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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. The area and production of potato in the country is estimated 19.90 lakhs ha and 421.47 lakhs MT (1<sup>st</sup> estimates) respectively, which is a little more in comparison with last year i.e. 19.73 lakhs ha and 415.55 lakh MT.

Rabi potato area covered during the current season is around 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. More than 90% of the potato crop is raised in the Rabi season under assured irrigation from October to March. Kharif season potato production is taken in **Karnataka, Maharashtra, HP, J&K** and **Uttrakhand** mainly, which is harvested from September to November.

The harvesting of rabi potatoes almost completed in the country. Potato production in the country expected more compared to last year. Rains have damaged the crop, which was late for harvesting in different states, particularly in Uttar Pradesh. In other states maximum crop was harvested before rains. Presently cold stores in the states of Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Punjab, Haryana and West Bengal are almost full.

Around 225 lakhs MT potatoes estimated to be stored including temporary storage for short period. Total monthly requirement of potatoes in the country for consumption is around 25-26 lakh MT.