

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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WHEAT PRODUCTION

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

- (a) the production of wheat in the country indicating its rank in the world during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise;
- (b) whether there are reports of decline in the production of wheat in various parts of the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the action plan formulated to increase the production of wheat in the country including the northern region during the current year?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (DR. CHARAN DAS MAHANT)

(a): As per the latest reports of Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) for 2010, India ranks 2nd in wheat production in the world. State-wise production of wheat in the country during each of the last three years and the current year i.e. 2008-09 to 2011- 12 are given in the Annexure.

(b) & (c): The overall production of wheat in the country has been increasing since last few years and reached an all time record level of 88.31 million tones during 2011-12 (2nd advance estimates):

(d): To increase the production of wheat in the country including northern region, a number of Crop Development Schemes and Programmes, namely: National Food Security Mission - Wheat (NFSM-Wheat), Integrated Cereals Development Programme for Rice/Wheat /Coarse Cereals under Macro Management of Agriculture and Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY) are being implemented by the Ministry of Agriculture through State Governments. In addition to above schemes, during 2010-11, a new programme viz. Bringing Green Revaluation to Eastern India has been initiated under RKVY.

To achieve higher agricultural productivity of various crops including wheat, the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) is also conducting basic and strategic research related to crop improvement, production and protection technologies towards profitable cropping systems suitable to different situations including development of location specific varieties and technologies as per the agro-ecological zones, development of varieties/hybrids and related production and protection technologies suitable for non-traditional areas and seasons. As a result of these initiatives, improved varieties/hybrids of crops have been developed with good adaptability to different agro-ecological zones with specific traits. Promotion and adoption of technologies are ensured through Front Line Demonstrations (FLDs).