



India's rice and corn production figures are set to hit record highs in the current year, while wheat production is likely to slide. **By Ramesh Chakrapani**

India is set for a record 2017-18 (October/September year) rice production of 110 million tonnes and a record corn production of 27 million tonnes, according to a recent report by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA).

The report forecast a dip in wheat production in the 2018-19 (April/March) marketing year at 95 million tonnes, following a record harvest of 98.5 million tonnes in the previous year, on account of a fall in the area under cultivation. According to the report, despite sufficient domestic supplies, 2018-19 wheat imports are likely to touch 1.5 million tonnes to "augment quality wheat requirement".

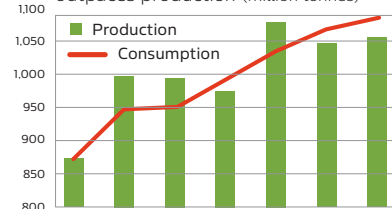
The country would continue to be the largest rice exporter in the world, with 2018 calendar year rice exports estimated at a record 13 million tonnes, the report said. India has been the world's top rice exporter since 2014, followed by Thailand, Vietnam, Pakistan, Myanmar and the United States. The top importers of Indian rice in 2017 were Bangladesh, Iran and Senegal.

Owing to growing demand from the feed sector, India will likely emerge as a net importer of corn in 2018-19, with imports forecast at 5,00,000 tonnes, according to the USDA report.

The government's rice procurement had been steadily rising in recent years, from 31.85 million tonnes to a projected 38.5 million tonnes in 2017-18, the report said.

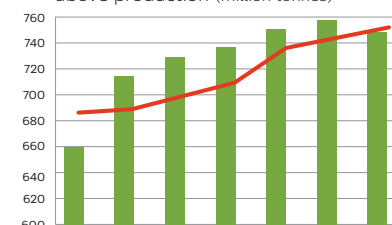
**Global corn consumption**

outpaces production (million tonnes)



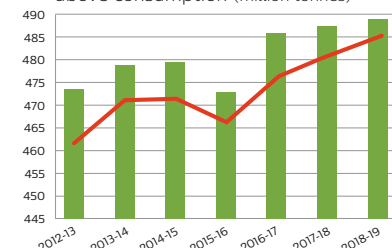
**Global wheat consumption**

above production (million tonnes)



**Global rice production**

above consumption (million tonnes)



**India set for record**

2017-18 rice production of **110 million** tonnes.

Corn production likely to reach new high of **27 million** tonnes.

India **largest rice exporter** in the world; 2017-18 exports may hit record 13 million tonnes.

Bangladesh, Iran and Senegal **top importers** of Indian rice in 2017.

Wheat production estimated to fall to **95 million** tonnes in 2017-18.

**Key global rice exporters**

in thousand tonnes (calendar year)

	2014	2015	2016	2017
India	11,046	10,040	12,560	12,800
Thailand	9,779	9,867	11,615	10,500
Vietnam	6,606	5,088	6,488	6,800
Pakistan	4,000	4,100	3,642	4,000
Myanmar	1,735	1,300	3,350	3,500
U.S.	3,381	3,373	3,384	3,150
Cambodia	1,150	1,050	1,150	1,250
China	262	368	1,173	1,600
<b>World total</b>	<b>42,714</b>	<b>40,180</b>	<b>48,092</b>	<b>48,665</b>

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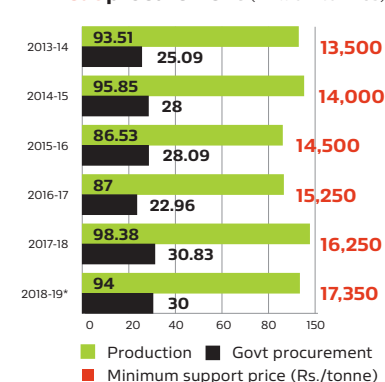
in thousand tonnes (calendar year)

	2014	2015	2016	2017
China	5,150	4,600	5,900	5,500
Nigeria	2,100	2,100	2,500	2,600
Indonesia	1,350	1,050	350	2,000
European Union	1,786	1,816	1,985	1,900
Cote d'Ivoire	1,150	1,300	1,350	1,500
Philippines	2,000	800	1,200	1,400
Iran	1,300	1,100	1,500	1,300
Saudi Arabia	1,601	1,260	1,195	1,250
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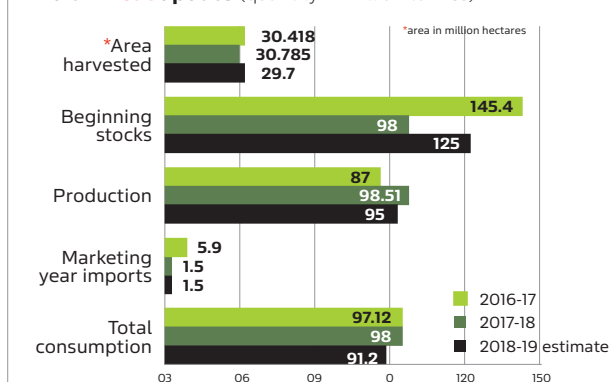
**Government rice procurement** (million tonnes)

	2015-16 Oct-Sept	2016-17 Oct-Sept	2016-17 Oct 1-Mar 1	2017-18 Oct 1-Mar 1
Punjab	9.35	11.05	11.05	11.83
Chhattisgarh	3.44	4.02	4.02	3.21
Haryana	2.86	3.58	3.57	3.97
Andhra Pradesh	4.34	3.72	2.37	2.55
Uttar Pradesh	2.91	2.35	2.06	2.86
Odisha	3.37	3.63	1.88	2.24
Madhya Pradesh	0.85	1.31	1.3	1.1
Telangana	1.58	3.6	1.1	1.22
West Bengal	1.57	1.92	0.55	0.02
Tamil Nadu	1.19	1.19	0.09	0.21
Others	2.76	1.72	1.66	0.92
<b>Total</b>	<b>34.22</b>	<b>38.11</b>	<b>29.65</b>	<b>30.12</b>

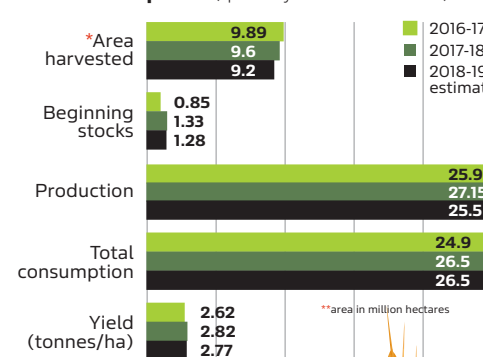
**Wheat procurement** (million tonnes)



**India wheat update** (quantity in million tonnes)



**India corn update** (quantity in million tonnes)



**India millet update**

(quantity in million tonnes)

	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19*
Area harvested*	9.1	8.7	9.1
Production	11.56	11.64	11.5
Total consumption	11.3	11.5	11.6
Yield (tonnes/ha)	1.27	1.33	1.26

**India sorghum update** (quantity in million tonnes)

