

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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FOODGRAIN PRODUCTION

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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) the requirement of foodgrains in the country including Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh, State-wise;
- (b) the details of foodgrain production in the country during each of the last three years, State-wise and crop-wise;
- (c) whether the pace of foodgrain production and productivity in the country is far below the level of other countries;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government to increase foodgrain production?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS)

(a): As per the Working Group of the Planning Commission constituted for the 11th Five Year Plan, the demand/requirement of foodgrains at all-India level for theyear 2010-11 has been projected at 229.12 million tones. State-wise details of projected demand of foodgrains are not available.

(b): State-wise and crop-wise details of production of foodgrain in the country during the last three years, i.e. 2007-08 to 2009-10 are given in the Annexure.

(c) & (d): As per the latest reports of Food & Agriculture Organization, the comparative position of production and productivity of foodgrains in India vis-À-vis other major countries of the world during the year 2008 is as under:

Country	Production	Productivity
Foodgrains	(Million Tonnes)	(Kg/Hectare)

Australia	35.01	1618
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Canada	60.99	3210
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China	484.47	5393
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India	281.85	2245
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USA4	05.68	6538
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(e): To increase the production and productivity of foodgrains in the country, the Government is implementing a number of schemes/programmes, namely; National Food Security Mission (NFSM), Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY), Macro Management Mode of Agriculture etc.