



**MONTHLY REPORT  
POTATO  
(MARCH, 2018)**



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## 1. PRODUCTION:

- The major potato producing States are Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal, Bihar, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Punjab, Haryana and Assam. (Table-1.3).
- The details regarding seasonality, harvesting period and production of Potato crop are given in Table-1.1
- The production of Potato during the year 2017-18 (First Advance Estimate) is estimated to be 1.5% higher as compared to the previous year. However as compared to past 5 years average production, it is 8.7% higher. (Table-1.3).

**Table-1.1**

### SEASONS, SOWING & HARVESTING PERIOD AND PRODUCTION

(Agriculture Year: July-June)  
(Production in Lakh Tonnes)

Season	Sowing Period	Harvesting Period	Five year Average Production (2012-13 to 2016-17)	Production 2016-17	Production 2017-18 (1 <sup>st</sup> A.E.)
Rabi	Mid Sep. To November	December to March	409	438	444
Kharif	June	September-November	32	38	34
Kharif in hills	April-May	July-September	13	10	15
<b>Total</b>			<b>454</b>	<b>486</b>	<b>493</b>

Source: State Departments of Horticulture & Agriculture

### CURRENT STATUS OF SOWING:

Rabi Potato area is 614.78 Thousand Ha in Uttar Pradesh followed by 405.00 Thousand Ha in West Bengal, 321.25 Thousand Ha in Bihar, 129.57 Thousand Ha in Madhya Pradesh, 130.40 Thousand Ha in Gujarat, 40.63 Thousand Ha. in Chhattisgarh and 7.03 Thousand Ha in Karnataka. The harvesting of potato in all the states completed.

**Table- 1.2**

**STATUS OF THE SOWING/TRANSPLANTING IN MAJOR POTATO PRODUCING STATES**

Area in Thousand Ha																			
S.N.	State	% Share in Production	Five Years Average Area (2011-12 to 2015-16)				Sowing Status 2017-18 (For Current Season)				Sowing Status 2016-17 (For Corresponding period)				Area sown this year (2017-18) as compared to corresponding period of last year(2016-17) (in %)				Sowing status as on
			Kharif	Late Kharif	Rabi	All Season Total	Kharif	Late Kharif	Rabi	All Season Total	Kharif	Late Kharif	Rabi	All Season Total	Kharif	Late Kharif	Rabi	All Season Total	
1	UTTAR PRADESH	32.3			590.063	590.063			614.776	614.776			614.350	614.350			0.07	0.07	7.1.18
2	WEST BENGAL	23.1			402.961	402.961			405.000	405.000			422.500	422.500			-4.14	-4.14	4.1.18
3	BIHAR	14.5			318.841	318.841			321.250	321.250			317.300	317.300			1.24	1.24	12.3.18
4	MADHYA PRADESH	5.8			116.782	116.782	0.060	0.485	129.571	130.116			156.200	156.200			-17.05	-16.70	14.3.18
5	GUJARAT	6.2			89.242	89.242			130.400	130.400			112.400	112.400			16.01	16.01	22.1.18
6	PUNJAB	5.0	7.773	76.383	3.636	87.792		97.507		97.507		96.555		96.555		0.99		0.99	30.11.17
7	CHHATTISGARH	1.4	1.858		38.803	40.661	4.515		40.633	45.148	4.420		39.782	44.202	2.15		2.14	2.14	17.3.18
8	KARNATAKA	1.3	23.775		17.791	41.565	17.642		7.032	24.674	19.659		6.788	26.447	-10.26		3.59	-6.70	5.3.18
	<b>Total</b>	<b>89.64</b>	<b>33.406</b>	<b>76.383</b>	<b>1578.120</b>	<b>1687.909</b>	<b>22.217</b>	<b>97.992</b>	<b>1648.662</b>	<b>1768.871</b>	<b>24.079</b>	<b>96.555</b>	<b>1669.320</b>	<b>1789.954</b>	<b>-7.73</b>	<b>1.49</b>	<b>-1.24</b>	<b>-1.18</b>	

Note: The final sowing data is yet to receive from the States.

