

Crops' Share in Agriculture Drops to 55.5%, Shows Data

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New Delhi: The share of crops in India's agriculture fell to 55.5% in 2019-20 from 62.4% in 2011-12, the ministry of statistics and programme implementation said on Wednesday.

In a report on state-wise and item-wise value of output, the ministry said agriculture, forestry and fishing accounted for 18.3% of the gross value added (GVA) at current basic prices in 2019-20, down from 18.5% in 2011-12 but the share of this sector in overall GVA of the country showed a "fluctuating trend over the years". It was 17.6% in 2018-19 and 18.6% in 2013-14. "Cereals' and 'fruits and vegetables' (two largest groups of crops) together accounted for more than 52% of the sector in 2011-12, and increased to 55% in 2019-20," the ministry said.

The gross value output (GVO) of cereals, at ₹336,400 crore, was highest among all the crop-groups in

2011-12. However, in 2019-20, GVO of 'fruits and vegetables' was ₹383,300 crore, about ₹6,000 crore higher than that of cereals, according to the report.

Uttar Pradesh recorded the highest output of cereals in all the years, although its share in national output marginally decreased to

18.5% in 2019-20 from 18.6% in 2011-12. The share of Madhya Pradesh went up considerably to 10% in 2019-20 from 6.2% in 2011-12, it said. India ranks second worldwide in arable land (156.07 million hectares), third in production of cereals, second in groundnut, fruits, vegetables, sugarcane and tea, and first in jute.

"Worldwide as of 2019, the country had the largest herds of buffaloes, goats; and ranked second in cattle, sheep; and seventh in chicken population," the ministry said, adding that it is the largest producer of milk, third in production of eggs and fifth in production of meat.



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