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**A BRIEF REPORT ON ONION PRODUCTION IN THE COUNTRY**

**1. Late Kharif Onion Production:**

At present, the onions arriving in different markets of the country are the produce of late kharif season. The major late kharif onion producing states are Maharashtra, Gujarat and Madhya Pradesh. The quality of the onions coming in the markets is very good and the per unit productivity is expected to be higher in comparison to the previous years. The NHRDF has estimated that this year, the production will be more by 5-7% in comparison to the last year. The harvesting of onion is in full swing and expected to be over by end of March, 2016.

**2. Rabi Onion Production:**

The major rabi onion growing states are Maharashtra, M.P., Gujarat, Bihar, Odisha and U.P. The transplanting of onion seedlings has been completed in Maharashtra and Gujarat while it is still continued in other parts of the country especially in northern states, which will be over by end of this month. At present, the condition of rabi crop is very good and, if the climatic condition remains favourable in future, the per unit production of onion will be more by 15-20% as compared to the previous year. The harvesting of the crop is expected to be started by end of March, 2016 and it will continue till May, 2016.

The farmers of the major rabi onion growing states are expected to store more onions this year as compared to the last year.

As per the NHRDF's estimate, the total production of rabi onion in the country is going to be increased by 5-7% i.e. 205-208 lac MT from the area of 12-13 lac ha depending upon the weather conditions in future.