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SUBJECT: PURCHASE OF WHEAT CREATE NEW RECORDS

The Food Corporation of India along with the state governments and their agencies have procured the highest ever stocks of wheat during the current Rabi Marketing Season. These agencies have so far purchased 254.74 lakh tonne of wheat so far under the Minimum Price Support operations. The previous record was 253.82 lakh tonne during the Rabi Marketing Season 2009-10.

The leading states contributing in the record purchase are Punjab-109.21, Haryana-68.31, Madhya Pradesh-44.3, Uttar Pradesh 20.59 and Rajasthan 10.35 lakh tonne.

The procurement of wheat is still continuing in the states.