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**Rainfall situation and Crop Contingency Plans in different parts of  
the country (as on 9<sup>th</sup> July)**

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The monsoon has covered the entire country by 6<sup>th</sup> July, 10 days earlier than the normal. However, the rainfall situation as on 9<sup>th</sup> July indicate that some parts of West Bengal, Orissa, Chhattisgarh, East Madhya Pradesh, Jharkhand, Bihar Plains, East Uttar Pradesh and Plains of West Uttar Pradesh continued to be under deficit conditions. The regions of Punjab, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, and West Rajasthan received excess rains leading to flash floods in some parts of the above regions. The rainfall deficit for the country as a whole is only 10 percent.

**Weather Outlook upto 13<sup>th</sup> July**

Widespread rainfall with isolated heavy to very heavy falls would occur over Uttar Pradesh, Bihar and Sub-Himalayan West Bengal and Sikkim and northeastern states.

The state-wise details are as follows:

**Bihar**

As on 8<sup>th</sup> July, the state of Bihar Plains has deficit (43%) rainfall. In view of the continued weak monsoon phase, farmers are advised not to take up upland paddy and instead of that Til (var. Krishna), Maize (Suwan) + Urd (Pant-U 31) may be grown with the receipt of rains. In the medium and low land situations where the farmers are in position to transplant rice with their own irrigation facility, they should opt for short to medium duration varieties with recommended nutrient level.

**Uttar Pradesh**

The rainfall situation in the state is continued to be grim in east Uttar Pradesh with a deficit of 69 percent. Under the situation, farmers are advised to adopt direct seeding of rice with short duration varieties NDR-97, NDR-80, NDR-118 and intercropping of pigeonpea with maize or cover crops may be taken up wherever sufficient soil moisture available due to scattered rainfall.

**Jharkhand**

The monsoon continued to be weak during last week with deficit rainfall (51%). Only at selected places where sufficient moisture is available, sowing of direct seeded upland crops were taken up. Transplanting of rice is yet to pick up in the state due to insufficient rainfall conditions. Farmers have been advised to complete the sowing of upland crops without further delay.

**Punjab and Haryana**

Due to heavy rains in Punjab and Haryana, the vegetable crops were damaged badly and farmers have been advised to take measures for draining out the standing water quickly from the vegetable and sugarcane to prevent the damage due to lodging. The transplantation of paddy is progressing well and wherever the transplanted seedlings were submerged, immediate measures may be taken up by draining out the excess water.

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