

Progress of Area Coverage under Rabi Crops as on 16th January 2026

Rabi Sowing Records Robust Growth; Total Area Coverage Increases by 20.88 Lakh Hectare over Last Year

Pulses Area Rises by 3.82 Lakh Hectare; Gram Records Significant Increase of 4.66 Lakh Hectare

Overall Rabi Crop Coverage Reaches 652.33 Lakh Hectare Reflecting Steady Progress of the Season

Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare has released the progress of area coverage under rabi crops as on 16th January 2026 as tabled below.

(Area in lakh hectare)

S. No.	Crops	Normal Rabi Area (DES)	Final Rabi Area 2024-25	Progressive Area Sown		Increase (+)/ Decrease (-) over corresponding period 2024-25
				2025-26	Corresponding period 2024-25	
1	Wheat	312.35	328.04	334.17	328.04	6.13
2	Rice	42.93	44.73	25.58	20.98	4.61
3	Pulses	140.42	134.08	137.00	133.18	3.82
a	Gram	100.99	91.22	95.88	91.22	4.66
b	Lentil	15.13	16.99	18.12	17.66	0.45
c	Fieldpea	6.50	-	7.92	8.27	-0.35
d	Kulthi	1.98	-	1.98	2.41	-0.43
e	Urdbean	6.16	6.18	4.58	4.88	-0.30
f	Moongbean	1.41	1.36	0.85	0.81	0.04
g	Lathyrus	2.79	-	2.98	2.92	0.06
h	Other Pulses	5.46	18.33	4.69	5.01	-0.32
4	Shri Anna & Coarse cereals	55.33	59.05	58.72	55.93	2.79
a	Jowar	24.62	25.17	22.54	23.85	-1.32
b	Bajra	0.59	-	0.16	0.14	0.02
c	Ragi	0.72	-	0.97	0.70	0.27
d	SmallMillets	0.16	-	0.13	0.10	0.03
e	Maize	23.61	27.80	27.55	25.05	2.50
f	Barley	5.63	6.08	7.37	6.08	1.29
5	Oilseeds	86.78	93.49	96.86	93.33	3.53
a	Rapeseed & Mustard	79.17	86.57	89.36	86.57	2.79
b	Groundnut	3.69	3.37	3.52	3.37	0.15
c	Safflower	0.72	0.64	0.89	0.67	0.22
d	Sunflower	0.79	0.81	0.55	0.42	0.14
e	Sesamum	0.48	0.41	0.14	0.19	-0.04
f	Linseed	1.93	1.69	1.99	1.76	0.23
g	Other Oilseeds	0.00	-	0.40	0.35	0.05
	Total Crops	637.81	659.39	652.33	631.45	20.88

Source: PIB, Monday, 19 January 2026

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