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A BRIEF REPORT ON POTATO PRODUCTION AND AVAILABILITY IN THE COUNTRY

The major potato producing states are Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal, Punjab, Bihar, Haryana, Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat and Maharashtra. As per 1st estimate of Ministry of Agriculture, Government of India, the area and production of potato in the country is estimated 19.90 lakhs ha and 421.47 lakhs MT respectively, which is a little more in comparison with last year i.e. 19.73 lakhs ha and 415.55 lakh MT.

Rabi potato sowing during the current season till 19/02/2015 has been completed in 17.47 lakhs ha area, which is around 8% more compared to last year's rabi potato area of 16.25 lakhs ha in the major rabi potato growing states of the country as per Horticulture Division, DAC.

The harvesting of rabi potatoes has already started in Punjab, Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat and Maharashtra from January onwards. The harvesting in Bihar, Eastern Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal also started from February 2015.

Recent rains in northern states particularly in Haryana and Punjab where 30-35% potato crop yet to be harvested, have been affected by rains and 10-15% losses may be there where water logging occurs in the field. In Uttar Pradesh, rains are not severe and around 15-20% potato crop harvested and in the remaining crop, losses due to rains may not be much as major crop will be harvested during March and April 2015.

Arrivals in different markets have increased and prices came down to normal. Present modal prices are ranging between Rs. 350 to 550 per quintal in producing markets. The comparative arrivals and prices of onion during last 3 years for major producing and consuming markets are given in Table:-1

Table:-1

ARRIVALS AND AVERAGE PRICES OF POTATO								
Month / Year	ARRIVALS (q)				MODAL PRICE (Rs/q)			
	2012	2013	2014	2015	2012	2013	2014	2015
BANGALORE								
JAN	205949	217796	230593	255633	868	1665	1288	1704
FEB	204319	194251	220766	241288	818	1329	1090	1343
MAR	302890	208066	270127		815	1215	1227	
APR	214773	277962	223476		1123	1410	1600	
MAY	242231	230649	217100		1511	1504	1939	
JUN	218722	220641	226290		1519	1515	2162	
JUL	179151	247419	140905		1736	1424	2184	
AUG	269519	389495	238465		1643	1002	2292	
SEP	305686	352145	283403		1356	852	2479	
OCT	233831	219585	97659		1413	1346	2314	
NOV	213221	153158	182193		1761	2013	2459	
DEC	253301	165625	282055		1720	2040	2045	
TOTAL	2843593	2876792	2613032		1357	1443	1923	
MUMBAI								
JAN	308800	312210	305410	325365	608	1291	1276	1260
FEB	296360	250240	248680	314560	643	1079	1081	1090
MAR	296960	272590	294350		820	958	1202	
APR	268240	226120	268380		1117	1220	1501	
MAY	260870	247080	271720		1213	1227	1600	
JUN	268560	270360	274800		1261	1185	1705	
JUL	287150	305710	152000		1418	1040	1820	
AUG	244960	243300	284720		1490	1060	1980	
SEP	243200	225620	320800		1371	1062	2008	
OCT	298960	278700	132710		1171	1379	2040	
NOV	238500	240441	249790		1172	1797	2166	
DEC	288880	307040	363280		1140	1620	1939	
TOTAL	3301440	3179411	3166640		1119	1243	1693	
KOLKATA								
JAN	37520	60050	40106	44200	431	827	1090	812
FEB	53480	58300	65720	54290	513	632	711	575
MAR	75280	80480	72140		678	531	909	
APR	65250	68460	28060		1005	720	1171	
MAY	91290	53380	51120		1079	891	1379	
JUN	109240	78750	56120		1133	844	1451	
JUL	100670	117470	21780		1227	824	1467	
AUG	92120	118280	43567		1186	816	1748	
SEP	104850	119490	27008		1139	820	1839	
OCT	90410	90720	14280		1123	1139	1775	
NOV	98430	26780	31186		1245	1104	1928	
DEC	81223	43750	84510		1099	1423	1457	
TOTAL	999763	915910	535597		988	881	1410	

