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To The Commercial Editor :

Dear Sirs,

Sub:- SEA Groundnut Kharif Crop Survey 2017- Gujarat to harvest record Groundnut Crop of 31.45 Lakh Tonnes

Groundnut is one of the major crops in kharif season and Gujarat is the prominent state growing groundnut. Since last 10 years, SEA Groundnut Promotion Council conducting the Groundnut crop survey to assess the size and quality of the Groundnut crop for the benefit of the members and the industry at large.

This year under leadership of Shri G.G. Patel, Convener, SEA Oilseed Crop Estimate Committee and Past President, a 15 members team consisting of following persons visited the leading groundnut producing districts in Gujarat during 13th to 15th October 2017 and prior to main survey, a small team conducted survey for Kutch and North Gujarat during 4th and 5th Oct 2017.

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The team visited number of farms in various districts in North Gujarat, Kutch and Saurashtra and random samples were drawn from fields and counting of the pods were studied. Maturity and the quality of the pods were also studied. By applying scientific matrix, the per hectare yields were arrived at from each fields and arrived estimate.

This year the 1st round of sowing took place in last week of June and 2nd round of sowing took place in around 15th July 2017. The rain fall was utmost satisfactory and timely and hardly any crop decease, resulted into record bumper crop to 31.45 lakkh tonnes, this is ever highest. The acreage under kharif groundnut in Gujarat marginally decreased to 16.00 lakh hectare from 16.42 lakh hectare last year and yield has increased by 170 kg/ha to 1960 kgs. per hectare against 1790 kg/ha last year.

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1. Methodology :

The following information were collected from each farmers visited and were considered while arriving at the yield and crop size :-

- a. No. of Bigha on which farmers has sown Groundnut.
 - b. Time of sowing.
 - c. How much rain was received during the season.
 - d. Type of irrigation facility used and how many water cycles were provided to the crop and when.
 - e. Weather condition during sowing time and development period. Whether any insect infestation was there in the crop and what measures taken to control insect infestation.
 - f. What is his opinion about his crop yield and surrounding fields.
 - g. Whether there is any increase or decrease in the area sown by him in comparison with preceding year and acreage data published by the Gujarat Government.
 - h. The main thrust for the determination of the yield was on the basis of number of pods set in measured area which were counted after picking-up from the field and farmers opinion. The team visited many fields during the survey.
2. Meetings were arranged with Farmers, Oil Millers, S.E. Units, HPS Manufacturers, Traders, Commission Agents, Brokers, etc. at various places in Kutch, North Gujarat on 4th Oct & 5th Oct and in Saurashtra at Gondal, Jetpur, Keshod, Veraval, Mangrol, Porbandar, Advana and Jamnagar during 13th to 15th October 2017. The crop prospects and their expectations of the crop and other details were discussed in the meeting. Deliberation in each meeting was quite interesting and informative.
3. Acreage Data :
Gujarat Government has reported that 16.00 lakh hectares under Groundnut crop sown during kharif season compared to 16.42 lakh ha in 2016-17.
4. Average yield per hectare has increased to 1960 Kg. per hectare against 1790 Kg. per hectare last year.
5. Gujarat is expected to harvest 31.45 lakh tonnes during kharif season, which is a record production in the history of Groundnut in Gujarat.
6. Gujarat Government has decided to buy limited quality of Groundnut at MSP of Rs.900 per 20 kgs against current market price of around Rs.750/ 800 per 20 Kgs and allotted a sum of Rs.500 Cr for the same . This may lead to time being reserved selling by the farmers in open market and he would prefer to offer Government at procurement price.
7. Apart from bumper crop , also , there is carry in stock with NAFED 1.10 lakh tonnes and farmers & traders about 50/60,000 tonnes in Gujarat .
8. The export of HPS Groundnut expected to be lesser then last year and same time export of Groundnut oil may not find international market due to disparity. The local production of Groundnut oil will be higher during the year due to better availability of Groundnut seed for crushing.

The detailed reports of Gujarat is attached for the information and necessary coverage in your esteem media.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

(Dr. B. V. MEHTA)
Executive Director

Encl: Statement - Gujarat - District wise

SEA KHARIF GROUNDNUT CROP SURVEY
GUJARAT GN AREA & CROP FOR 2015/16, 2016/17 & 2017/18

District	2015 - 16				2016 - 17				2017 - 18 (Estimate)			
	Area Lac Ha.	Yield Mund / Bigha	Yield Kg. / Ha.	Crop Lac MT	Area Lac Ha.	Yield Mund / Bigha	Yield Kg. / Ha.	Crop Lac MT	Area Lac Ha.	Yield Mund / Bigha	Yield Kg. / Ha.	Crop Lac MT
Amreli	1.02	8.00	1000	1.00	1.42	14.00	1750	2.50	1.26	13.00	1625	2.05
Bhavnagar	0.97	9.00	1125	1.10	1.09	13.00	1625	1.75	0.93	14.00	1750	1.6
Jamnagar	1.29	8.50	1050	1.35	1.32	15.50	1935	2.55	1.33	17.00	2125	2.8
Dwarka	1.60	7.75	970	1.55	1.76	17.00	2125	3.70	1.85	17.00	2125	3.90
Junagadh	2.26	11.00	1375	3.10	2.54	16.50	2060	5.25	2.58	15.00	1875	4.85
Gir Somnath	0.92	11.70	1460	1.35	1.20	18.50	2310	2.75	1.15	18.30	2290	2.65
Porbandar	0.70	8.50	1060	0.75	0.72	18.00	2250	1.60	0.78	19.00	2375	1.85
Rajkot	2.39	7.50	940	2.25	2.73	12.00	1500	4.10	2.63	16.00	2000	5.25
Morvi	0.25	8.00	1000	0.25	0.40	13.00	1625	0.65	0.50	14.00	1750	0.9
Surendranagar	0.08	9.00	1125	0.10	0.30	10.00	1250	0.40	0.19	12.00	1500	0.3
Sub Total	11.48	8.90	1115	12.80	13.48	15.00	1875	25.25	13.20	15.85	1980	26.15
Kutchh	0.27	14.00	1750	0.50	0.47	15.00	1875	0.90	0.54	17.00	2125	1.15
Saberkantha	0.31	12.00	1500	0.50	0.51	10.00	1250	0.65	0.48	14.00	1750	0.85
Aravali	0.24	12.00	1500	0.40	0.41	10.00	1250	0.50	0.42	14.00	1750	0.75
Banaskantha	0.48	9.00	1125	0.55	1.27	11.00	1375	1.75	1.07	16.00	2000	2.15
Others	0.17	8.00	1000	0.20	0.28	10.00	1250	0.35	0.29	11.00	1375	0.40
Sub Total	1.47	11.70	1463	2.15	2.94	11.30	1410	4.15	2.80	15.00	1890	5.3
Total	12.95	9.25	1155	14.95	16.42	14.30	1790	29.40	16.00	15.70	1960	31.45
	Survey Period : 3, 4 & 5 OCT'15				Survey Period : 14, 15 & 16 OCT'16				Survey Period : 13, 14 & 15 OCT'17			

1 Mund = 20 Kg.
1 Ha. = 6.25 Bigha