6 mt reported in the previous year. At the same time, the production of potato is estimated to decline by 5% in the 2021-22 crop year to 53.3 mt from 56.1 mt reported in 2020-21. The output of tomato is estimated to decline by 4% to 20.3 mt compared to 21.1 mt as per final estimate for 2020-21. In case of fruit production, the third advance estimate pegs the output at 107.2 mt in 2021-22 compared to 102.5 mt reported in the 2020-21 crop year. Amongst the key fruits, banana production is estimated to witness a growth of more than 2% to 32.45 mt in 2021-22 compared to 2021-22 while the mango output is estimated at 20.3 mt in 2021-22 which is at the same level compared to previous year.

#### Cashew exports plunge deeper to 38% in Sept. at \$22.71 million

ontracting for the last eleven months, the country's cashew exports contracted by 38 percent to USD 22.71 million in September succumbing to intense competition in the international markets. The exports have been declining since November last year, according to the data of the commerce ministry. The data showed that the exports dipped by 34 percent in April, about 30 percent in May, about 6 percent in

June, 26.62 percent in July and 31.5 percent in August. Karnataka Cashews Manufacturers Association Vice President Tukaram Prabhu said that withdrawal of export incentives under 'Vishesh Krishi and Gram Udyog Yojana' too is impacting the outbound shipments. "At present,

we have no incentives to push shipments, though there is good demand in global markets. Our quality is much better than Vietnamese cashew. It is also a labour-intensive sector," Prabhu

According to the data of Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA), exports were down 25.16 percent to USD 113 million during April-August this fiscal. Besides Vietnam, Indian exporters are also facing tough competition from African countries, including Guyana, Mozambique, Tanzania and Ivory Coast. The Indian cashew industry exports different grades and products like cashew kernels (wholes and broken), cashew nut shell liquid (CNSL), cardanol (purified CNSL) and flavoured kernels. The country exports to about 80

> countries, including the US, UAE, the Netherlands, Saudi Arabia, Germany, Japan, Belgium, Korea, Spain, France, the UK, Kuwait, Singapore, Qatar, Greece, Italy, Iran and Canada. Kerala, Tamil Nadu and Karnataka are major cashew exporting states in the country.





## Early start to India's wheat sowing may help avert heatwave impact

n early start of sowing operations by farmers across the country will help farmers overcome any negative impact of the heatwave that is being witnessed over the last couple of years following climate change. At least five percent of the normal area has been brought under

cultivation by farmers across the country in the first month of the rabi season. Overall, sowing under all rabi

crops was reported at 37.75 lakh hectares (lh) as of October 28, up by 39 per cent from the same period a year ago. The normal acreage under all rabi crops is 633.8 lh. Wheat has been sown on 54,000 hectares so far, mostly in Uttar Pradesh which faced deficient monsoon rainfall continuously in the first three months of the kharif season. Later on, the northern State experienced excessive precipitation in September

coverage was 34,000 hectares in the year-ago period. "As soon as the water dries from the field, which was vacant for rabi crop, farmers have started sowing wheat. This is good for the cereal crop as the harvesting will start in March if it is sown now and may avoid the risk of temperature increase as happened last year," said

and during the first 10 days of October. Wheat

SK Singh, a former agriculture scientist of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR).

Sowing of wheat, the main cereal of the winter season, begins normally in November and harvesting starts in March-April. However, many areas in Gujarat and Madhya Pradesh plant wheat in October and harvest the crop earlier than other regions. The sowing of wheat has also started in

> Uttarakhand, Rajasthan and Jammu and Kashmir. Last crop year (2021 July-2022 June), wheat production dropped to 106.84 million tonnes (mt) from 109.59 mt the previous year due to a

heatwave that swept across the country during March-April. This caused in the shrivelling of the grains. Pulses acreage remained higher at 8.82 lh until October 28 against 5.91 lh in the year-ago period. Chana (gram) area is up 69 per cent at 6.96 lh from 4.12 lh a year

ago. The area under oilseeds has

reached 19.69 lh, up by 30 per cent from

15.13 lh, and out of this mustard area is up by 34 per cent at 18.99 lh, compared with 14.21 lh. Coarse cereals have been sown on 4.68 lh, more than double from 2.31 lh a year ago while winter-grown paddy has been transplanted on 4.02 lh as against 3.54 lh a year ago, according to data released by the



#### Ban on the export of buckwheat will be in effect until the end of the year

Agriculture Ministry.

ntil the end of the year, the ban on the export of buckwheat will continue to apply in Ukraine. This was announced on the air of Suspilne by the First Deputy Minister of Agrarian Policy and Food of Ukraine, Taras Vysotsky. "Until the end of the year, the ban on the export of buckwheat will be in effect, and whether it will be extended from January 2023, we will understand at the end of November since its collection is still ongoing. When we see that the production, which was forecast at the level of 140 thousand tons, will already be in our warehouse, we will be able to talk about something. But there definitely cannot be free exports," said the deputy minister. At the same time, Taras Vysotsky noted that Ukrainians need 110,000 tons of buckwheat for domestic consumption. He also explained why the decline in the price of buckwheat is more gradual than predicted. As for other cereals, there will be no shortage either, the First Deputy Minister assured.

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# Kazakhstan expects rebound in wheat, barley production

azakhstan's wheat and barley production is expected to rebound significantly in 2022-23 and regain its market share lost due to lower production last season, according to a report from the Foreign Agricultural Service of the US Department of Agriculture (USDA). Exports of barley, wheat and wheat flour are expected to reach multiyear highs on strong production and steady demand from importing countries, the USDA said. Wheat production is estimated at 14.5 million tonnes, an increase of 23% from the previous year and a 1.5-million-tonne increase from the previous USDA estimate. The USDA increased the forecast based on government reporting, data showing improved precipitation and weather conditions and a consensus among wheat producers. The wheat total area was harvested on 12.8 million hectares, or an estimated 100% of the harvested area. Wheat and wheat flour exports are estimated at 9 million tonnes, 7% higher than the previous market year and 1 million tonnes higher than USDA estimates. Traders expect Kazakhstan to regain the market share it lost in 2021-22, especially to Uzbekistan and Afghanistan.

Barley production is estimated at 3.1 million tonnes, an increase of 30% from 2021-22 and 400,000 tonnes higher than the USDA's official estimate. Like wheat, the increase was based on official government reporting, data showing improved precipitation and weather conditions, and a consensus among barley producers. Barley consumption, which is mainly used for feed, is estimated at 1.9 MMT in MY 2022/2023, on par with USDA's official number. Barley exports are estimated at 1 million tonnes, double last year's export volume and 400,000 tonnes higher than USDA's official estimate. "This expected increase in exports is due to higher production, and trader expectations that they will regain market share to Iran, Uzbekistan, and China in MY 2022-23," the USDA said.



# "Spent Earth Oil For Bio Diesel Plants"





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ethods for recovering oil from spent bleaching earth are described. Blowing steam and circulating hot water through spent bleaching earth reduce its oil content to only cost analysis 25% and 20%, respectively. Oil extraction from spent earth with hexane is economically feasible for expensive and relatively stable oils only. Because of its simplicity and low cost, extraction is economically feasible. The problems with respect to the disposal of the extracted material are discussed.

The dependence of the adsorption of fluoride on the pH of the solution has been studied to achieve the optimum pH- value and a better understanding of the adsorption mechanism. It has been found that maximum adsorption of fluoride from aqueous solutions take place at pH-value of 3.5. Second-order equation was used to describe the adsorption rate of fluoride and adsorption rate constant was calculated.

Spent oil industry is flourishing day by day. This industry is fulfilling the 1st need of the **BIODIESEL PLANTS**, the soap industry, chemical industry and poultry feed industry. The spent oil is recovered from used bleaching earth of refineries. The solvent extraction plant recovers 18% to 22% oil from the used bleaching earth.

Some refineries are further refining the solvent extracted spent oil, to make it useable for the poultry industry. They reduce the FFA from 30 to 3 FFA.

At present solvent plant without refining is not viable. The company who wants to enter in the extraction of oil from spent earth must attach refining unit with solvent plant.

### Palm oil drives edible oil imports in September

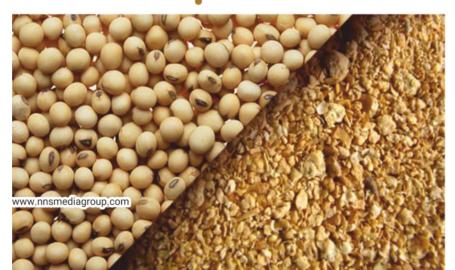
ndia's import of edible oils increased to 15.93 lakh tonnes (It) in September of the oil year 2021-22 (November to October) as against 13.75 It in August this year, recording a growth of 15.89 percent. This has been powered by a 17.78 percent growth in the import of palm oils (including refined palm oil and crude palm oil), an 18.11 percent growth in the import of sunflower oil, and 7 percent growth in soyabean oil during the period. Data compiled by the Solvent Extractors' Association (SEA) of India showed that India imported 11.71 lt (9.94 lt in August) of palm oil, 1.59 lt (1.35 lt) of sunflower oil, and 2.61 lt (2.44 lt) of soyabean oil during September. B.V. Mehta, Executive Director of SEA of India, said the import of RBD palmolein increased to 17.12 lt during the first 11 months of the oil year 2021-22, as against 6.28 lt in the corresponding period of the previous year, recording a growth of 172 percent. He said RBD palmolein constituted 14 percent of the total import of edible oils during the first 11 months of 2021-22. This was just 5 percent last year. Malaysia exported 28.13 lt of CPO and 5.30 It of RBD palmolein during November-September of 2021-22, followed by Indonesia, which exported 17.15 lt of CPO and of 11.61 lt of RBD palmolein.

The overall import of palm oil in the total edible oils basket decreased to 70.28 lt (55 percent of the total edible oils) during November-September of 2021-22, as against 76.27 lt (63 percent) during the corresponding period of the previous year. The share of



soft oils in the total edible oils import increased to 56.35 lt (45 percent) during the first 11 months of 2021-22, from 44.58 lt (37 percent) in the corresponding period of the previous year. He attributed this growth to the higher import of soyabean oil. India imported 38.37 lt of soyabean oil during the first 11 months of 2021-22, as against 26.48 It in the corresponding period of 2020-21. During November-September of 2021-22, India imported 24.28 lt of soyabean oil from Argentina, 10.64 lt from Brazil, and 1.59 It from the US. Russia and Argentina have emerged as the major exporters of sunflower since April. India bought about 1.59 It of sunflower oil, mainly from Argentina (68,032 tonnes) and Russia (16,947 tonnes) in September. Export of sunflower oil from Ukraine, which was stopped due to its war with Russia, resumed in September with the export of 31,500 tonnes of cargo to India. The overall import of vegetable oils (including edible oils and nonedible oils) stood at 130.13 lt during the first 11 months of the oil year 2021-22, as against 124.70 lt in the corresponding period of the previous year.

### Argentina reduced the volume of soybean processing by 9% in September



oybean processing in Argentina was 2.87 million tons in September, down 9% on the month, but in line with market expectations, official data from the Secretariat of Agriculture showed. In September, the country processed 2.87 million tons of oilseeds, which is sharply less than in August (3.15 million tons) and 22% lower than the volume of processing in the same month last year. The reduction in processing was mainly due to a decrease in the availability of raw materials sent to oil refineries, as Argentina instead sold at least 5.5 million tons of beans to the export market, which limited the availability of raw materials for processors. In total, the volume of grinding of soybeans from the beginning of the year to August amounted to 29.60 million tons. Byproducts output also fell, with soybean oil down 8% MoM to 551,384 tons in September, while soybean meal fell 9% MoM to 2.05 million tons.



