

APEDA-monitored agricultural exports decline marginally in April

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Exports of agriculture products monitored by APEDA saw a marginal decline of about 3 per cent in rupee terms and 9.9 per cent in dollar value terms in April this year compared with the same period a year ago. Exports during April were down at ₹18,179 crore compared with ₹18,718 crore in the same period last year.

The growth in shipments of rice — both basmati and non-basmati — was offset by a decline in exports of livestock products and cereals, such as wheat and maize, during the period. As per the latest data released by APEDA, basmati exports were up at more than 4.24 lakh tonnes compared with 3.19 lakh tonnes a year ago on demand from Iran. Basmati shipments were up 56 per cent at ₹3,855 crore over



MIXED BAG. The growth in exports of rice was offset by a decline in exports of cereals such as wheat

₹2,469 crore. Non-basmati rice shipments grew in April to more than 14.2 lakh tonnes (13.5 lakh tonnes). In rupee terms, the shipments were up 18 per cent at ₹4,349 crore (₹3,675 crore).

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Wheat shipments in April declined sharply to 1,631 tonnes (14.72 lakh tonnes). In rupee value, the exports stood at ₹4 crore (₹3,602 crore). The Centre had banned wheat exports in

May 2022 to keep the domestic prices under check following a decline in output last year. Exports of other cereals, including maize, declined around 24 per cent to ₹521 crore (₹685 crore).

Exports of livestock products during April were down by 4.4 per cent at ₹2,790 crore (₹2,919 crore). This decline is mainly on account of dip in shipments of buffalo meat, processed meat, animal casings and dairy products.