



Rabi Crops sowing crosses 514 lakh hectare

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As per preliminary reports received from the States, the total area sown under Rabi crops as on 15th December, 2017 stands at 514.22 lakh hectares as compared to 509.12 lakh hectare this time in 2016.

Wheat has been sown/transplanted in 245.50 lakh hectares, Rice in 12.88 lakh hectares, pulses in 138.19 lakh hectares, coarse cereals in 46.93 lakh hectares and area sown under oilseeds is 70.73 lakh hectares.

The area sown so far and that sown during last year this time is as follows:

Lakh hectare

Crop	Area sown in 2017-18	Area sown in 2016-17
Wheat	245.50	250.48
Rice	12.88	9.25
Pulses	138.19	127.02
Coarse Cereals	46.93	47.92
Oilseeds	70.73	74.46
Total	514.22	509.12

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