## Sri Lanka records the lowest tea production in 26-years

ri Lanka's Ceylon Tea production is down 7.8 percent in September 2022 from a year earlier to 20.9 million kilograms while the total output for the nine months dipped 18 percent from the previous year, according to a report. From January-September 2022, the total production is 192.37 million kilograms compared to 234.72 million kilograms for the same period in the previous year. "This would be the lowest recorded for the period under review since 1996 where it recorded 188.40 million kilograms for the corresponding period," industry data published by Forbes and Walkers Tea Brokers show. "On a cumulative basis, all elevations have shown a decline over the corresponding period of 2021." In September 2022, high grown teas moved up 14.05 percent to 4.6 million kilograms, medium grown fell 3.6 percent to 3.4 million kilograms and lowgrown were down 14.5 percent to 14.7 million kilograms, industry data published by Forbes and Walkers Tea Brokers show.

The national average tea price in the month of September was 5.52 dollars or 1,981.63 in rupees. Sri Lankan tea has been earning higher prices for tea exports in rupees after the currency was depreciated in March against the USA dollar in 2022. September tea exports too dipped 8.11 percent to 21.54 million kilograms. Even in 2020, amidst the COVID-19 pandemic, tea production had totalled 201.43 million kilograms for the period. Industry growers had said that some estates were cut off from fertilizers for up to 18 months and they warned that it will have a detrimental impact in the years to come. The cost of production of tea growers has steeply risen by 30-35 percent so far this year as the country's currency collapsed while they are still cut off from fertilizer despite a ban on agrochemicals being lifted. The industry had previously predicted the tea output to dip following a fertiliser ban imposed from April to November 2021.

# Ample room for Vietnamese coffee exports to Spain

here is ample room for growth for Vietnamese coffee exports as Spain's coffee segment is expected to grow by 6.84% in 2022-2025 period, according to the Vietnamese Trade Office in Spain. A survey in the Spanish market showed that up to 87% of its population aging between 18 and 64 drink coffee and 70% do so daily. The average is 2.2 cups a day and the preferred place is at home (61%), followed by bars or restaurants (26%) and work (21%). To promote sustainable export of agricultural commodities in general and coffee in particular to this market, the Trade Office asked for collaboration from localities and trade associations to hold online and in-person workshops to introduce business opportunities to exporters, as well as hold more trips to Spain to connect Vietnamese importers, distributors and major supermarkets with Spanish partners. It also emphasised the importance of maintaining quality and brand for Vietnamese products in this market.

Data from the General Department of Customs showed that Vietnam exported 5,240 tonnes of coffee to Spain in September this year, worth 13.1 million USD, down 14.4% in volume and 7.1% in value against the previous month, reported the Foreign Trade Office under the Ministry of Industry and Trade. However, the figure increased by 11.5% in volume and by 37.4% in value compared to September last year. Shipment from Vietnam to Spain reached 71,700 tonnes, worth 160.81 million USD, a year-on-year rise of 40.4% in volume and 63.4% in value. The average export price of coffee in the first nine months of this year was 2,245 USD per tonne, up 16.7% year-on-year. Spain's coffee imports from non-EU supply in the first seven months of 2022 reached 165,730 tonnes, worth 524.1 million euros, up 17.4% in volume and 100.8% in value.





### Cabinet approves Minimum Support Prices for all Rabi Crops for Marketing Season 2023-24

he Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs chaired by Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has approved the increase in the Minimum Support Prices (MSP) for all mandated Rabi Crops for Marketing Season 2023-24. Government has increased the MSP of Rabi Crops for Marketing Season 2023-24, to ensure remunerative prices to the growers for their produce. The absolute highest increase in MSP has been approved for lentil (Masur) at Rs 500/- per quintal followed by rapeseed and mustard at Rs 400/- per quintal. For safflower, an increase of Rs 209/- per quintal has been approved. For wheat, gram and barley an increase of Rs 110/- per quintal, Rs 100 per quintal respectively has been approved. The increase in MSP for Rabi Crops for Marketing Season 2023-24 is in line with the Union Budget 2018-19 announcement of fixing the MSP at a level of at least 1.5 times of the All-India weighted average Cost of Production, aiming at reasonably fair remuneration for the farmers. The maximum rate of return is 104 percent for rapeseed & mustard, followed by 100 percent for wheat, 85 percent for lentil; 66 percent for gram; 60 percent for barley; and 50 percent for safflower.

MSP is the rate at which the government buys agricultural produce from farmers. Currently, the government fixes the MSPs for 23 crops, grown in the kharif and rabi seasons. It had increased the MSP for all

kharif crops earlier this year. Sowing of rabi (winter) crops begins in October, immediately after the harvest of kharif (summer) crops. Wheat and mustard are the major rabi crops. The government's priority is on increasing the production of

oilseeds and pulses to fulfil the objective of Aatmanirbhar Bharat. It is working to expand the area under cultivation and increase productivity through high yielding varieties and is providing MSP support to ensure fair returns for farmers.



MSP for all Rabi Crops for Marketing Season 2023-24 (Rs. Per guintal)

S.No.	Crops	MSP RMS	MSP RMS	Cost of production	Increase in MSP	Return over cost
		2022-23	2023-24	RMS 2023-24	(Absolute)	(in per cent)
1	Wheat	2015	2125	1065	110	100
2	Barley	1635	1735	1082	100	60
3	Gram	5230	5335	3206	105	66
4	Lentil (Masur)	5500	6000	3239	500	85
5	Rapeseed & Mustard	5050	5450	2670	400	104
6	Safflower	5441	5650	3765	209	50



#### Cambodia's milled rice export nets \$287 million in first 9 months of this year

ambodia exported 449,325 tons of milled rice to international markets in the first nine months of 2022, up 10 percent over the same period last year, the Cambodia Rice

Federation (CRF) said in a statement. The Southeast Asian nation made nearly \$287 million in revenue from the exports of milled rice from January to September this year, the CRF said. China remained the top buyer of Cambodia's milled rice, purchasing 198,107 tons, or 44.09 percent, of the kingdom's total export amount, the CRF said. "Nine countries accounted for more than 81 percent of Cambodia's export market, including China at 44.09 percent, France at 14.83 percent, Malaysia at 5.58 percent, the Netherlands at 4.65 percent, Italy at 2.65 percent, Gabon at 2.63 percent, Brunei at 2.44 percent, Britain at 2.25 percent and Germany at 2.08 percent," the CRF said. Ministry of Commerce's Undersecretary of State Penn Sovicheat said the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) free trade agreement, which entered into force earlier this year, had boosted this growth.

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# China's monthly soybean imports jump



hina's soybean imports surged to 7.72 million tonnes in September, up 12% vear-over-year, as demand for soymeal for animal feed picked up, Reuters reported, citing data from the General Administration of Customs. The increase in September imports came largely from the United States, which shipped 1.15 million tonnes to China last month, up from 169,439 tonnes in September 2021, customs data showed. Imports from Brazil slipped to 5.58 million tonnes versus 5.936 million tonnes last year. Global soybean prices rose this year after bad weather cut production and exports from Brazil, China's top supplier, pushing benchmark prices close to a decade high in June. The high prices, poor profits from crushing beans to make animal feed and lackluster demand from the livestock sector earlier in the year had curbed China's purchases. However, September arrivals for China, the world's top buyer of soybeans, were up from 6.88 million tonnes a year earlier, according to the customs data, and higher than August imports of 7.17 million tonnes. The imports were slightly higher than some traders were expecting but came amid an increasingly urgent need to rebuild stockpiles. Though the September imports were higher, overall imports for the first nine months of the year remain down 6.6% compared to last year at 69.04 million tonnes.

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# US canola production value likely to exceed \$1 billion

he USDA, in its Oct. 12 Crop Production Report, released record U.S. canola production figures of 3.95 billion pounds, up 45 percent from 2.72 billion pounds last year. The total value of U.S. canola production will likely exceed \$1 billion for the first time based off of this nearly 4 billion-pound crop. The USDA did revise canola acreage up from its June report as FSA data became available. The report showed a large difference in canola yields between North Dakota and Montana compared to normal. Canola yields also came up short in the Southern Plains states of Kansas and Oklahoma as they suffer through extremely dry conditions. Production in both North Dakota and Washington will be the highest on record. Area planted for the U.S., at a record high 2.21 million acres, is up 13 percent from the June estimate and up 3 percent from last year's area. The October yield forecast, at 1,826 pounds per acre, is 524 pounds above last year's yield and will represent the third-highest average yield on record for the U.S.

The yield in North Dakota, by far the largest canola-producing state, is forecast at 1,920 pounds per acre, up 580 pounds from last year. This is the secondhighest average yield for the state. Planted area in North Dakota is estimated at a record high 1.80 million acres, up 3 percent from last year. As of June 5, only 65 percent of the crop had been planted, 29 percentage points behind both last year's pace and the 5-year average pace. Blooming of the canola crop began in late June. Crop maturity remained behind both last year's pace and the 5-year average pace through July and August. Harvest began in mid-August and progressed to 93 percent complete by Oct. 9. Canola yield reports out of Canada continue to lean to the disappointing side, according to many reports from growers. This will likely lead to a revision lower in the December canola production estimates to possibly less than 19 million metric tons (MMT). Earlier estimates had been as high as 20 MMT. Canola exports from Canada have finally increased, showing a level of 300,000 metric tons (MT) during the first week of October. Total crop year canola exports, however, are running behind last year's pace by over 25 percent, while domestic use is in-line with last year.







# SOPA organises 5th International Soy Conclave in Indore

he 5th International Soy Conclave organised by SOPA in Indore was a grand success with record number of close to 1000 delegates attending the event from all over India. The Conclave had technical and business sessions, in addition to a session on agriculture, a price outlook session and brainstorming on "surviving through volatility". Hon'ble Shri Nitin Gadkari addressed the Conclave virtually while Hon'ble Shri Kamal Patel, Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare and Hon'ble Shri Tulsi Silawat, Minister of Water Resource, Government of Madhya Pradesh were the other distinguished guests at the conclave.

Soy processing and export awards were presented to highest achievers and special awards were also given for outstanding achievers including Dr. A.N. Shrivastava for excellence in development of new soybean varieties, Mr. D.V. Chame for excellence in technology development. Mr. Praneet Mutha and Mr. Aakash Matlani were given young achievers award for their initiatives in soybean development and increasing farmers income. Padma Shri Dr. N.N. Jain and Shri M.P. Mansinghka, Ex-Chairmen of SOPA were also felicitated on this occasion. Among the major takeaways of the conclave are:

- Increasing productivity of soybean must be taken as an immediate challenging task.
- Soybean futures should be permanently banned as this distorts the markets and disrupts smooth working of soybean processing industry.
- Food use of soybean must be increased from the current level of only 10% to at least 25% of our production.
- The government should make enabling policies for encouraging exports of soybean meal.
- GM Soybean meal should not be permitted for imports.
- The government should create a buffer stock of edible oils to check the prices in times of unusual rise in global prices.



