



India has the Opportunity to Export more Wheat

Why in News?

The [Russia-Ukraine conflict](#) may give India an opportunity to ship more wheat in the global markets.

What are the Key Points?

- More than a quarter of the world's wheat export comes from Russia and Ukraine.
 - **Russia is the world's largest exporter of wheat**, accounting for more than 18% of international exports.
 - In 2019, **Russia and Ukraine together exported more than a quarter (25.4 %)** of the world's wheat.
- The **top five countries that exported** the highest dollar-value worth of wheat include Russia > United States > Canada > France > Ukraine.
- **Egypt is the world's biggest importer of wheat.**
- **Turkey is also a big spender on Russian and Ukrainian wheat** with 74% of its imports coming from those two countries in 2019.
- **India is the second largest producer of wheat** with a share of around 13.5% of world total production.
 - India produces **around 107.59 MT of wheat annually** while a major chunk of it goes towards domestic consumption.
 - India accounts for even **less than 1% in world wheat export**. However, its share has increased from 0.14% in 2016 to 0.54% in 2020.
- Presently, India's central pool stands at 24.2 million tonnes, **twice more than the buffer and strategic needs.**

What are the Key Points related to Wheat?

- **About**
 - **This is the second most important [cereal crop](#) in India after rice.**
 - It is the main food crop, in north and north-western part of the country.
 - Wheat is a **rabi crop** that requires a cool growing season and bright sunshine at the time of ripening.
 - Success of the Green Revolution contributed to the growth of Rabi crops, especially wheat.
 - Macro Management Mode of Agriculture, [National Food Security Mission](#) and Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana are few government initiatives to support wheat cultivation.
- **Temperature:** Between 10-15°C (Sowing time) and 21-26°C (Ripening & Harvesting) with bright sunlight.
- **Rainfall:** Around 75-100 cm.
- **Soil Type:** Well-drained fertile loamy and clayey loamy (Ganga-Satluj plains and black soil region of the Deccan).
- **Top Wheat Producing States:** Uttar Pradesh > Punjab > Haryana > Madhya Pradesh > Rajasthan > Bihar > Gujarat

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