

KHARIF SOWING OVER IN 64% OF NORMAL AREA TILL JULY 19

Pace of kharif sowing seems to have slackened a bit as the monsoon deficiency has widened in East, Northeast, and Northwest India.

Overall, kharif crops have been planted in around 70.40 million hectares till Friday, which is 64 per cent of the normal area under kharif crops.

Normal area is the average area for the last five years. The acreage is 3.48 per cent more than the area covered during the same period last year, with arhar, ground nut, and soybean recording maximum increase. During the week ended July 19, cumulative monsoon rainfall across the country was 2 per cent below normal.

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STEADY PACE

Kharif sowing as on July 19 of each year (in million hectares)



	2023	2024	% chg
Total*	68.03	70.4	
Paddy	15.56	16.6	▲ 6.68
Pulses	7.01	8.57	▲ 22.25
Coarse cereals	13.49	12.37	▼ -8.30
Oilseeds	15.09	16.31	▲ 8.08
Sugarcane	5.7	5.76	▲ 1.05
Jute	0.6	0.56	▼ -6.67
Cotton	10.56	10.2	▼ -3.41

*Total might not match as it is only of broad categories like pulses, coarse cereals etc
Source: Ministry of Agriculture