Shri Tulsi Silawat, Hon'ble Minister of Water Resource, Government of Madhya Pradesh (Centre); Shri Kamal Patel, Hon'ble Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Government of Madhya Pradesh (Right) inaugurating the conclave by lighting a lamp in the presence of Dr. Davish Jain, Chairman, SOPA (Left)



Hon'ble Shri Kamal Patel addressing the 5<sup>th</sup> International Soy Conclave



Dr. Davish Jain, Chairman, SOPA addressing the 5<sup>th</sup> International Soy Conclave



Mr. Aakash Matlani, Sonic Biochem Pvt. Ltd. receiving SOPA's Young Achievers Award

### Five new varieties to expand India's Basmati platter

live new varieties of seeds of Basmati rice, developed by a group of scientists led by the Indian Agriculture Research Institute (IARI) Director Dr. Ashok Kumar Singh in 2020 and 2021, are all set to bring revolutionary changes in the way Basmati rice is cultivated in the country. Three of the five varieties can resist two common diseases of paddy (one bacterial and one fungal). The other two varieties can save 35% of water as the method of Direct Sowing of Rice (DSR) can be used to raise them. These two seeds are resistant to herbicides too, helping the farmers control weeds more efficiently. In the next three years, all of the five seeds will have the combined qualities of disease and herbicide resistance, says Dr. Singh. "This is a landmark achievement. We started the research in 2008. This is 100% indigenous revolution using indigenous breeding programmes," Dr. Singh said. "This will help in increasing farmers' income by reducing the cost of cultivation, by improving production and by realising price of their labour and input cost. The cost of cultivation will be reduced. It will reduce the use of pesticides and water. If the production is free from residue, it will get better prices," he explained.

India is known for its Basmati rice, with seven States - Jammu and Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Punjab, Haryana, Delhi, Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand earmarked for geographical indication. Basmati, known for its mouthfeel, aroma, length of the grain when cooked and taste, has a market abroad and brings about Rs 30,000 crore foreign exchange every year. While 75% of the export is to West Asian countries, European Union countries also import Indian Basmati, However, recently, the export to EU countries faced certain hurdles due to the increase in the pesticide residue levels in the rice from India. Dr. Singh says that over a period of time, as the area of cultivation increased, traditional varieties become susceptible to two major diseases - bacterial leaf blight (BLB) and

blast (leaf and collar) diseases caused by the fungus Magnaporthe oryzae. Pesticides and fungicides used against these diseases increased the residue levels permitted in developed countries. "Achieving the permitted levels is very difficult if we are using pesticides for controlling pests. The only way was that we bring in genetic resistance so that we do not have to spray pesticides and fungicides. So, from Pusa Basmati 1121, we developed Pusa Basmati 1885; from Pusa Basmati 1509, we developed Pusa Basmati 1847; Pusa Basmati 1401 was improved to develop Pusa Basmati 1886. All these varieties have two genes to resist BLB and two genes to resist blast disease. Farmers need not use pesticides and it will decrease the cost of farming by Rs 3,000 per acre. Because of effective disease control, production will increase and most importantly, there is no question of pesticide residue and our consignments will not be rejected," Dr. Singh says.

The IARI developed Pusa Basmati 1979 and Pusa Basmati 1985 as herbicide tolerant rice by improving the Pusa Basmati 1121 and Pusa Basmati 1509, respectively. The traditional way of paddy cultivation relied on transplanting the plants into a waterfilled field midway through the cycle. "Around 3,000 litres of water is required for one kilogram of Basmati rice. This has impacted the groundwater table of States like Punjab and Haryana. We have to change the practice of cultivating transplanted variety of paddy to direct sowing of rice (DSR). Water saving is 35% in DSR and the requirement will be 2,000 litres of water for a kilogram of rice. The second advantage is that the green house gas emission is reduced by 35% as water is not stagnating in this process. Labour cost of transplantation, which is about Rs 3,000, is also saved. Overall, saving will be at least Rs 4,000 per acre. Just do the sowing in the field and let the crop grow there," he says. However, one of the major problem in the DSR is weeds. Without the water acting as a herbicide, the DSR method allows for lot of weeds to crop up in the field. "So, we transferred a gene that is resistant to a herbicide. So, when farmers spray herbicide, weeds will be killed, not paddy," he says. The first process in developing these two varieties was to do a mutation breeding using a chemical called Ethyl Methanesulfonate (EMS) to identify a variant in the plant that survives the application of herbicide.





# Madhya Pradesh catches up with Punjab and others in rice cultivation



oving from the eighth to fifth position in sowing areas among the top ten rice producers this year, Madhya Pradesh has even exceeded Punjab, the country's leading rice producer of kharif season. If the productivity matches the Punjab level, Madhya Pradesh may soon become the largest producer of rice, although at the cost of some pulses and oilseed crops. The area under paddy in MP has surged 53 percent to 32.2 lakh hectare in the current kharif season, with production estimated to go up 46 per cent to 70.36 lakh tonnes (lt), according to the first advance estimate of the Union Agriculture Ministry. On the other hand, Punjab is likely to become the largest producer of kharif season with an estimated 133.78 lt of rice from an area of 31.33 lh. Uttar Pradesh, the top rice producer in kharif season, is likely to slip to second place with 124.8 lt from an area of 57.8 lh. Though the area under paddy transplanting in UP is higher by 1.8 percent, the lower rainfall in July-August could be the reason for a lower yield. The state had received 53 percent, 43 percent and 41 percent below-normal rains during June, July and August, respectively. But September had 31 percent above average rainfall.

The average yield in Punjab is stagnant at 4.3 tonne per hectare, whereas in the MP it is around 2.1-2.2 tonne, leaving scope for further improvement. Farmers of Punjab, Haryana and western Uttar Pradesh prefer to grow wheat in rabi and paddy in kharif since the government procures these crops at minimum support

prices. The area under kharif pulses, including tur, urad and moong, increased to 23.31 lh this year from 19.99 lh last season, due to which the government estimated production of all pulses at 12.93 lh against 12.11 lt last year in Madhya Pradesh. The coarse cereals output in the state has been estimated at 64.27 lt from an area of 22.11 lh against 57.54 lt from 19.59 lh year-ago. The soyabean production is reduced to 51.53 lt from an area of 50.18 lh against 53.93 lt out of a 55.14 lh area.

# Chhattisgarh govt starts procurement of **PUISES** at MSP

hhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel launched the procurement drive of pulses, urad, arhar, and moong at Minimum Support Price (MSP) at 20 procurement centres across the state, underlining that the move will encourage farmers to grow pulses and promote the cultivation of pulses in the state. "The procurement of these crops at support price will give a boost to the income of farmers. Farmers will now have the option that they will be able to sell arhar, moong and urad crops wherever they get a higher price", said Baghel. Officials said that through Chhattisgarh State Co-operative Marketing Federation Maryadit (Markfed), tur and urad crops will be purchased at the minimum support price of Rs 6,600 per quintal and moong pulses at Rs 7,755 per quintal.

"Urad and moong will be procured from 17 October to December 16 this year while arhar will be procured from March 13, 2023, to May 12, 2023-- under this scheme, arhar will be procured from registered farmers at the rate of four quintals per acre, Moong -- two quintals per acre, and urad -- three quintals per acre," an official said. Urad, Moong and Arhar crops are also grown in good quantities in Chhattisgarh. Urad is cultivated in about 122.01 hectares in Jashpur, Surguja, Gariyaband, Raigarh and Kondagaon regions while Moong is grown in about 16.34 hectares in Janjgir, Raigarh, Kabirdham, Kaondagaon and Jashpur regions and Arhar is cultivated in 120.31 hectares in Kabirdham, Jashpur, Balrampur, Rajnandgaon and Surguja regions, the statement added.



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# India's sugar output to be higher at 36.5 million tonnes in 2022-23 marketing season: ISMA

he country's sugar production is projected to be 36.5 million tonnes in the 2022-23 marketing season, an increase of 2% compared with the year-earlier period, industry body ISMA said. The production in India, the world's major producer of the sweetener, stood at 35.8 million tonnes during the 2021-22 marketing season. The season is from October-September. With an estimated increase in production despite higher diversion for ethanol, ISMA expects export to be about 9 million tonnes this season. Releasing the first estimate, the Indian Sugar Mills Association (ISMA) said, "after accounting for the reduction of 45 lakh tonnes in sugar production due to diversion of cane juice/ syrup and B-molasses to ethanol, ISMA estimates sugar production in 2022-23 at around 36.5 million tonnes of sugar." Sugar output in Uttar Pradesh is estimated to be 12.3 million tonnes, Maharashtra at 15 million tonnes and Karnataka at 7 million tonnes during the 2022-23 season, it said. Since the target of 12% blending is expected to be achieved, sugar diversion towards production of ethanol is estimated to be higher



by 32% at 45 lakh tonnes in the current season as against 34 lakh tonnes during 2021-22 season.

A total of about 545 crore litres of ethanol would be required and supplied during the current season, ISMA said. On exports, the industry body said the window of timeline for exports appears to be quite short for Indian sugar this year as Brazil sugar will hit the global market by May 2023. Sugarcane crushing has started in the southern region and is expected to start soon in other regions also. Therefore, a better picture would emerge after a few months when actual trend of yields and sugar recoveries would become available. As has been the practice, ISMA will again review the sugarcane and sugar production estimates in January 2023.

# EU sees lower meat and dairy output as weather and disease weigh

eat and dairy production in the European Union is expected to decline this year and next as livestock farms feel the effects of drought, disease outbreaks and rising costs, the EU's executive said. A historic drought in Europe this summer has reduced availability of grass and maize to feed herds, increasing costs for farms also facing soaring energy and fertiliser prices. Signs of dwindling livestock output have led



farming groups to warn of tight supplies that could exacerbate high food inflation. EU milk production is projected to fall 0.5% this year, with reduced forage supply encouraging some farmers to cut herd sizes and hot, dry weather reducing cows' milk yields, the European Commission said in a short-term agriculture outlook. The harsh summer weather also curbed fat and protein content in milk for processed dairy products, it said.

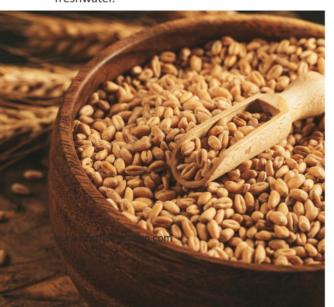
Like other observers, the Commission said early 2023 could prove difficult as dairy farmers face high feed costs during winter while consumer demand may weaken due to inflation. For next year as a whole, it forecast a smaller 0.2% decrease in EU milk output. Assumed higher yields in normal weather mostly offset a decline in cow numbers, which were seen falling 0.8% after a 0.9% drop forecast for 2022. For beef, feed costs were expected to reinforce a longer-term decline in herd numbers and contribute to a 0.6% drop in production this year before a smaller 0.2% decrease in 2023. In addition to rising feed costs, the pork and poultry sectors have been weakened by outbreaks of African swine fever (ASF) and avian influenza, or bird flu.



