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**A BRIEF REPORT ON POTATO PRODUCTION AND AVAILABILITY IN THE COUNTRY**

Kharif season potato production is taken mainly in Karnataka, Maharashtra, HP, J&K and Uttrakhand. Around 15-20 lakh MT potatoes are produced during kharif season from 0.80 to 1.00 lakh ha area. Harvesting of early rabi crop from Ropar area of Punjab and Maharashtra started from end of October 2014 and continued.

Rabi potato sowing completed in the country. Overall area in the current year 2014-15 expected to be more by around 7% compared to previous. Harvesting of early crop in Punjab (Ropar area) & Uttar Pradesh (Farrukhabad & Agra area) already started during November end onwards.

Approximately 220-225 lakh MT potatoes were stored in cold stores including temporary storage during the year 2013-14. Major potatoes were stored in Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal, Bihar, Punjab, Haryana and Rajasthan. Few quantity of stored stock is still arriving in the markets, which is expected to be over by mid of January 2015.

Harvesting of rabi potatoes has already started in Punjab, Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, West Bengal. Arrivals in different markets have increased and prices came down. Present modal prices are ranging between Rs. 500 to 750 per quintal in producing markets.