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Supported by higher than normal rainfall, there has been continued improvement in the sown area (+1.9% YoY), with acreage of, paddy, oilseeds, sugarcane and coarse cereals exceeding its normal sown area. Latest data shows, that when compared with normal area of last year, this year ~99% of sowing has been completed so far. As sowing is almost complete, harvesting of crops will be critical. Excess/large excess of rainfall or deficient rainfall can be damaging for sown crops.

#### Where does Kharif sowing stand?

As of 2 Sep 2024, overall sown area has improved by another 1.9% compared with last year.

- With the exception of Jute and cotton, total sown area of other crops continues to increase. Once again, most notable jump is visible in pulses (7.3%), coarse cereals (3.7%) and paddy (3.8%).
- Within pulses, except Urdbean, rise in acreage was recorded for all others.
- Sown area for Arhar (12.4%), Moong bean (12.6%) and Moth bean (12%), rose in double digits.
- Acreage of Kulthi was up by 7.1% and that of other pulses by 5.3%.
- Within Coarse Cereals, sown area of only Bajra fell (-1.8%) further, while that of Ragi rose significantly. Sown area for other crops such as Maize, Jowar, and small millets also inched up.
- Oilseeds have also registered 1% increase in sown area. Within this, sown area of Soybean, Groundnut and Sunflower inched further up.
- That of Sesamum, Niger, and Castor continues to decline.



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