## Egypt to plant wheat in Congo amid water shortage

mid Egypt's acute water shortage, Cairo is eyeing the Republic of Congo to plant wheat and other strategic crops to cover the country's food needs. Sherif Al-Gabali, head of the parliamentary African Affairs Committee, said that Congolese authorities have allocated 20,000 hectares (48,000 feddans) of arable lands for Egypt in the city of Mossendjo to be cultivated with crops such as wheat and rice under a friendship agreement between the two countries. "Under the deal, Egypt will get 60% of the produced crops, while the remaining 40% will go to Congo," he said. "The offered lands are very fertile and Congo is a water-rich country and does not have an irrigation problem."

Egypt is the world's largest wheat importer. According to the state statistics agency CAPMAS, Egypt consumes up to 21 million tons of wheat annually, around 13 million tons of which are imported. The Russian invasion of Ukraine, however, has largely disrupted Egypt's wheat supply as 80% of the country's wheat imports come from the two countries, forcing Cairo to look for alternatives. Wheat is a water-consuming crop, and its cultivation adds more pressure on Egypt's already limited water resources. A nation with a population of around 104 million, Egypt is one of the most water-scarce countries in the world. It needs 114 billion cubic meters (bcm) annually, but it receives an average of only 60 bcm - mainly from the Nile River, the country's only source of freshwater.





## EU maize import surge seen cushioning impact of drought-hit crop

onsultancy Strategie Grains further cut its monthly forecast for the European Union's drought-affected maize harvest, but said a wave of imports from Ukraine was helping limit supply tensions. In a monthly cereal report, the French firm lowered its 2022 EU maize (corn) crop forecast to 50.4 million tonnes from 52.9 million projected in September. That was nearly 25% below its forecast of 66.8 million tonnes in June, before severe drought and heatwaves damaged plants during key summer growth stages. The latest outlook was 28% below estimated 2021 production and would be the smallest EU crop in 15 years. However, Strategie Grains raised its projection of EU maize imports in the current 2022/23 season following a recent rush of imports supported by a Black Sea corridor for Ukrainian shipments. "The European maize harvest is confirmed at the calamitously low level of just over 50 million tonnes, although users already anticipated this production crash and imported massively," it said in the report.

"Thus, the European maize market is effectively finding some breathing space thanks to the arrival of Ukrainian (as well as Brazilian) corn." Supply would remain dependant on the war situation in Ukraine, including the continuation of the shipping corridor, Strategie Grains added. It increased its forecast for EU maize imports in 2022/23 to 23.0 million tonnes from 21.4 million projected in September, with imports from Ukraine now expected at 12.8 million tonnes against 10.4 million forecast in September. Supply tensions in maize may also be tempered by an economic slowdown, the consultancy said. Demand for maize from starch makers could fall by 6% year-on-year in 2022/23, while soft wheat use by the milling industry may ease by 1%, it projected. For soft wheat, Strategie Grains raised its estimate of this year's harvest by 1.4 million tonnes to 125.5 million tonnes. Combined with a strong early-season pace of exports, the increased harvest estimate led Strategie Grains to lift its forecast of EU soft wheat exports in 2022/23 by 2.3 million tonnes to 31.1 million.

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# Indian cardamom exports hit as Guatemala crop floods Gulf markets

ndian cardamom is losing its aroma in the export market as the Guatemalan crop is flooding the Gulf region at lower prices. This has facilitated GCC countries to go for increased procurement of Guatemala cardamom which is currently selling at \$5-12 per kg against the Indian price of \$10-18, depending on the grades. Earlier, Indian exporters faced several issues connected with the non-availability of containers and a rise in ocean freights. All these issues have now been settled, but the enhanced arrivals of Guatemala produce is posing a threat to Indian crops. However, official



sources has played down the threat, saying that Indian cardamom always carries a higher price in the export market. It is far superior to Guatemala with its intrinsic qualities, colour etc and always fetches a premium price in the gulf countries. In 2021-22, exports were a record 10,572 tonnes at an estimated value of Rs 1,375 crore compared to 6,486 tonnes in 2020-21

### Ginger production down in Kerala state



inger production in Kerala is in doldrums even as India witnesses 8-fold increase in exports, according to data. The total ginger production in India was at 21.20 lakh ton in 2021-22. In the same year, the country exported 1.48 lakh ton ginger worth Rs 837.34 crore. While in 2018-19, the exports were at 18,150 ton and fetched Rs 196.02 crore. Madhya Pradesh, Karnataka, Assam, West Bengal, Odisha, Kerala, Maharashtra, Meghalaya are the major states producing ginger. Kerala's track record shows a gloomy picture as production declined by 37 percent over the last four years. According to the Spices Board figures, the production in the state was at 86,270 ton in 2017-18 period. However, in 2021-22, the production was at 54,260 ton. The majority involved are small scale farmers. The unavailability of adequate labour and higher wages were attributed as the reasons for the plummeting production. Apart from that, climate change in the state poses challenge to the farmers.

# Codex standards for nutmeg, saffron, chilli-peppers and paprika finalised

he Codex Committee on Spices and Culinary Herbs (CCSCH) has finalized and recommended quality standards for nutmeg, saffron, chilli-peppers, and paprika during its sixth session. The committee forwarded these three new proposed standards to the Codex Alimentarius Commission (CAC) for adoption at final step 8 as full-fledged Codex standards. Codex standards are globally important because they are prepared by inter-governmental committees and are referred to resolve international trade disputes. It also forms the basis of aligning national standards by Codex member countries. CCSCH is the youngest of the Codex Commodity Committees. The Committee is chaired by India and Spices Board India functions as its Secretariat. It is mandated to elaborate worldwide, science-based quality standards for spices and culinary herbs, in accordance with the Codex principles of consumer protection and fair-trade

practices. In its past five sessions, the committee developed and finalized Codex standards for dried or dehydrated forms of black/white/green pepper, cumin, thyme, garlic, basil, clove, ginger, and oregano.

D Sathiyan, Secretary, Spices Board said the latest session has seen great success by finalizing standards for 3 more spices. The present session witnessed the highest global participation ever, which points to the great interest that countries across the globe have in spices and culinary herbs. The committee is focusing on developing group standards for spices and herbs, which is likely to speed up the process of standards development greatly. CCSCH6 unanimously agreed to forward the three draft standards to Codex Alimentarius Commission for final adoption as Codex standards. This includes dried/ dehydrated forms of nutmeg, saffron, and chilli-pepper and paprika.



## Gujarat's kharif groundnut crop size estimated to be lower by 22 percent

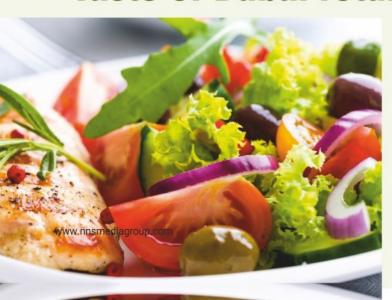
ith the area under groundnut crop coming down by 10.52 percent in Gujarat during the 2022-23 kharif season, the crop size is estimated to be lower by 22.18 percent. Groundnut is one of the major crops in kharif season. The Solvent Extractors' Association (SEA) of India released the 'SEA Groundnut Kharif Crop Survey 2022', giving details about Gujarat, a prominent groundnut-growing state. Quoting the Gujarat government statistics the survey report said, the area under groundnut crop sown came down to 17.09 lakh hectares (lh) during kharif season 2022-23 against 19.10 lh in kharif 2021-22, a decline of 10.52 percent. BV Mehta, Executive Director of SEA of India, attributed this to the shift in acreage from groundnut to cotton, soyabean and other crops. Gujarat is expected to harvest a 30 lakh tonnes (lt) of groundnut during kharif season 2022-23 as against 38.55 lt in 2021-22, a decline of 22.18 percent. The normal crop size of the last five years is about 30 lt. He said there was a record crop last year compared to previous years. The average yield per hectare reduced to 1,755 kg per hectare during kharif 2022-23 against 2,020 kg per hectare in 2021-22, a decline of 13.12 percent. Mehta said the excess rain, flooding and dry spell during August affected crop yield. The minimum support price (MSP) for groundnut is at Rs 5,850 a quintal. He said mandi price of good quality (FAQ) groundnut is being quoted between Rs 6,000-6,300 a quintal, and lower quality between Rs 5,000-5,600 a quintal.

Overall groundnut sowing in the country has been reported at 44.59 lh during the current kharif season against 49.44 lh in the last kharif season, a decline of 9.81 per cent, mainly due to shifting of the area to other crops such as cotton and soyabean. Major states producing groundnut are Gujarat (17.09 lh), Rajasthan (7.90 lh), Andhra Pradesh (5.47 lh), Madhya Pradesh (4.50 lh), Karnataka (3.73 lh), and Tamil Nādu (2.28 lh). Mehta said SEA



Groundnut Promotion Council has conducted the groundnut crop survey for the last 13 years to assess the crop's size and quality for the stakeholders benefit. A 19-member team, under the leadership of Vinod Patel and Rajesh Ankola, visited the leading groundnut-producing districts in Saurashtra during October 14-16 this year. Many farms in the Saurashtra district were visited and random samples were drawn from fields. Many parameters such as pods counting, size and distance between the crops, their maturity, and quality were studied. By applying the scientific matrix, the team arrived at the estimate of groundnut production. The SEA team also met with oil millers, solvent extraction units, traders, commission agents, brokers, etc., in various places in Saurashtra. He said the crop prospects, their expectations and other details were discussed in such meetings.

#### Taste of Dubai returns to the UAE in 2023



aste Festivals has announced the return of Taste of Dubai in early 2023. Its new organiser, MENA Live Events, is set to relaunch the gastronomic festival series at Dubai Media City Amphitheatre from Friday February 3 to Sunday February 5, 2023. The festival will bring together an expected 15,000 visitors to enjoy three days of culinary festivity and live entertainment. Taste of Dubai will showcase 15 regional restaurants, famous chefs from around the world, as well as up-and-coming culinary talent. Each restaurant will feature a menu of three dishes, served in taster-size portions. Visitors can interact with celebrity chefs at Taste's first-ever barbeque school, as well as pasta, coffee and mixology masterclasses, and food styling and photography workshops.

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# India gives environmental approval for genetically-modified mustard

ndia has granted environmental clearance for indigenously developed genetically modified (GM) mustard seeds, experts said, paving the way for commercial use of its first GM food crop. The world's biggest importer of edible oils, on which it spends tens of billions of dollars a year, India fills more than 70% of its demand from Argentina, Brazil, Indonesia, Malaysia, Russia and Ukraine. "I can call it a landmark development," said Deepak Pental, a geneticist and former vicechancellor of Delhi University, who developed the seeds along with his team, in an effort stretching more than a decade. Commercial use of GM mustard seeds would take a couple of years, however, he added. In a notice, the government confirmed the highest level of clearance yet for the transgenic mustard crop, also known as rapeseed. India is streamlining regulations for development of genome edited plants, the science and technology ministry said, calling the technology promising, as it offers huge economic potential.

