


1. Rabi sowing picks up, but wheat continues to lag

Rabi progress card

Crop	2016-17	2017-18
Wheat	272.62	262.74
Rice	10.31	14.78
Pulses	133.94	146.05
Coarse cereals	49.84	49.41
Oilseeds	78.27	73.03
Total	544.97	546.02

(Area covered under rabi crops till Dec 22 in lakh ha)



- ❖ The total area under rabi crops this season just edged past 546 lakh hectares (lh) as compared to 545 lh during the corresponding period last year.
- ❖ At 262.74 lh, the area under wheat crop is about 3.5 per cent lower than 272.62 lh in same period previous year.
- ❖ The acreage under the pulses crop, on other hand, is 9 p.c. higher at 146 lh. Higher pulses sowing is reported mainly from Madhya Pradesh, Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh.
- ❖ The crops that continued to languish are oilseeds whose total area was 73.08 lh, which is around 6.7 p.c. lower than that in the previous year.

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2. Money Market : Reference date : 22 December 2017

Bank rate	6.25	Base rate	8.95-9.45
Repo Rate	6.00	S L R	19.5
Reverse Repo Rate	5.75	Term Deposit Rate	6.00 - 6.75 >1 Yr
C R R	4.00	Call Money (wtd.Avg)	5.94
Marginal Standing Facility	6.25	CBLO (Wtd.Avg)	5.6

Source : Reserve Bank of India

Source: global-rates.com On US \$ (%)	Date>	22 Dec	1-Week	1-month	6-Month	1-Year
	LIBOR>	1.43	1.48	1.55	1.82	2.09

3. Foreign Exchange Rate (Rs) :

Category	18 Dec	19 Dec	20 Dec	21 Dec	22 Dec	% Ch.
US \$	64.11	64.12	64.06	64.09	64.04	-0.11
Euro	75.43	75.64	75.83	76.03	75.88	0.49

Source : RBI

4. Stock Exchange Indices :

Category	18 Dec	19 Dec	20 Dec	21 Dec	22 Dec	% Ch.
BSE	33602	33827	33777	33856	33940	1.01
Nifty	10389	10463	10444	10440	10493	1.00

Source : BSE, NSE

5. Gold & Silver Prices (Rs) :

Kolkata Prices	18 Dec	19 Dec	20 Dec	21 Dec	22 Dec	% Ch.
Gold 24 Carrots /10gms	30621	30905	31221	30882	30927	1.00
Silver / kg	40200	40200	40200	40300	40200	0.00