

Crop production in 2004-05 and prospects for 2005-06

8.8 Total foodgrains production declined from 213.5 MT in 2003-04 to 204.6 MT in 2004-05. Output of jute and mesta and sugarcane was also lower in 2004-05 than in 2003-04. However, there was better performance in oilseeds and cotton production in 2004-05 relative to 2003-04.

8.9 The first advance estimates of foodgrains production for 2005-06 released by the Ministry of Agriculture on September 19, 2005 put kharif production at 105.3 MT, up by 2 MT from the previous year's level (Table 8.5). Production of

rabi foodgrains would be around last year's level of 101.3 MT provided the weather remains favourable.

8.10 Kharif oilseeds production for 2005-06 is estimated at 14.6 MT as per the first advance estimates. The rabi oilseeds production may reach the target level of 10.4 MT with favourable weather. The first advance estimates for 2005-06 put sugarcane output at 257.7 MT against 232.3 MT in 2004-05. However, prospects of cotton production in 2005-06 are not considered better than in 2004-05 (Table 8.6).

Crop/ Year	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05*	2005-06 \$
Rice	85.0	93.3	71.8	88.3	85.3	73.8
Wheat	69.7	72.8	65.8	72.1	72.0	-
Coarse Cereals	31.1	33.4	26.1	38.1	33.9	26.4
Pulses	11.1	13.4	11.1	14.9	13.4	5.0
Foodgrains						
(i) Kharif	102.1	112.1	87.2	116.9	103.3	105.3
(ii) Rabi	94.7	100.8	87.6	96.6	101.3	-
Total (i)+(ii)	196.8	212.9	174.8	213.5	204.6	-

*4th advance estimates. \$ 1st advance estimates (kharif only).
Source : Ministry of Agriculture.

Crop/year	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05 @	2005-06 \$
Groundnut	6.4	7.0	4.1	8.2	7.0	5.9
Rapeseed & Mustard	4.2	5.1	3.9	6.2	8.4	-
Soyabean	5.3	6.0	4.7	7.9	7.5	6.6
Other Oilseeds	2.5	2.6	2.1	3.0	3.2	2.1
Total nine oilseeds	18.4	20.7	14.8	25.3	26.1	14.6
Cotton*	9.5	10.0	8.6	13.9	17.0	15.9
Jute & Mesta**	10.6	11.7	11.3	11.2	10.5	10.1
Sugarcane	296.0	297.2	287.4	237.3	232.3	257.7

* Million bales of 170 kgs. each . ** Million bales of 180 kgs. each .
@ 4th advance estimates \$ 1st advance estimates (kharif only).
Source : Ministry of Agriculture.