The Genetic Engineering Appraisal Committee (GEAC) that functions under the Union Environment Ministry has yet again cleared the proposal for the commercial cultivation of genetically modified (GM) mustard. A GEAC meeting held on October 18 allowed the environmental release of two varieties of genetically engineered mustard, so that it can be used for developing new parental lines and hybrids under the supervision of the Indian Council of Agriculture Research (ICAR). According to minutes of

the October 18 meeting, the GEAC, the country's regulator for genetically modified organisms, recommended the "environmental release of mustard hybrid DMH-11 for its seed production and testing as per existing ICAR guidelines and other extant rules/regulations before commercial release". "Further, to generate scientific evidences in Indian agro-climatic situation and also as a precautionary mechanism, the field demonstration studies with respect to the effect of GE mustard on honey bees and other pollinators, as recommended in the 136th GEAC meeting, shall also be conducted post-environmental release, simultaneously by the applicant, within two years under the supervision of ICAR," it read. The transgenic mustard hybrid DMH-11 has been developed by the Centre for Genetic Manipulation of Crop Plants (CGMCP) at Delhi University. Mustard is cultivated by around 6 million farmers in around 6.5-7 million hectares

of land across the states of Rajasthan, Haryana, Punjab and Madhya Pradesh. DMH-11 has been shown to deliver 30 per cent higher yields than existing varieties. The average yield of existing mustard varieties is around 1,000-1,200 kilograms per hectare, while the global average is over 2,000-2,200 kgs.

India's production of edible oils which has been stagnating at around 10 to 11 million tonne (mt) since last five years could get a significant boost provided the government gives the nod for commercial release of the transgenic mustard variety recommended for environmental release by the country's biotech regulator Genetic Engineering Appraisal Committee (GEAC). Unlike other edible oils like palm, soybean and sunflower which are imported by the country in large quantities, mustard oil is not imported but a rise in its domestic production will help address the trade deficit through increased consumption of this variety of oil. The average yield of mustard which has a share of around 40% in domestic edible oil output, has been around 1.5 tonne per hectare, and this compares poorly with other major producers like Canada and Australia. Mustard is grown mostly under the rainfed conditions in Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh, where yields fluctuate. In the 2021-22 rabi season, mustard was sown in around 9.1 million hectares (mh). Other main oil seeds soyabean and groundnut - have shares of 24% and 7%, respectively, in domestic production.



# FCI to construct 111.125 LMT modern steel silos at 249 locations in 12 states

ood Corporation of India (FCI) has planned to construct 111.125 Lakh Metric Tonnes (LMT) modern steel silos at 249 locations spread across 12 states under Hub & Spoke model under Public Private Partnership with total investment of approx. 9236 crores. These silos would be constructed in three phases over next 3-4 years. In the first phase of Hub & Spoke model, silos of 34.875 LMT capacity at 80 locations would be constructed by FCI. Out of this, 10.125 LMT at 14 locations would be under DBFOT mode and 24.75 LMT at 66 locations under DBFOO mode. These modern Silos with bulk handling facilities is a scientific way of storage of foodgrains and ensures better preservation of foodgrains. In the already awarded and ongoing Silo Projects, a capacity of 17.75 LMT at 31 locations (Including Circuit Model) has been completed / put to use and 15.50 LMT at 31 locations are under various stages implementation.

The proposed model of development is DBFOT (Design, Build, Finance, Operate and Transfer) and DBFOO (Design, Build, Finance, Own and Operate) wherein the private entities shall be responsible for construction and operation of these modern Silos for a pre-defined period. Through this Public Private Partnership (PPP) mode of DBFOT, the land is to be provided by FCI while under



the DBFOO mode, the land is to be acquired by the private entities. These Silos at 80 locations shall be spread across 9 states and 1 UT i.e. Punjab, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat, Rajasthan, Maharashtra, Bihar, West Bengal and Jammu & Kashmir and expected to be built with an investment of more than Rs 2,800 crores. These projects are conceived in consultation with state governments, Niti Aayog, Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Railways, Ministry of Steel. These modern Silos near farms would act as purchase centers (mandies) and expected to reduce distance for farmers and further reduce operational difficulties and complexities. Mechanized operations make silos operational round the clock and also reduce turn-around time for intake and off take of agri-produce and would improve overall efficiency. Further, these modern steel silos require approximately 1/3rd land as compared to conventional storage warehouses.

Source: National News Service (NNS)

#### Germany sees 20% decline in corn output



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prolonged drought has severely damaged Germany's corn crop, which is projected to decline by 20% yearon-year to 3.5 million tonnes, according to a report by Reuters, citing Germany's association of farm cooperatives. Western Europe's other large corn producer, France, also has experienced severe drought and is expected to produce its smallest corn crop since 1990. Because of the small 2022 crop, Germany, typically a net importer even when producing a bumper corn crop, will depend on shipments of corn from Ukraine, which has been at war with Russia during the last eight months. After a five-month period in which a naval blockade prevented Ukraine from exporting grain from its Black Sea ports, an agreement brokered by the United Nations and Turkey has allowed grain shipments to take place since late July. But the agreement is set to expire in late November and Russia has not committed to extending the deal. The latest forecast from the Foreign Agricultural Service of the US Department of Agriculture sees global corn production declining in the 2022-23 marketing year by 50 million tonnes, to 1.168 billion tonnes. It also projects exports to fall by nearly 20 million tonnes, to 183 million, and ending stocks at 301.1 million tonnes, a 6-milliontonne decrease from the previous year.



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ulses prices have shot up during the recently concluded monsoon season, especially Kharif pulses, owing to lower production estimates compared to the last year, propelled by the erratic rainfall distribution in the key producing states like Maharashtra and Karnataka, and lower crop area this year as farmers shifted to competitive crops. Tur (Arhar) dal prices have gained by about 25 percent since June 2022 while, urad prices have surged by about 21 percent during the same period in main mandis, and prices of moong have upped by about 13 percent. Chana, which is the key pulse crop in India and is cultivated in the Rabi season, remained supported during the same period due to a rally in the Kharif pulses but higher supplies of chana will keep the prices sideways over the medium-term. Looking forward, due to the onset of Kharif crops' arrival, prices are likely to remain steady during October-December 2022 quarter, as we witnessed during most of September 2022, wherein prices capped 2 percent range.

#### **Barley Area, Yield and Production**

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	2020/21	2021/22	Sep	Oct	2020/21	2021/22	Sep	Oct	2020/21	2021/22	Sep	Oct
World	52.46	48.63	47.30	47.30	3.07	2.99	3.12	3.15	160.91	145.56	147.72	149.02
United States	0.90	0.81	0.96	0.99	4.15	3.25	3.57	3.85	3.72	2.62	3.44	3.80
Total Foreign	51.56	47.83	46.33	46.31	3.05	2.99	3.11	3.14	157.19	142.94	144.29	145.23
European Union	11.05	10.31	10.53	10.49	4.91	5.05	4.76	4.87	54.23	52.05	50.10	51.10
United Kingdom	1.39	1.15	1.12	1.12	5.85	6.05	6.32	6.32	8.12	6.96	7.05	7.05
Former Soviet Union - 12	l				l							
Russia	8.16	7.69	7.60	7.60	2.53	2.28	2.76	2.76	20.63	17.51	21.00	21.00
Ukraine	2.58	2.68	1.90	1.90	3.08	3.70	3.37	3.37	7.95	9.92	6.40	6.40
Kazakhstan	2.73	2.16	2.15	2.15	1.34	1.10	1.26	1.26	3.66	2.37	2.70	2.70
Belarus	0.41	0.35	0.40	0.40	3.35	2.86	2.75	2.75	1.38	1.00	1.10	1.10
Azerbaijan	0.35	0.37	0.34	0.38	2.96	3.07	2.79	2.93	1.02	1.15	0.95	1.10
Canada	2.81	3.01	2.60	2.60	3.82	2.31	3.81	3.81	10.74	6.96	9.90	9.90
Australia	5.49	4.42	4.20	4.20	2.67	3.15	2.90	2.90	14.65	13.91	12.20	12.20
Middle East	l				l							
Turkey	3.80	3.70	3.80	3.80	2.13	1.22	1.95	1.95	8.10	4.50	7.40	7.40
Iran	1.60	1.70	1.65	1.65	2.25	1.59	1.82	1.82	3.60	2.70	3.00	3.00
Iraq	1.20	0.60	0.60	0.60	1.29	1.17	1.13	1.13	1.55	0.70	0.68	0.68
Syria	1.50	0.80	0.90	0.90	1.27	0.81	0.78	0.78	1.90	0.65	0.70	0.70
Africa	l				l							
Ethiopia	0.90	0.96	0.97	0.97	2.52	2.45	2.47	2.47	2.26	2.35	2.40	2.40
Morocco	1.47	1.49	1.10	1.10	0.44	1.87	0.64	0.64	0.64	2.78	0.70	0.70
Algeria	0.98	1.03	1.03	1.03	1.24	0.93	1.56	1.56	1.21	0.95	1.60	1.60
Tunisia	0.36	0.28	0.30	0.30	1.28	1.54	1.40	1.40	0.47	0.43	0.42	0.42
South Africa	0.14	0.10	0.10	0.10	4.14	3.52	3.70	3.70	0.59	0.33	0.37	0.37
South America	l				l							
Argentina	1.01	1.34	1.35	1.35	4.00	3.96	3.93	3.78	4.04	5.30	5.30	5.10
Uruguay	0.19	0.22	0.23	0.23	4.78	4.11	4.16	4.16	0.89	0.92	0.94	0.94
Brazil	0.10	0.11	0.11	0.11	3.63	3.79	3.91	3.91	0.37	0.43	0.43	0.43
India	0.59	0.59	0.54	0.54	2.92	2.80	2.59	2.59	1.72	1.66	1.40	1.40
China	0.51	0.51	0.51	0.51	4.00	3.92	3.92	3.92	2.04	2.00	2.00	2.00
Mexico	0.30	0.35	0.34	0.34	3.07	3.11	2.82	2.82	0.91	1.09	0.96	0.96
Afghanistan	0.17	0.16	0.17	0.17	1.41	1.25	1.35	1.35	0.24	0.20	0.23	0.23
Others	1.78	1.76	1.81	1.79	2.41	2.36	2.41	2.43	4.31	4.14	4.36	4.35

