

Cotton Production in India – Current Scenario

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Indian cotton production during 2012-13 will be 334 lakh bales as per the projection of cotton Advisory Board (CAB). There is a decline in cotton production to a tune of 19 lakh bales when compared with the previous season. This was mainly due to the decrease in cotton area. There was a decline of 5.64 lakh ha in cotton area during this year in our country. Highest contribution to this decline was from the state of Gujarat where there was a decline of 5.99 lakh ha. Except Andhra Pradesh, Orissa and Maharashtra all other states experienced a decline in cotton area. In Andhra Pradesh cotton area increased by 2.61 lakh ha. In Maharashtra and Orissa the increase was marginal. Cotton yields also recorded a decline was offset by the increased productivity in other states. Till now (10.02.2013) an estimated quantity of 183.4 lakh bales of cotton arrived in the market which is about 55 percent of estimated production. In North zone about 69 percent, in central zone about 50 percent, in south zone 56 percent cotton arrived in the market during the current season. Per day arrivals ranged between 2.30 to 2.35 lakh bales

Table: Cotton production in India during 2012-13

| State | 2012-13 | | | Change from Previous | | | Arrivals As on 10/02/2013 | Percentage cotton arrived |
|----------------------|---------|------------|-------|----------------------|------------|-------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| | Area | Production | Yield | Area | Production | Yield | | |
| Punjab | 5.16 | 18 | 593 | -0.44 | -0.5 | 31 | 11.62 | 64.56 |
| Haryana | 6.03 | 24 | 677 | -0.38 | -1 | 14 | 16.09 | 67.04 |
| Rajasthan | 4.49 | 16 | 606 | -0.21 | -1 | -9 | 12.24 | 76.50 |
| North Total | 156.80 | 58 | 629 | -1.03 | -2.5 | 14 | 39.95 | 68.88 |
| Gujarat | 23.63 | 85 | 612 | -5.99 | -35 | -77 | 40.97 | 48.20 |
| Maharashtra | 41.30 | 80 | 329 | 0.05 | 6 | 24 | 38.9 | 48.63 |
| Madhya Pradesh | 6.08 | 17 | 475 | -0.98 | -1 | 42 | 10.79 | 63.47 |
| Central Total | 71.01 | 182 | 436 | -6.92 | -30 | -26 | 90.66 | 49.81 |
| Andhra Pradesh | 21.40 | 72 | 572 | 2.61 | 16 | 65 | 43.39 | 60.26 |
| Karnataka | 5.16 | 12 | 395 | -0.38 | -2 | -35 | 6.46 | 53.83 |
| Tamil Nadu | 1.20 | 5 | 708 | -0.13 | -1.5 | -123 | 0.36 | 7.20 |
| South Total | 27.76 | 89 | 545 | 2.1 | 12.5 | 38 | 50.21 | 56.42 |
| Orissa | 1.19 | 3 | 429 | 0.17 | 1 | 96 | 1.8 | 60.00 |
| Others | 0.50 | 2 | 680 | 0.04 | 0 | -59 | 0.78 | 39.00 |
| Grand Total | 116.14 | 334 | 489 | -5.64 | -19 | -4 | 183.4 | 54.91 |

Area in lakh hectare/Production in lakh bales/Yield kgs per hectare

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