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A BRIEF REPORT ON POTATO PRODUCTION IN THE COUNTRY

The major potato growing states are Punjab, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, West Bengal, Gujarat and M.P. The harvesting of potatoes completed in the country.

AREA, PRODUCTION AND PRODUCTIVITY OF POTATO

S. N.	YEAR	AREA	PRODUCTION	PRODUCTIVITY
		(LAKH HA)	(LAKH MT)	(TONES/HA)
3	2013-14	19.73	415.55	21.06
4	2014-15	20.76	480.09	23.13
5.	2015-16	20.63	455.69	22.09

The potato production during the current year 2015-16 estimated around 5% less compared to last year's production. The less production is mainly due to loss of crop in the state of West Bengal due to blight disease. Total production of potatoes in West Bengal now reported to be around 95.00 lakhs MT compared to 120 lakhs MT in the earlier estimates. The cold stores of Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal, Punjab, Haryana and Bihar are almost full.

Approximately 220-225 lakh MT potatoes are stored in cold stores. Present arrivals of potatoes in the markets are coming from temporary storage made by the farmers in different areas. Major potatoes were stored in Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal, Bihar, Punjab, Haryana, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan.

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