

Wheat acreage up 3.59 per cent till December 30; crop prospects bright

New Delhi (PTI): As the sowing of rabi crops almost comes to a close, the total area under wheat has gone up by 3.59% to 325.10 lakh hectare (ha) from over the year-ago period, according to the agriculture ministry data released on Friday.

Sowing of wheat, the main rabi (winter) crop, had begun from October onwards. Maize, jowar, gram and mustard are other major rabi crops. Harvesting of these crops will begin in March/April next year.

According to the latest data, farmers have sown wheat in more area in 325.10 lakh ha till December 30 of the current rabi season of the 2022-23 crop year (July-June) against 313.81 lakh ha during the same period last year.

The higher area was reported in Uttar Pradesh (3.59 lakh ha), Rajasthan



WHEAT EXPORTS RISE 30% IN APR-NOV

New Delhi (PTI): Wheat exports rose 29.29% to \$1.50 billion during April-November this fiscal from \$1.17 billion in the same period the previous year, the commerce ministry said on Friday. Though the government banned wheat exports in May, some shipments are allowed to meet the food security needs of the countries that request it. The ministry said that Basmati rice exports too increased by 39.26% to \$2.87 billion during April-November 2022, while that of non-basmati rice registered a growth of 5% to \$4.2 billion in the same period.

(2.52 lakh ha), Maharashtra (1.89 lakh ha), Gujarat (1.10 lakh ha), Bihar (0.87 lakh ha), MP (0.85 lakh ha), Chhattisgarh (0.66 lakh

ha), West Bengal (0.21 lakh ha), Jammu & Kashmir (0.08 lakh ha), Assam (0.02 lakh ha) and Jharkhand (0.03 lakh ha), it added.