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DELHI								
JAN	405730	438979	391773	407681	413	677	912	680
FEB	348290	346182	331965	362852	440	681	773	616
MAR	376842	377618	334036		588	694	955	
APR	278802	359312	307723		920	830	1239	
MAY	327049	322128	265327		1021	931	1428	
JUN	266387	280710	190887		1172	1096	1571	
JUL	306543	324002	139636		1401	1164	1761	
AUG	315928	294781	290090		1388	1215	2046	
SEP	316502	350043	324329		1315	1229	2407	
OCT	820789	290887	118430		1155	1676	2492	
NOV	430288	384061	455309		1058	1570	2093	
DEC	469193	377993	435971		669	1149	995	
TOTAL	4662343	4146696	3585476		962	1076	1556	
CHENNAI								
JAN	58300	52600	62300	66100	979	1933	1718	1923
FEB	62950	58000	65200	71100	970	1536	1433	1557
MAR	62200	62800	67200		989	1322	1532	
APR	50600	51700	47300		1284	1526	2009	
MAY	58000	60700	50400		1496	1567	2112	
JUN	58200	56300	48200		1646	1736	2150	
JUL	52800	63750	29000		1759	1661	2344	
AUG	45700	59600	51600		1960	1460	2678	
SEP	48900	58700	57800		1883	1356	2746	
OCT	46150	61500	20300		1695	1672	2922	
NOV	44900	51400	45800		1875	2539	2940	
DEC	28800	62200	85602		1814	2202	2325	
TOTAL	617500	699250	630702		1529	1709	2242	
PUNE								
JAN	155014	167991	148758	131630	642	1215	1163	1299
FEB	119829	123511	94345	132314	642	1045	1030	1020
MAR	138162	125424	117162		814	1026	1233	
APR	134383	153259	95955		1152	1194	1572	
MAY	158633	166731	120619		1393	1489	1685	
JUN	152563	144216	120500		1303	1335	1955	
JUL	163744	185101	92432		1505	1176	1963	
AUG	169838	123050	160908		1522	1174	2200	
SEP	136437	138661	158646		1378	1135	2352	
OCT	202158	155305	66645		1182	1505	2505	
NOV	152059	130116	120160		1228	2041	2442	
DEC	123110	164874	166520		1257	1795	2254	
TOTAL	1805930	1778239	1462650		1168	1344	1863	

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	2012	2013	2014	2015	2012	2013	2014	2015
AGRA								
JAN	245800	900500	810560	360500	318	559	748	639
FEB	221600	600620	526800	414880	334	634	698	573
MAR	164400	683000	582200		534	620	825	
APR	185220	567300	376010		766	685	1016	
MAY	159580	437610	318300		917	909	1256	
JUN	146050	404050	278000		995	1018	1403	
JUL	236100	373900	103780		1091	1055	1579	
AUG	219640	393150	198380		1253	907	1751	
SEP	262100	410900	228500		1113	859	1899	
OCT	297630	312050	56370		944	989	2042	
NOV	343440	228550	196100		844	1343	1988	
DEC	747750	413190	333300		627	1074	892	
TOTAL	3229310	5724820	4008300		811	888	1341	
RAJKOT								
JAN	70497	60864	69903	77138	578	905	892	884
FEB	76860	52164	60148	58660	486	682	792	583
MAR	64521	59360	63215		571	741	1025	
APR	47093	19920	80273		956	958	1322	
MAY	61261	49316	45462		1010	1067	1459	
JUN	65336	12224	50412		1154	1043	1541	
JUL	33261	72611	40325		1327	1030	1680	
AUG	27989	42188	73471		1279	1167	1922	
SEP	35064	52200	80790		1308	1294	1959	
OCT	2000	55686	31200		1225	1488	2032	
NOV	21074	48882	57836		1042	1900	2252	
DEC	45739	73568	83935		1069	1701	1464	
TOTAL	550695	598983	736970		1000	1165	1528	
JAIPUR								
JAN	63689	68672	86751	108630	313	552	760	585
FEB	73986	84018	85140	78811	416	602	663	558
MAR	69837	72130	67024		527	626	896	
APR	69010	76417	60606		868	867	1073	
MAY	100160	108676	92768		878	833	1028	
JUN	104338	72740	88051		920	834	1167	
JUL	108297	79056	70086		969	750	1443	
AUG	79620	71297	107090		1041	691	1635	
SEP	90212	105347	107617		910	683	1711	
OCT	83009	88949	37450		759	947	1821	
NOV	74569	81640	57235		816	1271	1775	
DEC	84338	94653	103433		598	1002	936	
TOTAL	1001065	1003595	963251		751	805	1242	