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A BRIEF REPORT ON ONION PRODUCTION STATUS IN THE COUNTRY

A. Late Kharif crop-

The major late kharif onion growing states are Maharashtra, Gujarat and Madhya Pradesh. The harvesting of late kharif onion is almost completed in all the states. **The late kharif onion has no storage life therefore could not be stored.**

B. Rabi onion-

The rabi onion is grown in almost all the states of the country but the major rabi onion producing states are Maharashtra, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Bihar, Odisha, West Bengal and Uttar Pradesh. At present, the condition of rabi crop is very good and, the production of rabi onion is going to be more by 15-20% as compared to the previous year. The harvesting of rabi crop started in Maharashtra, Gujarat, and Madhya Pradesh. **The rabi onion is a good storer.** The farmers and traders are expected to start storage of onion from mid April onwards. Around 45 lakhs MT expected to be stored in the current year due to availability of good quality of onion bulb in the market.

Total production of onion in the country during the current year 2015-16 as per the estimates of Government of India is 203 lakh MT from the area of 12 lakh ha, which is more in comparison to previous year.