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**Daily macro indicators**

Indicator	31-Sep	1-Sep	Chg (%)
US 10Y yield (%)	4.11	4.18	7bps
India 10Y yield (%)	7.16	7.17	0bps
USD/INR	82.79	82.72	0.1
Brent Crude (US\$/bbl)	86.9	88.6	1.9
Dow	34,722	34,838	0.3
Hang Seng	18,483	18,382	(0.5)
Sensex	64,831	65,387	0.9
India FII (US\$ mn)	30-Aug	31-Aug	Chg (\$ mn)
FII-D	3.4	20.6	17.1
FII-E	1.2	152.2	151.0

Source: Bank of Baroda Economics Research

**SUMMARY****INDIA ECONOMICS: MONSOON UPDATE**

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### Where does Kharif sowing stand?

The total kharif sowing as of 1 Sep 2023 has improved by 0.4% (0.3% in the previous week) compared with last year. Acreage of rice has grown further by 3.7% from last year. Coarse cereals sowing has advanced further led by higher sowing in Bajra (0.6%) and Maize (2.7%). Sugarcane sowing has registered a sharp acceleration from last year. However, pulses sowing continue to lag behind (-8.5%) and were dragged down by sowing levels dipping down for Arhar (-5.8%) and Urad (-13.6%). Cotton sown area too continue to fall behind last year levels. Sowing area of oilseeds and Jute & Mesta have declined by (-) 0.9% and (-) 5.7% respectively compared with last year.

**Table 1: Kharif Sowing**

	Area sown in 2023-24 (Lakh ha)	Area sown in 2022-23 (Lakh ha)	Change (YoY %)
Coarse Cereals	181.1	179.1	1.1
Jowar	14.1	15.6	(9.7)
Bajra	70.8	70.4	0.6
Maize	82.8	80.6	2.7
Rice	398.1	383.8	3.7
Pulses	119.1	130.1	(8.5)
Oilseeds	190.1	191.9	(0.9)
Cotton	123	125.6	(2.1)
Sugarcane	59.9	55.7	7.6
Jute and Mesta	6.6	7.0	(5.7)
All Crops	1077.8	1073.2	0.4

Source: CEIC, Bank of Baroda | Data as of 1 Sep 2023

### Monsoon:

For the period 1 Jun 2023 to 4 Sep 2023, South West Monsoon is 11% below LPA compared with last year.



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