

**CROP SITUATION REPORT OF THE PUNJAB
PROVINCE FOR THE FORTNIGHT ENDING 31th MARCH, 2014.**

1. ACREAGE. (000-Acres)

CROP	Target		Previous season actual sown	Current season sown so far	%Age Increase/Decrease over	
					Previous Season	Current year Target
	2012-13	2013-14	2012-13	2013-14	2012-13	2013-14
Wheat	16800.00	16540.00	16090.00	16750.00	4.10	1.27
Gram	2300.00	2300.00	2243.88	2189.57	-2.42	-4.80
Masoor	40.00	38.00	30.00	26.53	-11.57	-30.18
Oil Seed	325.00	325.00	377.60	339.17	-10.18	4.36
Potato (Autumn)	350.00	365.00	395.0	363.0	-8.10	-0.55
Onion	110.00	100.00	102.2	105.98	3.70	5.98
Tomato	--	17.00	16.20	16.50	1.85	-2.94
Garlic	--	8.00	7.94	7.90	-0.50	-1.25

2-WEATHER

a) Rainfall

STATION	DURING THE FORTNIGHT ENDING 31 th MARCH. IN (MM)		DURING THE SEASON 1 st OCTOBER. TO 31 th MARCH. IN (MM)	
	2014	2013	2014	2013
	Islamabad(AP)	122.3	40.0	463.8
Jhelum	34.3	3.7	233.0	172.7
Sargodha	21.2	16.0	102.4	137.1
Mianwali	2.5	69.8	133.4	324.8
Sialkot	28.1	8.0	180.6	268.5
Lahore(AP)	32.4	8.0	139.0	148.5
Shorkot	20.1	16.0	87	44.0
Multan	29.5	13.7	87.1	62.8
B/Pur	5.3	3.0	20.2	67.6
B/Nagar	12.0	11.0	58.0	116.0
Khanpur	7.1	38.0	31.2	95.7

b) AVERAGE TEMPERATURE AND HUMIDITY DURING THE FORTNIGHT ENDING 31th MARCH, 2014

STATION	AVERAGE TEMPERATURE IN C°				AV:HUMIDITY IN %AGE	
	AV: MAX:		AV: MIN:		2014	2013
	2014	2013	2014	2013		
Islamabad(AP)	23.5	26.1	13.0	13.7	78	76
Jhelum	26.8	29.5	14.1	14.8	80	79
Sargodha	25.6	27.9	15.5	14.9	73	74
Mianwali	24.7	27.3	14.2	14.9	76	78
Sialkot	25.2	27.3	14.3	14.8	82	81
Lahore(AP)	26.6	28.9	14.4	14.7	72	70
Shorkot	28.2	30.1	15.3	16.1	71	73
Multan	28.3	29.1	16.2	16.6	85	81
B/Pur	29.1	30.4	15.7	16.4	84	81
B/Nagar	28.8	30.3	16.3	16.6	86	80
Khanpur	30.4	31.4	15.8	15.5	88	86

3-(a) CANAL DISCHARGE POSITION (MAF)

Month	2014	2013	%age Inc/Dec over last year
FEBRUARY	2.276	2.255	0.931

(b) SUPPLY OF CANAL WATER :-

Canal water supplies during February, 2014 increased by 0.931% as compared to February, 2013.

CROP CONDITION

WHEAT:-

The overall present condition of the crop has been reported/observed satisfactory. However in un-irrigated area, growth of crop has been affected due to less rains received comparatively. The crop is at grain formation stage. The rainfall received during fortnight has paid adverse affect on wheat crop, rust at places in Gujranawala Division. Also loddging of the crop at places has been reported/observed.

GRAM:

The area under gram crop has decreased by 2.42%. Prolong dry spell in December and January affected the growth of crop badly. Now the crop is at pod formation/maturity stage. The expected decrease of average yield about 40% has been assessed over the last year.

MASOOR:

The condition of crop has been reported/ observed normal and the crop is at maturity stag.

OILSEEDS:

The condition of crop has been reported/ observed satisfactory. Most of the crop is at maturity stag. Harvesting of the crop is in progress at places.

POTATO (AUTUMN):

Production of Potato Autumn is provisionally assessed at about 2750 thousand tonnes as compared to 3601.3 thousand tonnes, the expected decrease about 24% which is due to:-

- i. Corresponding decrease in area and adverse effects of frost during the last week of December and 1st week of January 2014.
- ii. Premature digging due to attractive market rates.

It is reported that prices of Potato are increasing gradually. Now Potato is shifting to the cold stores.

ONION:

Acreage under Onion has increased by 3.70% over the last year which is due to good economic returns received by the growers. The growth of crop has been reported/ observed satisfactory. Local supply will start during the month of May.

TOMATO:

Tomato is a minor crop of the Punjab province. It is reported that the area under Tomato crop is expected to increase about 2% over the last year which is due to good economic returns received by the growers. The growth of crop has been reported/ observed satisfactory. The crop is at flowering/fruit formation stage. The local production will be available from mid of April.

GARLIC:

The sowing of garlic crop has completed. The germination and growth of crop has been reported/ observed satisfactory.