

Crop prospects 2003-04

8.5 Favourable monsoon helped in attaining a substantial increase in foodgrains production from 174.2 million tonnes in 2002-03 to 210.8 million tonnes in 2003-04, due to an increase in the production of both cereals and pulses (Table 8.3). There was also a significant

increase in the production of oilseeds and cotton in 2003-04 (Table 8.4). However, production of sugarcane experienced a fall for the second year in succession, mainly because of drought affecting the crop in the major producing areas of south Madhya Maharashtra and Karnataka (Table 8.4).

Table 8.3 : Foodgrains production								
<i>(Million tonnes)</i>								
Crop/Year	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	1999-2000	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04*
Rice	81.7	82.5	86.1	89.7	85.0	93.3	72.7	86.4
Wheat	69.4	66.4	71.3	76.4	69.7	72.8	65.1	72.7
Coarse Cereals	34.1	30.4	31.3	30.3	31.1	33.4	25.3	36.8
Pulses	14.2	13.0	14.9	13.4	11.1	13.4	11.1	14.9
Foodgrains								
Kharif	103.9	101.6	102.9	105.5	102.1	112.1	87.8	110.5
Rabi	95.5	90.7	100.7	104.3	94.7	100.8	86.4	100.3
Total	199.4	192.3	203.6	209.8	196.8	212.9	174.2	210.8
* Third advance estimates Source : Ministry of Agriculture.								

Table 8.4 : Commercial crop production								
<i>(Million tonnes)</i>								
Crop	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	1999-00	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04@
Groundnut	8.6	7.4	9.0	5.3	6.4	7.0	4.4	8.5
Rapeseed/ Mustard	6.7	4.7	5.7	5.8	4.2	5.1	3.9	5.9
Soyabean	5.4	6.5	7.1	7.1	5.3	6.0	4.6	7.6
Other oilseeds	3.7	2.7	3.0	2.5	2.5	2.6	2.2	3.0
Total nine oilseeds	24.4	21.3	24.8	20.7	18.4	20.7	15.1	25.0
Cotton*	14.2	10.9	12.3	11.5	9.5	10.0	8.7	13.5
Jute & Mesta**	11.1	11.0	9.8	10.6	10.6	11.7	11.4	11.2
Sugarcane	277.6	279.5	288.7	299.3	296.0	297.2	281.6	244.8
*Million bales of 170 kgs each; ** Million bales of 180 kgs each @ Third advance estimates Source : Ministry of Agriculture.								