#### Rice Area, Yield and Production

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	2020/21	2021/22	Sep	Oct	2020/21	2021/22	Sep	Oct	2020/21	2021/22	Sep	Oct
World	165.21	166.18	164.75	164.69	4.60	4.63	4.61	4.58	509.26	515.31	507.99	505.04
United States	1.21	1.01	0.88	0.88	8.54	8.64	8.50	8.52	7.22	6.09	5.24	5.25
Total Foreign	164.00	165.17	163.87	163.81	4.57	4.61	4.58	4.56	502.03	509.22	502.75	499.79
East Asia	l				l							
China	30.08	29.92	30.00	30.00	7.04	7.11	7.00	7.00	148.30	148.99	147.00	147.00
Japan	1.53	1.52	1.51	1.50	6.78	6.93	6.87	6.82	7.57	7.67	7.55	7.45
Korea, South	0.73	0.73	0.73	0.73	6.49	7.12	6.91	6.91	3.51	3.88	3.75	3.75
Korea, North	0.49	0.50	0.50	0.50	4.44	4.18	4.18	4.18	1.40	1.36	1.36	1.36
South Asia	l				l							
India	45.77	46.38	45.50	45.50	4.08	4.21	4.17	4.09	124.37	130.29	126.50	124.00
Bangladesh	11.50	11.62	11.50	11.50	4.51	4.63	4.65	4.65	34.60	35.85	35.65	35.65
Pakistan	3.34	3.54	3.20	3.00	3.79	3.86	3.94	3.70	8.42	9.10	8.40	7.40
Nepal	1.48	1.47	1.48	1.42	3.81	3.80	3.83	3.83	3.74	3.73	3.76	3.62
Sri Lanka	1.09	1.13	1.00	1.00	4.59	3.56	3.90	3.90	3.39	2.73	2.65	2.65
Southeast Asia	l											
Indonesia	11.40	11.60	11.65	11.65	4.77	4.67	4.68	4.68	34.50	34.40	34.60	34.60
Vietnam	7.31	7.29	7.29	7.29	6.00	5.95	6.01	6.01	27.38	27.07	27.40	27.40
Thailand	10.51	10.70	10.70	10.85	2.72	2.81	2.80	2.81	18.86	19.88	19.80	20.10
Burma	6.90	6.90	6.90	6.90	2.85	2.80	2.83	2.83	12.60	12.35	12.50	12.50
Philippines	4.76	4.80	4.80	4.80	4.14	4.15	4.10	4.10	12.42	12.54	12.41	12.41
Cambodia	3.27	3.34	3.35	3.35	2.90	2.88	2.91	2.91	5.78	5.86	5.94	5.94
Laos	0.93	0.94	0.95	0.95	3.24	3.28	3.26	3.26	1.90	1.95	1.95	1.95
Malaysia	0.68	0.67	0.68	0.68	4.07	4.09	4.07	4.07	1.80	1.78	1.80	1.80
South America					l							
Brazil	1.68	1.62	1.60	1.60	7.00	6.67	6.53	6.71	8.00	7.34	7.10	7.30
Peru	0.41	0.42	0.42	0.42	8.21	8.34	8.55	8.55	2.34	2.40	2.48	2.48
Africa					l							
Egypt	0.70	0.50	0.55	0.60	8.28	8.41	8.83	8.70	4.00	2.90	3.35	3.60
Madagascar	1.68	1.65	1.60	1.60	2.53	2.65	2.69	2.69	2.71	2.80	2.75	2.75
Nigeria	3.60	3.65	3.70	3.70	2.27	2.29	2.30	2.30	5.15	5.26	5.36	5.36
European Union	0.42	0.40	0.36	0.36	6.74	6.53	5.90	5.90	1.83	1.71	1.35	1.35
Iran	0.58	0.56	0.57	0.57	5.27	5.14	5.32	5.32	2.00	1.90	2.00	2.00
Others	13.20	13.33	13.34	13.35	2.93	2.90	2.88	2.88	25.48	25.49	25.34	25.37

rgentina's Rosario grains exchange cut its 2022/23 wheat harvest forecast to 15 million tonnes, down from 16 million tonnes estimated earlier, it said after a late frost hit crops already damaged by drought. The projected wheat harvest - which would make this year the worst in seven years - is "very critical and could still get worse," the exchange said in its monthly report. Argentina produced a record 23 million tonnes of wheat in the last growing season. The country is a major grains exporter, but this crop year has been hit by a drought that dates back to May, exacerbating the impact of low temperatures during the southern hemisphere spring, when many wheat fields were in key development stages. The Rosario exchange maintained its projections for the 2022/23 corn harvest at 56 million tonnes and its 2022/23 soybean harvest at 48 million tonnes.

Yield is on a rough basis, before the milling process. Production is on a milled basis, after the milling process.

#### Oilseed Area, Yield and Production

Country / Donies		Ar (Million h			(M	Yie etric tons		ire)		Produ Million me		)
Country / Region		Prel.		23 Proj.	,	Prel.		23 Proj.		Prel.		23 Proj.
	2020/21	2021/22	2 Sep	Oct	2020/21	2021/22	Sep	Oct	2020/21	2021/22	Sep	Oct
World Total					**				607.47	604.51	644.83	646.59
Total Foreign									482.95	473.16	516.32	519.67
Oilseed, Copra									5.59	5.86	5.86	5.86
Oilseed, Palm Kernel									19.05	20.03	20.59	20.59
Major OilSeeds	251.54	260.17	263.73	264.57	2.32	2.22	2.34	2.34	582.83	578.62	618.38	620.13
United States	38.81	41.06	40.24	40.36	3.21	3.20	3.19	3.15	124.52	131.35	128.51	126.92
Foreign Oilseeds	212.73	219.10	223.49	224.21	2.15	2.04	2.19	2.20	458.31	447.27	489.87	493.21
South America	66.05	68.24	70.30	71.20	3.19	2.81	3.24	3.24	210.85	191.96	227.64	230.64
Brazil	41.07	43.33	43.85	44.75	3.50	3.04	3.52	3.51	143.77	131.60	154.13	157.13
Argentina	18.97	18.52	19.83	19.83	2.70	2.65	2.86	2.86	51.21	49.03	56.80	56.80
Paraguay	3.24	3.39	3.54	3.54	3.09	1.28	2.86	2.86	10.02	4.32	10.13	10.13
Bolivia	1.57	1.54	1.57	1.57	2.24	2.07	2.10	2.10	3.51	3.20	3.30	3.30
Uruguay	1.07	1.32	1.38	1.38	1.85	2.62	2.14	2.14	1.98	3.46	2.94	2.94
China	25.45	24.15	25.40	25.25	2.59	2.60	2.57	2.58	65.81	62.83	65.17	65.17
South Asia	42.22	41.59	43.04	43.04	0.96	1.06	1.04	1.03	40.51	43.94	44.58	44.45
India	39.15	38.70	40.08	40.08	0.96	1.04	1.02	1.02	37.55	40.29	41.04	41.04
Pakistan	2.71	2.53	2.60	2.60	0.93	1.27	1.19	1.14	2.53	3.22	3.10	2.97
European Union	11.10	10.99	12.10	12.13	2.59	2.79	2.56	2.63	28.77	30.67	30.96	31.86
United Kingdom	0.38	0.31	0.36	0.36	2.73	3.20	3.40	3.40	1.04	0.98	1.23	1.23
Former Soviet Union - 12	25.91	27.77	26.54	26.54	1.72	1.89	1.82	1.82	44.70	52.44	48.38	48.38
Russia	12.50	14.23	15.20	15.20	1.61	1.62	1.74	1.74	20.14	23.11	26.40	26.40
Ukraine	9.65	9.58	7.25	7.25	2.06	2.54	2.37	2.37	19.85	24.32	17.20	17.20
Uzbekistan	1.08	1.08	1.09	1.09	1.19	1.03	1.02	1.02	1.28	1.11	1.11	1.11
Canada	10.41	11.12	10.73	10.73	2.49	1.81	2.47	2.43	25.95	20.11	26.46	26.07
Africa	22.12	24.80	24.24	24.18	1.08	0.98	1.03	1.03	23.99	24.37	24.89	24.86
Nigeria	4.62	4.97	4.87	4.87	1.19	1.11	1.21	1.21	5.49	5.50	5.90	5.90
South Africa	1.36	1.66	1.82	1.82	1.98	1.89	1.60	1.60	2.69	3.14	2.91	2.91
Tanzania	1.17	1.24	1.35	1.35	1.02	0.98	0.93	0.93	1.19	1.21	1.25	1.25
Southeast Asia	3.25	3.21	3.18	3.18	1.36	1.36	1.38	1.38	4.42	4.38	4.37	4.37
Burma	2.03	2.04	2.04	2.04	1.17	1.19	1.21	1.21	2.37	2.42	2.46	2.46
Indonesia	0.94	0.90	0.87	0.87	1.54	1.55	1.55	1.55	1.45	1.39	1.35	1.35
Australia	2.94	3.87	4.31	4.31	1.93	2.22	1.99	1.99	5.69	8.59	8.60	8.60
Turkey	1.18	1.32	1.48	1.48	2.46	2.55	2.58	2.58	2.89	3.37	3.81	3.81
Others	1.70	1.74	1.82	1.82	2.18	2.10	2.08	2.08	3.70	3.65	3.78	3.78

World Total and Total Foreign: (Major Oilseeds plus copra and palm kernel) Major Oilseeds: (soybeans, sunflowerseeds, peanuts(inshell), cottonseed and

ith farmers having sown paddy on a record 26 lakh hectares (lh) and the demand for paddy up in the country, the Telangana government has set a target to procure 10 million tonnes (mt) this kharif season against about 7 mt in the same season last year. The State, which is expecting a bumper output of 14.1 mt in the kharif season, is also seriously looking at not putting any restrictions on the paddy cultivation for the upcoming rabi season. Minister for Civil Supplies Gangula Kamalakar said nearly 40 per cent of the total kharif output might go to the open market. The State Government, which had asked farmers not to cultivate paddy in the previous rabi season, seems to have changed its policy. In all likelihood, it will allow farmers to sow the staple cereal crop the way they like.

ood regulator FSSAI has made it mandatory for foreign food manufacturing facilities to register with it for exporting products such as meat, milk and infant foods to India. This will be effective from February 1, 2023. In an order issued, the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) said that it has been decided that registrations of foreign food manufacturing facilities, falling under five food categories, who are intended to export these products shall be mandatory. These categories are milk and milk products; meat and meat products, including poultry, fish and their products; egg powder; infant food; and nutraceuticals. The FSSAI has requested all competent authorities of exporting countries to provide the list of existing manufacturers and those who are intended to export these food products to India. Based on information provided by them, the FSSAI will register these facilities on its portal.

#### Oats Area, Yield and Production

		Are		Yield				Production					
Country / Region		(Million h		(Me	etric tons			(Million metric tons)					
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	2020/21	2021/22	Sep	Oct	2020/21	2021/22	Sep	Oct	2020/21	2021/22	Sep	Oct	
World	10.08	9.61	9.42	9.45	2.55	2.35	2.57	2.57	25.72	22.55	24.21	24.28	
United States	0.41	0.26	0.32	0.36	2.34	2.20	2.37	2.33	0.95	0.58	0.76	0.84	
Total Foreign	9.67	9.35	9.09	9.09	2.56	2.35	2.58	2.58	24.77	21.97	23.44	23.44	
European Union	2.56	2.56	2.50	2.50	3.31	2.95	3.04	3.04	8.47	7.53	7.60	7.60	
Former Soviet Union - 12													
Russia	2.33	2.17	2.00	2.00	1.77	1.72	1.90	1.90	4.13	3.73	3.80	3.80	
Ukraine	0.20	0.18	0.18	0.18	2.54	2.61	2.29	2.29	0.52	0.48	0.40	0.40	
Belarus	0.16	0.15	0.16	0.16	2.87	2.33	2.42	2.42	0.45	0.35	0.38	0.38	
Kazakhstan	0.23	0.20	0.20	0.20	1.05	0.90	1.13	1.13	0.24	0.18	0.23	0.23	
Canada	1.31	1.18	1.30	1.30	3.48	2.39	3.54	3.54	4.58	2.81	4.60	4.60	
South America					l								
Argentina	0.24	0.35	0.28	0.28	2.13	2.07	2.30	2.30	0.51	0.73	0.65	0.65	
Brazil	0.43	0.50	0.51	0.51	2.00	2.27	2.26	2.26	0.85	1.14	1.16	1.16	
Chile	0.11	0.12	0.13	0.13	4.65	4.70	4.37	4.37	0.53	0.58	0.55	0.55	
Uruguay	0.02	0.01	0.02	0.02	2.20	2.21	2.40	2.40	0.03	0.03	0.04	0.04	
Oceania	l				l								
Australia	1.07	0.85	0.80	0.80	1.77	1.90	1.75	1.75	1.90	1.62	1.40	1.40	
New Zealand	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.01	5.75	5.80	5.80	5.80	0.02	0.03	0.03	0.03	
China	0.41	0.41	0.41	0.41	1.48	1.48	1.48	1.48	0.60	0.60	0.60	0.60	
Africa	l				l								
Algeria	0.06	0.08	0.08	0.08	1.11	1.31	1.31	1.31	0.07	0.11	0.11	0.11	
Morocco	0.02	0.04	0.02	0.02	0.40	1.13	0.40	0.40	0.01	0.05	0.01	0.01	
South Africa	0.03	0.04	0.03	0.03	2.19	1.94	1.67	1.67	0.06	0.07	0.05	0.05	
Other Europe													
United Kingdom	0.21	0.20	0.19	0.19	4.91	5.62	5.53	5.53	1.03	1.12	1.05	1.05	
Norway	0.07	0.07	0.07	0.07	4.29	4.29	4.29	4.29	0.30	0.30	0.30	0.30	
Serbia	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03	2.17	2.17	2.17	2.17	0.07	0.07	0.07	0.07	
Albania	0.02	0.01	0.02	0.02	2.25	2.14	2.20	2.20	0.04	0.03	0.03	0.03	
Bosnia and Herzegovina	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	3.09	2.82	2.82	2.82	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03	
Turkey	0.10	0.11	0.11	0.11	2.40	2.38	2.38	2.38	0.24	0.25	0.25	0.25	
Mexico	0.03	0.05	0.05	0.05	2.03	2.02	1.89	1.89	0.06	0.09	0.09	0.09	
Others	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03	1.61	1.76	1.68	1.68	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05	

