India’s Horticulture Production in 2025/26

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India’s horticultural production is expected to rise 4.36% to 386.92 million tonnes in the 2025-26 crop year (July-June), according to the government’s third advance estimates released by the Union Agriculture Ministry.

- **Expected output** – The projected output is 16.18 million tonnes higher than the 370.74 million tonnes recorded in 2024-25.
- **Reduced cultivable area, production grows** – Production is expected to rise even as the area under horticultural crops shrinks to about 29.72 million hectares from 30.14 million hectares a year earlier.
- **Fruit production** – Fruit production is projected to grow by 4.6% to 123.07 million tonnes, driven by higher output of banana, mango, papaya, apple, pomegranate, and jackfruit.
- **Rise in vegetable output** – Vegetable production is estimated at 227.27 million tonnes, compared to 217.80 million tonnes last year. The area under vegetable cultivation has also increased.
- **Rise in Potato, Tomato and Onion production**
    - Potato – 65.57 million tonnes (up 11.95%)
    - Tomato – 21.41 million tonnes
    - Onion – 28.90 million tonnes
- **Flower production surges** – Flower production is expected to increase by 14.45% to 4.88 million tonnes, supported by a larger area under floriculture.
- **Plantation crops post healthy growth** – Production of plantation crops such as arecanut, coconut, cashew, betel leaf, and cocoa is projected to rise by 7.56% to 18.26 million tonnes.
- **Rise in medicinal & aromatic plants** – Output of aromatic and medicinal plants is estimated to increase to 0.93 million tonnes from 0.90 million tonnes in the previous year.
- **Better yields boost spice output** – The area under spices is expected to reach 4.76 million hectares, while production is projected at 12.35 million tonnes, supported by improved yields of turmeric, garlic, curry leaves, and cardamom.

References

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