

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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TARGET FOR FOODGRAIN PRODUCTION  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) the target fixed for the production of foodgrains including wheat in the country for 2010-11, crop-wise;
- (b) whether the Government has identified the foodgrains whose production is less than the domestic consumption in the country; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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(a)to(c): Target for foodgrains including wheat are fixed every year by the Government of India based on various factors including the past trends of production of these crops, demand of growing population, prevailing world market prices, the requirement for human consumption, and other uses, rainfall pattern and buffer stocks for the next year. The targets are fixed in each year in consultation with State Government during National Kharif/Rabi conference. The final estimates of production for the year 2009-10 are yet to be released by the Government.

The estimated production of foodgrains during 2008-09 was 234.47 million tonnes which is higher than projected demand of about 219.01 million tonnes for the year 2008-09 as indicated in the Working Group Report of Planning commission on "Crop Husbandry, Agricultural Inputs, demand and supply projection and Agricultural Statistics" for 11th five year plan.