India Achieved a Record-Breaking Foodgrain Production

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India achieved a record-breaking foodgrain production of 378.538 million tonnes in the 2025–26 agricultural year.

This represents a 5.82% increase (20.806 million tonnes) compared to the 357.732 million tonnes produced in 2024–25.

Key Production Highlights (2025-26 Final Estimates)

- **Rice–** All-time high of **155.154 million tonnes**.
- **Wheat–** Reached a peak of **122.064 million tonnes**.
- **Maize–** Surged to **55.025 million tonnes**.
- **Pulses–** Totaled **27.240 million tonnes**, anchored by a record **4.396 million tonnes** of moong.
- **Oilseeds–** Recorded at **43.255 million tonnes**.
- **Commercial Crops–** Sugarcane reached **503.729 million tonnes**, cotton hit **28.006 million bales**, and jute & mesta reached **94.28 lakh bales**.

Strategic Significance & Future Outlook

- **Global Rankings–** India maintains the top global position in producing rice, pulses, jute, millets, and spices, while holding the second spot in wheat and cotton.
- **Crop Diversification–** Backed by surplus cereal stocks, the government is actively promoting pulses and oilseeds through the **National Pulses Mission** and **National Oilseeds Mission** to reduce reliance on imports.
- **2026-27 Kharif Projections–** Initial estimates for the 2026–27 kharif season project **167.143 million tonnes**, staying well above the five-year average despite localized weather challenges and moisture stress in southern and western states.

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