

Farm exports rise 23% in Apr-Jan

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Notwithstanding logistical challenges posed by Covid-19, India's exports of agricultural and processed food products rose by more than 23 per cent in the first ten months of the current fiscal (April-January 2021-22) compared to the same period of the previous fiscal.

The export of products under the Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (Apeda) ambit increased from \$15,974 million in April-January 2020-21 to \$19,709 million during the period.

The ministry of commerce and industry has fixed the target for exports under Apeda basket products at \$23,713 million in fiscal 2021-22.

The export of rice was the top forex earner at \$7696 million during April-Janu-



ary 2021-22, growing 13 per cent over the corresponding period in 2020-21 when it touched \$6,793 million.

The export of wheat recorded a huge surge at \$1742 million during April-January 2021-22, growing 387 per cent over the corresponding period in 2020-21 when it touched \$358 million, while other cereals registered a growth of 66 per cent by fetching \$869 million during April-January 2021-22 over the corresponding period in 2020-

21 when it touched \$527 million.

Meat, dairy and poultry products exports grew over 13 per cent standing at \$3408 million in April-January 2021-22 compared to \$3005 million in the corresponding ten-month period of 2020-21. Fruits and vegetables exports were up by 16 per cent to touch \$1207 million during April-January 2021-22 against \$1037 million in April-January 2020-21, while processed fruits and vegetables exports were

up by 11 per cent to reach \$1269 million during first ten months of 2021-22 against \$1143 million in the corresponding period of the previous year.

The significant rise in agricultural exports is seen as a testimony to the government's commitment to increase farmers' income by giving thrust on boosting exports of agricultural and processed food products of the country.

"We continue to focus on creating infrastructure for boosting exports by focusing on clusters in collaboration with state governments while taking into consideration the objective of Agriculture Export Policy, 2018," M Angamuthu, chairman, Apeda, said.

"We are also promoting exports of geographical indication registered products along with those unique from the north-eastern and hilly states," Angamuthu said.