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Food management

Production of foodgrains

5.28 Rice production, as per the third advance estimates issued by the Directorate of Economics and Statistics for 2003-04, is expected to be 86.4 million tonnes as against 72.66 million tonnes in 2002-03. In the case of wheat, the third advance estimate for the 2003-04 season is 72.7 million tonnes, up from 65.10 million tonnes in 2002-03.