

## II

### Production and Growth

#### Crop Prospects – 2001-02

##### *Foodgrains*

8.5 This year's foodgrain output is likely to be 209.2 million tonnes, representing an increase of around 13 million tonnes over the previous year's production of 195.9 million tonnes (Table 8.5). The growth of this year's foodgrain output is mainly because Rajasthan, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, and Chhattisgarh, which suffered acute moisture stress and drought-like situation in some areas last year, received adequate rains this year.

8.6 Rice output estimated at 91 million tonnes compared with 84.9 million tonnes last year as also the early estimate of wheat output at 73.1 million tonnes is likely to push up this year's foodgrains output to over 209 million tonnes. Even pulses output is likely to be more by over 2 million tonnes. Late rains in the north-

west in early February accompanied by a prolonged cold spell augurs well for wheat production. Hence a record foodgrain output of 212 million tonnes can not ruled out.

##### *Commercial Crops*

8.7 The downtrend in oilseeds, particularly groundnut during the preceding two years appears to have been reversed this year and the country is likely to harvest over 21 million tonnes of oilseeds compared with 18.4 million tonnes in the preceding year. Cotton production would be higher by over 2 million bales and given the downtrend in international prices, the domestic prices would tend to remain depressed. Production of jute & mesta at 10.7 million bales is likely to be higher than 10.5 million bales produced last year. Sugarcane production is expected to drop to 295 million tonnes from 299.2 million tonnes last year, due to some moisture stress experienced in Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka and Maharashtra during the monsoon period (Table 8.6).

**TABLE 8.5**  
**Foodgrains Production**

(Million Tonnes)

Crop	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	1999-2000	2000-01	2001-02*
Rice	81.7	82.5	86.1	89.7	84.9	<b>91.0</b>
Wheat	69.4	66.4	71.3	76.4	68.7	<b>73.1</b>
Coarse Cereals	34.1	30.4	31.3	30.3	31.6	<b>31.9</b>
Pulses	14.2	13.0	14.9	13.4	10.7	<b>13.2</b>
<b>Foodgrains</b>	<b>199.4</b>	<b>192.3</b>	<b>203.6</b>	<b>209.8</b>	<b>195.9</b>	<b>209.2</b>
Kharif	103.9	101.6	102.9	105.5	103.4	<b>108.5</b>
Rabi	95.5	90.7	100.7	104.3	92.5	<b>100.7</b>

\* Advance Estimates

**TABLE 8.6**  
**Commercial Crop Production**

(Million Tonnes)

<b>Crop</b>	<b>1996-97</b>	<b>1997-98</b>	<b>1998-99</b>	<b>1999-2000</b>	<b>2000-01</b>	<b>2001-02#</b>
Groundnut	8.6	7.4	9.0	5.3	6.2	<b>7.2</b>
Rapeseed/ Mustard	6.7	4.7	5.7	5.8	4.2	<b>5.2</b>
Soyabean	5.4	6.5	7.1	7.1	5.3	<b>5.9</b>
Other oilseeds	3.7	2.7	2.9	2.5	2.7	<b>2.8</b>
<b>Total nine oilseeds</b>	<b>24.4</b>	<b>21.3</b>	<b>24.7</b>	<b>20.7</b>	<b>18.4</b>	<b>21.1</b>
Cotton*	14.2	10.9	12.3	11.5	9.7	<b>12.0</b>
Jute & Mesta**	11.1	11.0	9.8	10.6	10.5	<b>10.7</b>
Sugarcane	277.6	279.5	288.7	299.3	299.2	<b>295.0</b>

\*Million bales of 170 kgs

\*\*Million bales of 180 kgs each

#Advance Estimates