

Management of food economy

Production of foodgrains

5.30 This year, 17 States, faced drought-like situation. Rajasthan was the worst affected. Consequently, there was a decline in production of kharif coarse cereals, rice, pulses and oilseeds. Second advance estimates of kharif foodgrains production for

2002-03 is 90.3 million tonnes as against 111.6 million tonnes in 2001-02. Similarly, kharif oilseeds production for 2002-03 is estimated to be 84.5 lakh tonnes as against 128.9 lakh tonnes in 2001-02. Drought may also have some impact on rabi crops because of low residual moisture in the soil resulting from inadequate rainfall. Rabi foodgrain production is expected to be lower than last year by 7.5 percent.