

First Advance Estimates of Crop Production Released (Ministry of Agriculture press release ID 99603 dt. 24.9.13)

As per the first advance estimates of production of *kharif* crops, 129.32 million tonnes (MT) foodgrains is likely to be produced in the current season. These production estimates are higher by 8.75 million tonnes than the average production of 120.57 million tonnes. These estimates were released by Agriculture and Food Processing Industries Minister, Shri Sharad Pawar today. The assessment of production of different crops is based on the feedback received from States and validated with information available from other sources.

The estimated production of major crops during *kharif* 2013-14 is as under:

| CROP | PRODUCTION (million tonnes) |
|----------------|-----------------------------------|
| Foodgrains | 129.32 |
| Rice | 92.32 |
| Coarse Cereals | 30.99 |
| Maize | 17.78 |
| Pulses | 6.01 |
| Tur | 3.04 |
| Urad | 1.33 |
| Oilseeds | 23.96 |
| Sugarcane | 341.77 |
| Cotton | 35.30 million bales (170 kg each) |

As per 1st advance estimates, production of rice estimated at 92.32 million tonnes, though marginally lower as compared to last year's *kharif* production, is higher than five years' average production of 85.40 million tonnes.

The estimated production of coarse cereals, is however, higher than average production by 1.50 million tonnes mainly on account of increase in production of maize.

The estimated production of *kharif* Pulses is also higher than the average production by 0.42 million tonnes mainly due to higher than average production of tur and urad.

There is a significant improvement in the production of soyabean, and total production of *kharif* oilseeds, estimated at an all time record of 23.96 million tonnes is higher than the average production by 4.56 million tones.

The current year's production of sugarcane estimated at 341.77 million tonnes, is higher by 17.83 million tonnes as compared to average production.

The production of cotton estimated at an all time record of 35.30 million bales (of 170 kg each), has registered an increase of 5.60 million bales as compared to average cotton production of 29.70 million bales. Production of jute is also estimated to be marginally higher than its average production.