

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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CROP PRODUCTION

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government expects a bumper crop production during the current year;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the details of the likely impact on the foodgrain availability and its price in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI ARUN YADAV)

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam, as per the second advance estimate of 2010-11, the projected production of crops especially of pulses, cotton sugarcane is estimated to be more than the set targets. The targets Vs. estimated production of major foodgrains and commercial crops is as follows:

(in Million Tonnes)

Crop	Final Estimates (2009-10)	Target (2010-11)	Production estimates (2010)
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Rice	89.09	102.0	94.01
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Wheat	80.80	82	81.47
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Total Pulses	14.66	16.5	16.51
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Total foodgrains	218.11	244.5	232.07
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Cotton (lakh bales of 170 Kg each)	24.23	26.0	33.93
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Sugar cane (cane)	292.30	315.03	36.70
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Source: DES, second advance estimate, 2010-11

(c): The existing crop production level is sufficient to meet the demand of foodgrains in the country and likely to have cooling effect on food prices. However, government is constantly monitoring the food prices in the country. Several measures have been taken including ensuring adequate availability of food items such as vegetables, moong, masoor, maize etc. As a result, food inflation has come down from 13.07% (provisional) on 29.1.2011 to 11.05% during the week ended 5th February 2011.