



# Kharif Crop Sowing Crosses 685 Lakh Hectare Area

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The total sown area as on 21<sup>st</sup> July 2017, as per reports received from States, stands at 685.31 lakh hectare as compared to 673.41 lakh hectare at this time last year.

It is reported that rice has been sown/transplanted in 177.04 lakh ha, pulses in 93.36 lakh ha, coarse cereals in 130.90 lakh ha, oilseeds in 123.55 lakh ha and cotton in 104.29 lakh ha.

The details of the area covered so far and that covered during this time last year are given below:

Lakh hectare

Crop	Area sown in 2017-18	Area sown in 2016-17
Rice	177.04	169.23
Pulses	93.36	90.33
Coarse Cereals	130.90	129.41
Oilseeds	123.55	144.82
Sugarcane	49.15	45.22
Jute & Mesta	7.02	7.54
Cotton	104.29	86.86
<b>Total</b>	<b>685.31</b>	<b>673.41</b>

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