

## Procurement of Foodgrains

5.41 The year 2004-05 was a normal agricultural year with good procurement of foodgrains. Rice procurement during the kharif marketing season (KMS) 2004-05 at 24.7 million tonnes was higher by around 2 million tonnes over 2003-04 (Table 5.13). Wheat procurement during rabi marketing season (RMS) (April-March) 2005-06 was 14.8 million tonnes, down by 2 million tonnes compared to 2004-05. In February 2006, the Government decided to import 5 lakh tonnes wheat to augment the domestic supplies.

5.42 For better regional spread, procurement of rice was extended to non-traditional surplus states such as Chhatisgarh, Orissa and Tamilnadu. As a result, the share of rice procurement from four traditional states of Andhra Pradesh, Haryana, Punjab and Uttar Pradesh declined to 71.5 percent in 2004-05 down by 2 percentage points over

**Table 5.13 : Procurement of wheat and rice (Central pool)**

Marketing Year	Wheat (April - March)		Rice (Oct - Sept)	
	Qty	per cent change	Qty	per cent change
1995-96	12.33	3.88	10.07	-26.55
1996-97	8.16	-33.82	12.97	28.80
1997-98	9.30	13.97	15.59	20.20
1998-99	12.65	36.02	12.60	19.18
1999-00	14.14	11.78	18.23	44.68
2000-01	16.35	15.63	21.28	16.73
2001-02	20.63	26.18	22.13	3.99
2002-03	19.05	-7.66	16.42	-25.80
2003-04	15.80	-17.06	22.83	39.04
2004-05	16.80	6.33	24.68	8.10
2005-06	14.79	-11.96	15.88*	-

\* As on January 18, 2006

Source : Department of Food and Public Distribution.

2003-04 (Table 5.14). Procurement of wheat, on the other hand did not see such a sharp trend towards non-traditional states (Table 5.15).

**Table 5.14 : Procurement of rice**

State/U.T.	Quantity (Lakh tonnes)			Percentage Share		
	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05
Andhra Pradesh	26.35	42.3	39.04	16.04	18.53	15.82
Bihar	1.59	3.63	3.43	0.97	1.59	1.39
Chhattisgarh	12.91	23.74	28.37	7.86	10.4	11.49
Haryana	13.24	13.34	16.62	8.06	5.84	6.73
Maharashtra	1.52	3.08	2.05	0.93	1.35	0.83
Orissa	8.9	13.73	15.9	5.42	6.02	6.44
Punjab	79.4	86.62	91.06	48.35	37.94	36.89
Tamil Nadu	1.07	2.07	6.52	0.65	0.91	2.64
Uttar Pradesh	13.6	25.54	29.71	8.28	11.19	12.04
West Bengal	1.26	9.25	9.44	0.77	4.05	3.82
Others	6.39	4.98	4.69	2.67	2.18	1.9
Total	164.23	228.28	246.83	100.00	100.00	100.00

Source : Department of Food and Public Distribution.

**Table 5.15 : Procurement of wheat**

State/U.T.	Quantity (Lakh tonnes)			Percentage Share		
	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06
Bihar	0.01	0.15	0.01	0.0	0.1	0.0
Haryana	51.22	51.15	45.30	32.4	30.5	30.6
Himachal Pradesh	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.0	0.0	0.0
Madhya Pradesh	1.88	3.49	4.80	1.2	2.1	3.3
Punjab	89.38	92.4	90.10	56.6	55.0	60.9
Rajasthan	2.59	2.79	1.60	1.6	1.7	1.1
Uttaranchal	0.67	0.54	0.40	0.4	0.3	0.3
Uttar Pradesh	12.13	17.41	5.60	7.7	10.4	3.8
Delhi	0.12	0.02	0.02	0.1	0.0	0.0
Total	158.01	167.95	147.85	100.0	100.0	100.0

Source : Department of Food and Public Distribution.