Source: State Govt

**Table-1.3****STATE-WISE POTATO PRODUCTION IN THE COUNTRY****(Production in '000 Tonnes)**

STATE/UTs	Five year Average (2012-13 to 2016-17)		2016-17		2017-18 (1st A.E.)	
	Production	% Share	Production	% Share	Production	% Share
UTTAR PRADESH	14502.63	31.96	15543.00	31.98	15561.85	31.54
WEST BENGAL	10425.58	22.97	11052.60	22.74	11052.60	22.40
BIHAR	6449.06	14.21	6377.71	13.12	6377.71	12.92
GUJARAT	3015.68	6.64	3797.82	7.81	3835.79	7.77
MADHYA PRADESH	2858.30	6.30	3461.09	7.12	3495.70	7.08
PUNJAB	2278.43	5.02	2423.00	4.99	2570.67	5.21
HARYANA	769.17	1.69	896.95	1.85	1095.90	2.22
ASSAM	1039.31	2.29	777.83	1.60	1072.78	2.17
CHHATTISGARH	625.87	1.38	678.57	1.40	692.66	1.40
JHARKHAND	653.61	1.44	668.66	1.38	677.25	1.37
MAHARASHTRA	335.97	0.74	536.62	1.10	529.25	1.07
KARNATAKA	558.04	1.23	507.64	1.04	527.90	1.07
UTTARAKHAND	403.04	0.89	360.37	0.74	363.97	0.74
ODISHA	260.13	0.57	302.22	0.62	302.09	0.61
RAJASTHAN	166.93	0.37	234.55	0.48	235.00	0.48
MEGHALAYA	184.75	0.41	193.68	0.40	229.90	0.47
HIMACHAL PRADESH	210.56	0.46	202.44	0.42	200.00	0.41
TRIPURA	146.88	0.32	143.58	0.30	144.46	0.29
JAMMU & KASHMIR	127.96	0.28	130.84	0.27	132.15	0.27
NAGALAND	57.74	0.13	65.59	0.13	64.85	0.13
TAMIL NADU	103.25	0.23	92.73	0.19	57.90	0.12
SIKKIM	51.18	0.11	53.51	0.11	53.51	0.11
ANDHRA PRADESH	74.51	0.16	49.11	0.10	47.59	0.10
KERALA	7.71	0.02	5.30	0.01	4.50	0.01
MIZORAM	2.01	0.00	1.00	0.00	0.93	0.00
TELANGANA	61.82	0.14	32.78	0.07	0.06	0.00
ARUNCHAL PRADESH	1.13	0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00
OTHERS	14.70	0.03	15.40	0.03	17.05	0.03
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>45383.50</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>48604.57</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>49344.03</b>	<b>100.00</b>

Source: State Departments of Horticulture &amp; Agriculture

## 2. MONTHLY ARRIVAL:

The monthly all India five years (2012-2016) average arrivals of Potaro in different markets of the country and for the year 2017 and 2018 (till date) are given in **Table-2.1**.

