

DISTRIBUTION (STATE - WISE)

1. **WEST BENGAL** → West Bengal is the largest producer of rice in India contributing about 20% of total rice production. Rice occupies $\frac{3}{4}$ of the total cropped area in the Lower Ganga plains. 2/3rd i.e. 66% of the prodⁿ comes from Medinipur, Bardhaman, 24 Parganas, Bankura, Birbhum & West Dinajpur districts. Other producing districts are - Haora, Hugli, Malda. Three crops of rice aman - 78%, aus - 20% & boro - 2% are grown in a year.
2. **PUNJAB** → With nearly highest yield per hectare, ^{i.e. 35 aha} in the country and contributing about 12% of the output Punjab became the 2nd imp. producer of rice. As many as 12 out of 17 districts of Punjab are producing rice but major part of prodⁿ comes from Patiala, Ferozepur, Ludhiana, Sangrur, Amritsar, Faridkot & Jalandhar.
3. **UTTAR PRADESH & UTTARANCHAL** → Uttar Pradesh has recorded unprecedented progress in the prodⁿ of rice during the last four decades. It has 10.97% of the country's rice producing area & accounted for 11.6% of total output, occupying third place among the top rice producing states. On about $\frac{1}{4}$ th of cultivated area 50 districts are producing rice. The imp. ones are - Dehra Dun, Gorakhpur, Bareilly, Mazaffargarh, Khari, Faizabad, Barabanki, Banda, Varanasi, Nainital, Pilibhit etc.
4. **ANDHRA PRADESH** → With about 10% of total Rice prodⁿ AP is the 4th largest rice producer state of India. About $\frac{1}{3}$ rd of total cultivated area is under Rice cultivation. About 20 districts of AP are producing rice - West Godavari, East Godavari, Krishna, Guntur, Nalgonda, Nellore, Nazimabad, Anantpur, Warangal & Chittoor are major producers. In fact West Godavari, E. Godavari & Krishna are so imp. and account for about 7% of total rice prodⁿ of the country.

5. TAMIL NADU → Tamil Nadu produces 7.86% of total rice output and is ^{produces} the 2nd highest yield of 33.5 q/hectare. About 37% of the cropped area of this state is under rice cultivation. Imp. districts - Thanjavur is third largest rice producing districts of the state country & account for 25% of the state's output. Others are West Godavari, Sircot, Vallabhi, N Arcot Ambedkar, Nellore, Kattabomman, Tiruchinapalli, Coimbatore, Salem etc.

6. BIHAR → Bihar has 8.9% of the rice area of the country but produces only 6.8% of the total rice of India. 2/3rd of the cultivated area of the state is under rice cultivation. About 25 districts of Bihar are producing rice but the main producing districts are - Muzaffarpur, Bhagalpur, Patna, Purnea, Darbhanga, Champaran, Aurangabad, Gaya, Bhagalpur, Patna & Gopalganj.

7. ASSAM → Rice is grown in 3/4th of the cropped area of Assam. Most of the rice is produced in Brahmaputra, Surma & Barak valleys. Some rice is produced on the hill slopes by terraced cultivation. Kamrup, Sibsagar, Goalpara, Darrang are the main producing districts.

8. ORISSA → Orissa produces about 4.47% of rice in India. 2/3rd of the total cropped area of Orissa is devoted to rice cultivation. Over 90% of the state's rice comes from Sambalpur, Koraput, Ganjam, Cuttack, Puri, Bolangir.

9. CHHATTISGARH → Chhattisgarh is known as the 'Rice Bowl' of India. It accounts for over 9% of the rice area but produces only 3.5% of total outputs. Bastar, Durg, Raigarh, Sarguja, Kanker, Bilaspur, Jangam etc are the main rice producing districts.