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Third Advance Estimates of Area and Production of various Horticulture Crops for the year 2016-17

The Department of Agriculture, Cooperation and Farmers Welfare has released the Third Advance Estimates of Area and Production of Horticulture Crops for 2016-17. These estimates are based on the information received from different State/UTs in the country.

The following table summarizes the Third Advance Estimates of area and Production of horticulture crops for the year 2016-17 along with Second Advance Estimates for 2016-17 and Final Estimates for 2015-16:

(Area in '000 Ha, Production in '000MT)

Total Horticulture	2016-17 (Third Advance Estimate)	2016-17 (Second Advance Estimate)	2015-16 (Final)	% change of 2016-17 (Third Adv. Est.) with respect to:	
				2016-17 (Second Adv. Est.)	2015-16 (Final Est.)
Area	25109	24925	24472	0.7	2.6
Production	299853(record)	295164	286188	1.6	4.8

Highlights of the “Third Advance Estimates” for 2016-17:

- The record production of horticulture crops in the country during 2016-17 is estimated to be around 300 million tonnes which is 4.8% higher as compared to the previous year's i.e. 2015-16 estimates.
- The area under horticulture crops has increased from 24.5 million ha to 25.1 million ha in 2016-17, recording an increase of 2.6% over previous year.
- Fruit production during the current year is estimated to be record 93.7 million tonnes which is about 3.9% higher than the previous year.
- Production of vegetables is estimated to be record around 176 million tonnes which is 4.2% higher than the previous year.

Ø With 21.7 million tonnes estimated **onion** production in the country, there is an increase of 3.8% over the previous year. The major onion producing States are Maharashtra, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Bihar and Gujarat.

Ø **Record potato** production in the country has increased from 43.4 million tonnes to 48.2 million tonnes in the current year which is 11.1% higher than the previous year. Major Potato growing States are Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal, Bihar, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh and Punjab.

Ø During the current year **tomato** production is estimated to be around 19.5 million tonnes which is 4.3% higher than the previous year. The major tomato growing States are Madhya Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Odisha and Gujarat etc.

- Production of flowers is estimated to be around 2.3 million tonnes which is 4.3% higher than the previous year.
- Production of Aromatics & Medicinal Plants is estimated to be around 1.04 million tonnes which is 2% higher than the previous year.
- During the current year the record production of Plantation crops (areca nut, cashewnut, cocoa and coconut) is estimated to be around 18.3 million tonnes which is 10.2% higher than the previous year.
- Record production of spices is estimated to be around 8.2 million tonnes which is 17.4% higher than the previous year.

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