

## Procurement of foodgrains

5.29 Wheat procurement during 2003-04 was 15.8 million tonnes as against 19.05 million tonnes in 2002-03. Fresh procurement for the 2004-05 season (April-March) has reached 16.4 million tonnes.

5.30 Rice procurement during kharif season 2003-04 was at a high of 21.49 million tonnes as against 15.66 million tonnes in the kharif season 2002-03. With rabi rice coming to the market, some more procurement may be expected in the coming months (Table 5.11).

5.31 Andhra Pradesh, Punjab and Haryana account for over 65 per cent of the rice procurement, while only Punjab and Haryana account for nearly 90 per cent of the wheat procured. There has been significant procurement of rice in 2003-04 from the non-traditional states as well. Over 2 million tonnes of rice was procured from Chattisgarh, which is higher than the 1.3 million tonnes procured from Haryana.

**Table 5.11 : Procurement of wheat and rice (Central Pool)**

(Million tonnes)

Marketing Year	Wheat (April - March)		Rice (Oct - Sept)	
	Qty	change (per cent)	Qty	change (per cent)
1995-96	12.33	3.9	9.95	-25.7
1996-97	8.16	-33.8	12.22	22.8
1997-98	9.30	14.0	14.33	17.3
1998-99	12.65	36.0	11.84	-17.4
1999-00	14.14	11.8	17.27	45.9
2000-01	16.35	15.7	19.10	10.6
2001-02	20.63	26.1	21.28	11.4
2002-03	19.05	-7.7	16.41	-22.9
2003-04	15.80	-17.1	21.49*	
2004-05	16.40*			

\* As on May 9, 2004

Source : Department of Food and Public Distribution.