

PRESS RELEASE

PROCUREMENT OF WHEAT IN CENTRAL POOL CREATES NEW RECORD DURING RABI MARKETING SEASON 2012-13.

Food Corporation of India alongwith State Govts. and their agencies have procured highest ever stocks of wheat in the Central Pool at the Minimum Support Price during the on going RMS 2012-13.

During last Rabi Marketing Season 2011-12, FCI, State Govt. and their agencies had procured 283.34 Lakh MTs. A quantity of 318.0 Lakh MTs was initially estimated to be procured during RMS 2012-13.

However, as on 24.5.2012, a quantity of 323.0 Lakh MTs has already been procured in the Central Pool. It is estimated that the procurement during the ongoing RMS shall be around 360.0 Lakh MT; about 77.0 Lakh MTs higher than the last year.

While procurement in Punjab, Haryana, Gujarat and Uttrakhand has almost come to an end, it is still going on in the states of UP, MP and Rajasthan.

The leading States contributing to the record wheat procurement during this year are as under:-

(Figures in Lakh Tonnes)

S.No.	State	Actual wheat procurement during current RMS 2012-13 (as on 24.5.2012)	Actual wheat procurement during the entire RMS 2011-12
1.	Punjab	126.88	109.57
2.	Haryana	85.95	69.28
3.	U.P.	24.48	34.61
4.	M.P.	68.08	49.64
5.	Rajasthan	13.47	13.03
6.	Gujarat	1.42	1.05
7.	Uttrakhand	1.16	0.42
8.	Bihar	1.45	5.56
9.	Others	0.45	0.68
	Total:	323.32	283.84