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# Serbian corn consumption falls due to decreasing livestocks

ith a corn production of 7 million tons, Serbia will have sufficient corn for domestic use at about 4.7 million tons and about 2.5 million tons for exports in MY2022/23. Corn is a crop that producers can easily store on their farms. Farmers harvest the crop in October and November, and the crop is stored on farms to dry naturally or taken to drying facilities. Farmers hold their corn until the spring. They usually sell their crop during the "second harvest" in March before the start of the new planting season. Small farmers consider corn a good investment considering the planting, harvesting, and storage costs. For MY2021/22, corn was planted on nearly 1 million ha. Serbia's MY2021/22 Corn consumption was estimated at approximately 4.7 million tons, with 4.3 million tons used for animal feed and 400,000 tons for food, seed, and industrial, Corn consumption for feed has been in decline for decades due to decreased livestock numbers in most of the transition countries. In 1990, there was 2.16 million head of cattle, In 2021, there were less than 800,000 head of cattle and declining. Food, seed, and industrial consumption are expected to be higher in MY2022/23 (an increase from 300,000 tons to 400,000 tons).



Corn starch producers in Serbia have a higher demand and are increasing production in MY2022/23. Corn ending stocks were estimated at a high level of almost 1,15 million tons in MY2021/22. This is primarily due to the record production of Corn in MY2020/21 and the export ban in 2022. Corn ending stocks in MY2022/23 are expected to keep a similar trend in MY2022/23 (954,000 tons). It was estimated that Serbia could export approximately 2 million tons of Corn in MY2021/22 (October 2021 – September 2022). In 2020, Serbia exported corn worth \$915M, making it the 8th largest exporter of Corn in the world. The main destination of Corn exports from Serbia is Romania (\$450M), South Korea (\$131M), Italy (\$89.8M), and Spain (\$52.3M).

#### EU oilseed production forecast to increase 3%

Production of the three major oilseeds in the EU is forecast to increase 3% in 2022-23 due to a significant increase in planted area for all three, according to a report from the Foreign Agricultural Service of the US Department of Agriculture (USDA). Total production of rapeseed, sunflower and soybeans is estimated at 31.1 million tonnes, up from 30.2 million tonnes in 2021-22. Planted area is estimated at 11.7 million hectares, up from 10.6 million the previous year. Soybeans saw the biggest increase in planted area at 11.1% followed by sunflower, which was up 10.3%, and rapeseed, which increased 9.7%. Average



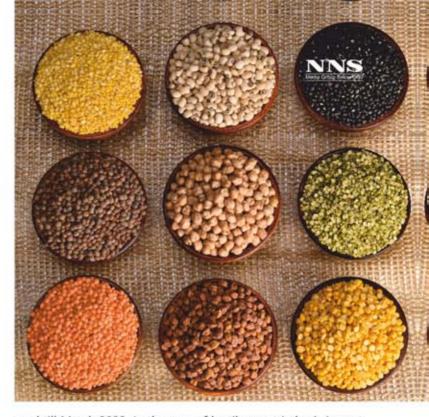
yields are lower than the previous year due to hot and dry conditions in major production regions, the USDA said. EU sunflower and soybean areas are at a record high and the rapeseed area increased for the first time after a significant decline in 2019. "Attractive commodity prices, and to some extent uncertainty in the Black Sea market due to Russia's invasion of Ukraine are the major drivers for the increases in area," the USDA said.

Good crush margins for sunflower and rapeseed along with increased domestic availability are expected to lead to increased crush. With the resulting higher rapeseed meal production, higher use of rapeseed meal in animal feed is expected. "Soybean meal use for feed use is forecast to be flat and sunflower meal feed use is projected to increase in the first half of 2022-23 but to decrease later in the year resulting in a lower feed use of about 1.5%," the USDA said. Food use of soybean oil is expected to increase with the scarcity of sunflower oil due to 'Russias invasion of Ukraine leading to a shift to other vegetable oils. Industrial use of soybean oil is expected to plummet. Higher domestic supply of rapeseed oil also will be increasingly used for human domestic consumption. In addition, the higher availability and lower prices of sunflower oil are projected to lead to a strong rebound of sunflower oil in food consumption.

## Centre stocks imported pulses, extends levy cuts to tame prices

he Union government has extended cuts in levies on certain varieties of lentils (pulses) and started stockpiling imported ones to replenish markets, taking further measures to cool spiraling prices, an official said. While the government's interventions have helped stabilize prices of pulses, costlier cereals, milk, vegetables and protein surged the most in two years in September. India's retail inflation accelerated in September to a five-month high of 7.41% year-on-year, driven by food prices, which stood at a record 8.6%, according to latest official data. To augment federally held stocks, the government has started procurement of 100,000 tonnes of imported tur (pigeon pea) and 50,000 tonnes of imported urad (black gram), consumer affairs secretary Rohit Singh said. The stocks will be offloaded in markets when needed to control prices, he said. The government is in the process of releasing 88,600 tonnes of chana (gram) at a discounted price of Rs 8 per kg following requests from Uttar Pradesh, Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh and Tamil Nadu.

Pulses inflation rose marginally in September at 3% due to lower duties and higher imports in the previous financial year. The government had also imposed stock limits in July under the Essential Commodities Act, he said. Currently, the government holds 4.38 million tonnes of pulses under the price stabilization fund. To ease import of pulses and boost availability, the government has also decided to waive duties on import of tur and



urad till March 2023. In the case of lentils, a cut in basic import duty and a waiver of agriculture infrastructure and development cess have been extended till March 31, 2023, Singh said. The Department of Consumer Affairs on 12th August, 2022, issued a directive to all the states and UTs to enforce stock disclosure by stockholders of Tur under Section 3(2)(h) and 3(2)(i) of the Essential Commodities Act, 1955 and also to monitor and verify the stocks. Cereal inflation surged 11.5% in September, the highest since 2014, the data showed. Inflation in rice stood at 9.2%, while prices of atta (wheat flour) rose 17.4%. A heat wave in March crimped wheat supplies, prompting the government to ban exports. Lower sowing of rice and a delayed withdrawal of monsoon have pushed up the price of rice. Anticipating supply issues, India, the world's largest overseas seller of rice, in August imposed a 20% tax on export of various grades of rice.

## Chhattisgarh eyes 110 lakh MT paddy procurement in 2022-23

bout 110 lakh metric tonnes (MT) of paddy is estimated to be procured at the minimum support price (MSP) in the ongoing kharif marketing season from farmers in Chhattisgarh, a government official said. Last year, around 98 lakh MT of paddy was purchased from cultivators in the state. The paddy procurement drive will begin on November 1,

Chhattisgarh's statehood day, and conclude on January 31 next year. AII preparations are

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in full swing to start purchase of paddy and so far over 25 lakh farmers have registered, 95,000 of them new registrations, themselves to sell their produce at designated centres, he said. Registrations of farmers who were enrolled last year were to carry forward this year, the official added. About 110 lakh metric tonnes of paddy is estimated to be procured in this kharif

> marketing season for which 5.50 lakh bundles of jute gunny bags will be required, he said.



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# Turkey on pace for record sunflower seed crop

urkey is expected to harvest a record sunflower seed crop in marketing year 2022-23, according to a Global Agricultural Information Network report from the Foreign Agricultural Service of the US Department of Agriculture (USDA). With favorable weather conditions and an expansion in the area harvested, Turkey's sunflower seed production is forecast to reach 1.9 million tonnes, the USDA said. Rainfall levels in the main sunflower growing regions, including Thrace, Marmara and Central Anatolia regions, were above average and better than the previous year. The forecast for MY 2022/23 sunflowerseed consumption remains unchanged from the USDA official projection at about 2.8 MMT. The report noted that sunflower meal and oil production also are projected at record highs.

The Russia-Ukraine war has affected Turkey's sunflower seed imports, the report said. Imports for 2021-22 are estimated at 690,000 tonnes, down year-over-year as shipments from the Ukraine were disrupted because of its war with Russia. "With limited volumes of Ukrainian sunflower seed, Turkey has compensated by importing more crude sunflower oil from



Russia," the USDA said. The USDA forecasts sunflower seed imports to Turkey in 2022-23 at 1 million tonnes, assuming that the Ukrainian grain corridor remains open and fully operational. The MY 2022/23 forecast for sunflowerseed oil imports is adjusted upward from the USDA official number to 1.0 MMT. The new import projection is lower than the previous year since import demand is expected to slacken with an increase in domestic production. The MY 2022/23 sunflowerseed oil export forecast is adjusted higher than the USDA official number to 900,000 MT. This revision assumes that Turkey will continue to refine imported crude oil for re-export under its inward processing regime (IPR).

# Tunisian olive oil production falls to 23 percent below 5-year average



live oil production in Tunisia is expected to reach 200,000 tons in the 2022/23 crop year, a decrease of 15 percent compared to last year, according to the country's National Olive Oil Board. Last year, Tunisia produced 240,000 tons of olive oil, according to the International Olive Council. Over the past half-decade, the North African country has yielded an average of 257,000 tons per annum. Officials at the National Observatory of Agriculture (Onagri) blamed a lack of rainfall in central and southern Tunisia, drought, heatwayes and many

producers entering an 'off-year' in the natural alternate bearing cycle of the olive tree for the production decrease. However, production drops were not experienced uniformly across the country's main olive-growing regions. While the majority experienced production declines, several enjoyed bumper crops. This year, olive growers in Sfax expect to harvest about 70,000 tons of olives, significantly below the average of previous years. Meanwhile, in Monastir, officials anticipate the olive harvest to be 65 percent lower than last year. Producers in the small coastal region of the country located north of Sfax will pick 20,000 tons of olives which will produce 4,000 tons of olive oil. In western Tunisia, olive growers from Gafsa expect to harvest about 50,000 tons of olives, which they would transform into 12,000 tons of olive oil, for the second consecutive year. Meanwhile, growers in Gabès, south of Sfax, anticipate a sharp increase, with production rising to 60,000 tons of olives compared to 31,500 tons last year. In Sidi Bouzid, directly west of Sfax, producers also expect a bumper crop. Growers estimate that olive production will exceed 190,000 tons this year, an increase of 40,000 tons compared to last year. In northeastern Tunisia, officials in the region of Nabeul said they will harvest 58,000 tons of olives this year, a 4-percent increase from last year. In north-central Tunisia, producers from La Manouba anticipate this year's olive harvest to fall by 13 percent compared to last year. The small region will produce 8,700 tons of olives, which is expected to yield 1,750 tons of olive oil.



