

Agriculture in India.

India is the second largest producer of Agriculture produces (which includes forestry and fisheries as well). [China Being the first and USA the third]. Agriculture constitutes about 16 – 17 % of India's GDP. But what weighs down on the country is that about 50% of its population is directly or indirectly dependent on agriculture as their source of income. This translates to about 600 million people dependent on agriculture.

Below is the list of Crops and the states known for their production.:

Crops/Produce	State(s)
<i>Bajra (millets)</i>	Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Punjab, Andhra Pradesh and Rajasthan.
<i>Barley</i>	U.P., Bihar, Haryana. Its cultivation requires cool climate.
<i>Cardamom</i>	Karnataka. India is the largest producer of cardamom in the world.
<i>Cashewnut</i>	Kerala.
<i>Cinchona</i>	Tamil Nadu (Nilgiri Hills); West Bengal (Darjeeling).
<i>Coconut</i>	Kerala is the leading producer of coconut in India. A coconut tree normally yield 60-70 nuts in a year.
<i>Coffee</i>	Karnataka, Tamil Nadu (Nilgiri Hills) and Kerala. It is a tropical shrub.
<i>Cotton</i>	Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Punjab and Maharashtra.
<i>Cotton Seeds</i>	Maharashtra, Punjab, Madhya Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu.
<i>Gram and Pulses</i>	U.P., Madhya Pradesh, Haryana, Punjab, Maharashtra and Karnataka.
<i>Groundnut</i>	Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh and Andhra Pradesh.
<i>Hemp</i>	Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh and U.P.
<i>Jute</i>	Assam, West Bengal, Bihar and Orissa.
<i>Linseed</i>	Madhya Pradesh, Bihar, Orissa, U.P., Maharashtra and West Bengal.
<i>Maize</i>	U.P., Bihar and the Punjab.
<i>Mustard and Rape-seed (Sarson)</i>	U.P., West Bengal, Punjab, Bihar and Orissa.
<i>Poppy (opium plant)</i>	U.P., Madhya Pradesh, Punjab, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu and Kashmir.
<i>Rice</i>	Andhra Pradesh, West Bengal, Madhya Pradesh, Bihar, Tamil Nadu and Orissa. Rice is sown on the largest acreage in India.

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<i>Rubber</i>	Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka.
<i>Saffron</i>	Jammu and Kashmir. It is obtained from the stigma of the saffron plant.
<i>Silk</i>	Karnataka, Jammu & Kashmir, West Bengal and Assam.
<i>Spices</i>	Pepper in Kerala and West Bengal; Chillies in West Bengal, Tamil Nadu and Maharashtra; Cardamom in Karnataka and Tamil Nadu; Betelnuts in West Bengal and South India.
<i>Sugarcane</i>	U.P., Bihar, West Bengal, Punjab and Maharashtra.
<i>Tea</i>	Assam, West Bengal, Kerala and Tamil Nadu (Nilgiri Hills), Uttarkhand (Dehradun) and Himachal Pradesh (Kangra Hills).
<i>Tobacco</i>	Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, U.P., West Bengal, Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu and Karnataka.
<i>Wheat</i>	U.P., Punjab, Haryana and Madhya Pradesh. To some extent in Bihar, Rajasthan and Maharashtra. It is sown in October-November and reaped in April.

The Statistics Office of the Food and Agriculture Organization reported that, per final numbers for 2009, India had grown to become the world's largest producer of the following agricultural produce:

- Fresh Fruit
- Lemons and limes
- Buffalo milk, whole, fresh
- Castor oil seeds
- Sunflower seeds
- Sorghum
- Millet
- Spices
- Okra
- Jute
- Beeswax
- Bananas
- Mangoes, mangosteens, guavas
- Pulses
- Indigenous Buffalo Meat
- Fruit, tropical
- Ginger
- Chick peas
- Areca nuts
- Other Bastfibres
- Pigeon peas
- Papayas
- Chillies and peppers, dry
- Anise, badian, fennel, coriander
- Goat milk, whole, fresh

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Per final numbers for 2009, India is the world's second largest producer of the following agricultural produce:

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| ▪ Wheat | ▪ Cow milk, whole, fresh |
| ▪ Rice | ▪ Tea |
| ▪ Vegetables, fresh | ▪ Potatoes |
| ▪ Sugar cane | ▪ Onions |
| ▪ Groundnuts, with shell | ▪ Cotton lint |
| ▪ Lentils | ▪ Cottonseed |
| ▪ Garlic | ▪ Eggplants (aubergines) |
| ▪ Cauliflowers and
broccoli | ▪ Nutmeg, mace and
cardamoms |
| ▪ Peas, green | ▪ Indigenous Goat Meat |
| ▪ Sesame seed | ▪ Cabbages and other
brassicas |
| ▪ Cashew nuts, with shell | ▪ Pumpkins, squash and
gourds |
| ▪ Silk-worm cocoons,
reelable | |

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