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Subject: Social Science

Aspect: Supported

Topic: Major Crops And Agricultural Development

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Learning Objectives:

- Understand major crops
- Agricultural development



There are three major cropping seasons, i.e. Rabi, Kharif and Zaid.

1. **Rabi:** Crops are sown in winters between October to December and harvested between February to April. Major crops of this season are: wheat, barley, peas, gram, and oil seeds.
2. **Kharif:** Crops are sown in summers between May to July and harvested after rain i.e. between September to October. Major crops of this season are: rice, maize, jowar, bajra, sugarcane, jute.
3. **Zaid:** In between Rabi and Kharif crops zaid crops like: watermelon, cucumber are grown between April to June.

CLIMATIC CONDITION AND SOIL REQUIRED FRO COTTON

India is the third-largest producer of cotton in the world. Cotton grows well in drier parts of the black cotton soil of the Deccan plateau. It requires high temperature, light rainfall or irrigation, 210 frost-free days and bright sunshine for its growth. It is a Kharif crop and requires 6 to 8 months to mature.

DEFINITION

Maize is a crop which is used both as food and fodder. It is a kharif crop which requires temperature between 21oC–27oC and grows well in old alluvial soil. In some states like Bihar maize is grown in rabi season also. Use of modern inputs such as HYV seeds, fertilisers and irrigation have contributed to the increasing production of maize. Major maize producing states are Karnataka, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Andhra Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh.

DIFFERENT FOOD CROPS GROWN IN INDIA -

Indian agriculture is largely dominated by food crops which occupy 65 percent of the total cropped area of the country. They are grown throughout the country either as a sole crop or in combination with other crops. The important food crops grown in India are rice, wheat, barley, maize, millets (jowar, bajra, ragi) and pulses (including gram and tur).