### Statistics Indonesia projects rice production up 2.29 percent in 2022



tatistics Indonesia (BPS) has forecast the nation's rice production to reach 32.07 million tons in 2022, or increase by 2.29 percent, as compared to the production of 31.36 million tons in 2021. The potential for national rice production over the subsequent three months during the October-December 2022 period is estimated at 5.90 million tons, or estimated to increase by 15.12 percent as compared to 2021 during which the figure stood at 5.13 million tons, Deputy for Statistics of Distribution and Services of BPS Setianto remarked, Based on

production per island, Java Island contributes the most as compared to other islands, with a total contribution of 56.12 percent, or 18 million tons, of which 31.07 percent of the production is in East Java. Sumatra Island clocks the secondhighest contribution at 20.41 percent, or 6.55 million tons. South Sumatra is the province on Sumatra Island with the largest production, recording a contribution of 24.20 percent.

Sulawesi Island is ranked third, with a contribution of 13.39 percent, or 4.30 million tons. The province with the largest production on the island is South Sulawesi, Bali and Nusa Tenggara islands contributed 5.22 percent, or 1.67 million tons. West Nusa Tenggara becomes the province with the largest production as compared to other provinces on the two islands. Kalimantan contributed 4.26 percent, or 1.37 million tons, and lastly, Maluku and Papua islands contributed 0.59 percent, or with a rice production of 0.19 million tons. Setianto remarked that the rice production data was obtained from surveys conducted throughout the year. "This rice production calculation has removed the scattered grain and rice as well as unhusked rice and rice used for non-food commodities or for (animal) feed, seeds, and raw materials for non-food industries," he further noted. Thus, the released rice production data is the produced rice used for the community's food.

#### Idaho's 2022 barley crop is a big one

daho's 2022 barley crop is much bigger than last year's drought-affected crop and it's estimated the state set a record for average barley yields this year. Most importantly, the quality of Idaho's 2022 barley crop looks really good, said Idaho Barley Commission Executive Director Laura Wilder. According to USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, Idaho farmers produced 59.9 million bushels of barley this year, which is 37 percent more than the 43.6 million bushels of barley the state's growers produced last year. Average barley yield in Idaho is estimated by NASS at 111 bushels an acre this year, which would be a record, narrowly clipping the previous record of 110 bushels an acre set in 2020. The state's average barley yield includes both irrigated farm ground and dryland, which depends only on natural precipitation. Some barley growers with irrigated farmland reported more than 200 bushels an acre this year, while some dryland farmers reported less-than-normal yields.

Due to severe drought conditions and a brutal heatwave in 2021, last year's barley crop was way down from normal. According to NASS, Idaho farmers harvested 540,000 acres of barley in 2022, up from 490,000 in 2021. Average barley yield in the state last year was only 89 bushels an acre. Idaho remains the nation's No. 1 barley producing state, ahead of North Dakota and Montana.



According to NASS, Idaho accounted for 34 percent of the nation's total barley crop this year. Montana and North Dakota both have more barley acres than Idaho but Idaho's yields are much higher because most of the state's barley crop is grown under irrigation. Idaho has led the nation in barley production nine out of the last 10 years and Wilder doesn't see that changing because of the state's irrigation infrastructure and favorable growing climate.

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SIAL is World's No. 1 Food Innovation Network and made its debut in the international market in Paris followed by China, Canada, Jakarta, Abu Dhabi and India, wherein 14,535 exhibitors from 109 countries have participated in to growing their business. The show, which is one of its kind in India in the B2B space, is jointly organized by InterAds Exhibitions, Comexposium and Vinexposium.

Date: 01-03 December 2022

Venue: Pragati Maidan Exhibition Centre, New Delhi, India



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Date: 06-08 December 2022

Venue: Abu Dhabi National Exhibition Centre, UAE



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Date: 19-22 January 2023

Venue: ITC Grand Chola, Chennai, Tamil Nadu, India



GrainEx India is India's premier technology oriented exhibition & conference on wheat, flour, rice, pulses, spices and soyabean milling industry. GrainEx India is supported by prestigious Indian agri and food organizations, adding the strength and value to the event such as All India Dal Mills Association, Madhya Pradesh Dal Udhyog Mahasang etc.

Date: 20-22 January 2023

Venue: Helipad Exhibition Center, Gandhinagar, Gujarat, India



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n a country where lush fields of soybeans and corn generally dominate the farming landscape, this season's wheat crop in Brazil is on track to set a new production record and get closer to the government's goal of being self-sufficient within the next five years, and a net exporter within 10 years. With the early wheat harvest now underway in the country's central west, local agribusiness consultants Safras & Mercado expect Brazilian farmers to harvest 10.9 million tonnes (Mt) of wheat this year, up from the early season estimate of 10.5Mt. If the lofty forecast becomes a reality, this year's crop would be a staggering 41.2 percent higher than the previous record of 7.7Mt, set just last season, and more than double the 2019-20 production of 5.2Mt. The potential record crop has been facilitated by a substantial increase in the planted area, up from 2.7 million hectares (Mha) in 2021-22 to 3.2Mha when seeding concluded at the end of June. This is the second-biggest wheat area on record behind the 3.3Mha seeded in the 1990-91 season, off which only 3.3Mt was reaped. Much progress has been made in developing hybrid wheat varieties more suited to tropical conditions, and farmers have also reacted to the higher global price environment over the past couple of years. Wheat production has traditionally been confined to the country's south, with the southernmost state of Rio Grande do Sul the biggest producer. Production in Rio Grande do Sul is expected to be around 5.1Mt in 2022-23, with the state of Paraná the second-biggest producer at around 4.2Mt, despite being hit with a significant frost event on August 20 and 21.

New varieties have boosted production in the central and central south regions of the country, with the vast topical savannah ecoregion known as the Cerrado biome now littered with wheat crops over the winter growing season. Growers in this region have traditionally grown soybeans and corn but are embracing wheat

as a viable and profitable crop-rotation alternative. The most significant production growth this season is forecast to occur in the states of Bahia, Goiás, Paraná, São Paulo and the Federal District. The potential for increased production in the Cerrado is enormous. The extensive vegetation and farming area represents around 25pc of Brazil's land area. But just 5pc, or about 200,000ha, of the possible 4Mha has been planted to wheat this season. Of the 4Mha, around 1.5Mha can be irrigated to maximise yield potential, with the remaining area rainfed. The irrigated wheat cultivar BRS 264, developed by the state-owned Brazilian Agricultural Research Corporation (Embrapa), makes up 70pc of the area planted in the Cerrado. Embrapa currently has at least four cultivars specific for the Cerrado region, suited to both irrigated and non-irrigated growing environments. Wheat offers an excellent second crop option following soybeans. It acts like a soil ameliorant, enhancing nutrient efficiency and helping with the control of soil-borne pests and diseases.

The timing of this massive boost to domestic production could not have been better, with Brazil's biggest import supplier, Argentina, having a shocking season. Argentina is traditionally responsible for around 85pc of wheat imports, with domestic millers benefitting from the country's proximity and tax-free arrangement for Argentine exports. With demand for wheat high in global markets, Brazilian growers hope to gain a higher return on exports in United States dollars to compensate for the growing production costs, given the Brazilian currency's dramatic devaluation. Fertiliser is one of the biggest production costs, with Brazil only producing 15pc of its requirements. Exports to Middle Eastern and North African nations are expected to rise proportionally more than other destinations as Brazil looks to secure increased fertiliser flows from these regions in a barter exchange for food shipments.







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# Agriculture minister urges ASEAN to support India's efforts to increase production and consumption of millets

head of the International year of millets in 2023, Union Minister for Agriculture and Farmer Welfare, Narendra Singh Tomar urged the ASEAN member countries to support India's efforts to increase the production, processing, value addition and consumption of millets. Addressing the 7th ASEAN-India Ministerial Meeting (AIMMAF) on Agriculture and Forestry, the minister said that India is promoting nutritious cereal products for the health and nutrition of the people. "Nutritious cereals help in the creation of nutritious, with low resource requirement and more efficient agri-food systems." Tomar also emphasized on the mutually close regional cooperation with ASEAN to ensure sustainable and inclusive growth for agricultural development in the region. The minister committed to enhancing India's cooperation with ASEAN in food security, nutrition, climate change adaptation, digital farming, nature-friendly agriculture, food processing, value chain, agricultural marketing and capacity building.

During the meeting, the member countries reviewed the progress made by the implementation of various programmes and activities under the medium-term action plan of ASEAN-India Cooperation (Year 2021-25). The commitment to ASEAN-India cooperation in agriculture and forestry was also reaffirmed in the



meeting. "It was said that in order to mitigate the unprecedented impact of the COVID-19 pandemic by ensuring a seamless flow of safe and nutritious agricultural products to ASEAN and India, It is necessary to take continuous measures under ASEAN-India cooperation for the implementation of post-pandemic recovery," the ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare said in a press release.

# Palm oil prices seen ticking up as rains slash output and demand strengthens

alm oil prices are likely to strengthen further as excessive rain in key producing countries curbs output, while demand increases for its use in food and biofuels, industry officials said. Palm oil prices have climbed by around a fifth this month but are still trading far below an all-time high set in March. The expected spike in prices will add to the burden of consumers already hit by inflation triggered by the Russia-Ukraine war, but higher exports and lower production would help major palm oil producers Indonesia and Malaysia bring down inventories.

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Typically, palm oil output starts tapering off from November in Indonesia and Malaysia, which

account for more than 80% of global production. But this year, the drop in output is expected to be sharper as a rare third consecutive La Nina weather pattern brings heavy rainfall across Southeast Asia. Floods and heavy rain make it difficult for workers to harvest the palm oil crop and moving the fruit to factories for processing.

Indonesia's palm oil stockpile fell to 4.04 million tonnes by the end of August, compared to 5.91 million tonnes a month earlier and 6.69 million tonnes at end-June, according to estimates by the Indonesian Palm Oil Association (GAPKI).

Demand for palm oil-based biodiesel is also seen rising, GAPKI data showed. In January-August, Indonesia exported 206,000 tonnes of biodiesel, surpassing the 167,000 tonnes the country exported in 2021. Supplies of sunflower oil, an alternative to palm oil, from the Black Sea region have been volatile after the Russia-Ukraine war, traders said.



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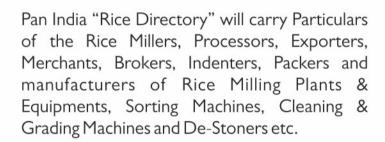




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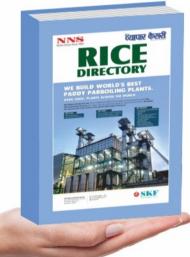












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