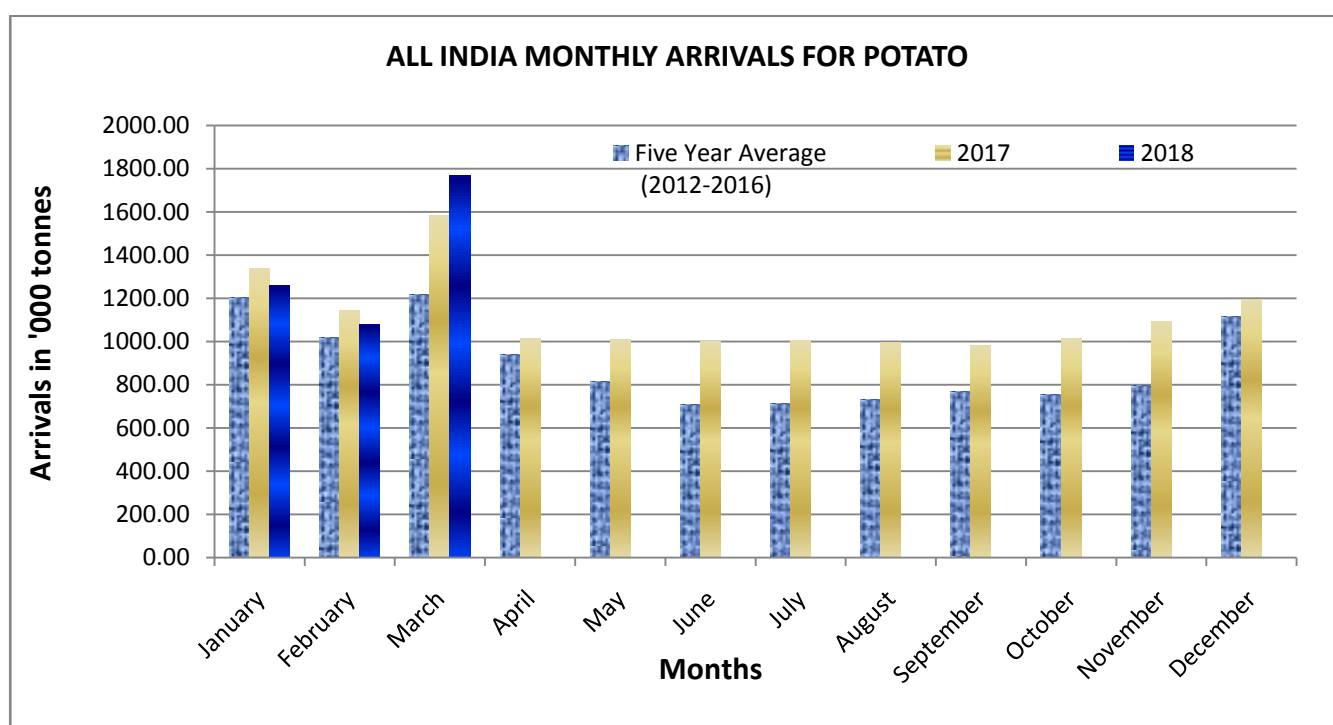
**Table-2.1**

### ALL INDIA MONTHLY ARRIVALS OF POTATO

Arrivals in '000 Tonnes

Month	All India Arrivals		
	Five Year Average (2012-2016)	2017	2018
January	1204.73	1337.77	1260.88
February	1018.64	1145.00	1077.66
March	1217.75	1583.36	1768.61
April	941.69	1012.84	
May	812.60	1010.82	
June	707.05	1000.35	
July	714.04	1004.44	
August	732.09	996.40	
September	768.35	981.54	
October	753.00	1015.67	
November	794.28	1090.70	
December	1117.45	1194.33	

Source: AGMARKNET



**Note:** The above graph depicts comparative arrivals of monthly average of five years (from 2012 to 2016), January to December and for the year 2017 & March, 2018.

### 3. STATUS OF POTATO MARKETING

The average weekly, monthly and yearly wholesale and retail prices of potato in different markets and their variation percentage are given in **Table-3.1**. The average wholesale monthly prices of Delhi and All India along with graphic presentation are given in **Table-3.2** and **Table-3.3** respectively.

**Table-3.1**

Centre	Wholesale Prices (Rs./Qtl)							Retail Prices (DOCA) Rs/KG						
	Prices Today	1 Week Ago	1 Month Ago	1Year Ago	% Variation			Prices Today	1 Week Ago	1 Month Ago	1Year Ago	% Variation		
	28.03.2018	21.03.2018	27.02.2018	27.03.2017	over 1 Week	over 1 month	over 1 Year	28.03.2018	21.03.2018	27.02.2018	27.03.2017	over 1 Week	over 1 month	over 1 Year
BHOPAL	500	500	500	400	0%	0%	25%	15	15	13	8	0%	15%	88%
AGRA	830	800	490	410	4%	69%	102%	15	15	8	7	0%	88%	114%
DELHI	663	665	453	422	0%	46%	57%	18	19	15	12	-5%	20%	50%
AHMEDABAD	NR	NR	NR	500	NA	NA	NA	14	14	18	15	0%	-22%	-7%
MUMBAI	1400	1250	950	800	12%	47%	75%	20	20	19	17	0%	5%	18%
JAIPUR	1063	850	600	400	25%	77%	166%	12	12	10	8	0%	20%	50%
BHUBANESHWAR	1020	1020	670	550	0%	52%	85%	14	14	10	8	0%	40%	75%
KOLKATA	940	960	700	450	-2%	34%	109%	14	14	9	7	0%	56%	100%
HYDERABAD	1300	1150	850	800	13%	53%	63%	20	20	26	26	0%	-23%	-23%
BENGALURU	1400	1450	1100	1350	-3%	27%	4%	22	22	22	22	0%	0%	0%
CHENNAI	1400	1500	1400	1100	-7%	0%	27%	18	20	15	15	-10%	20%	20%
AVERAGE	1052	1015	771	653	4%	36%	61%	17	17	15	13	-2%	10%	26%

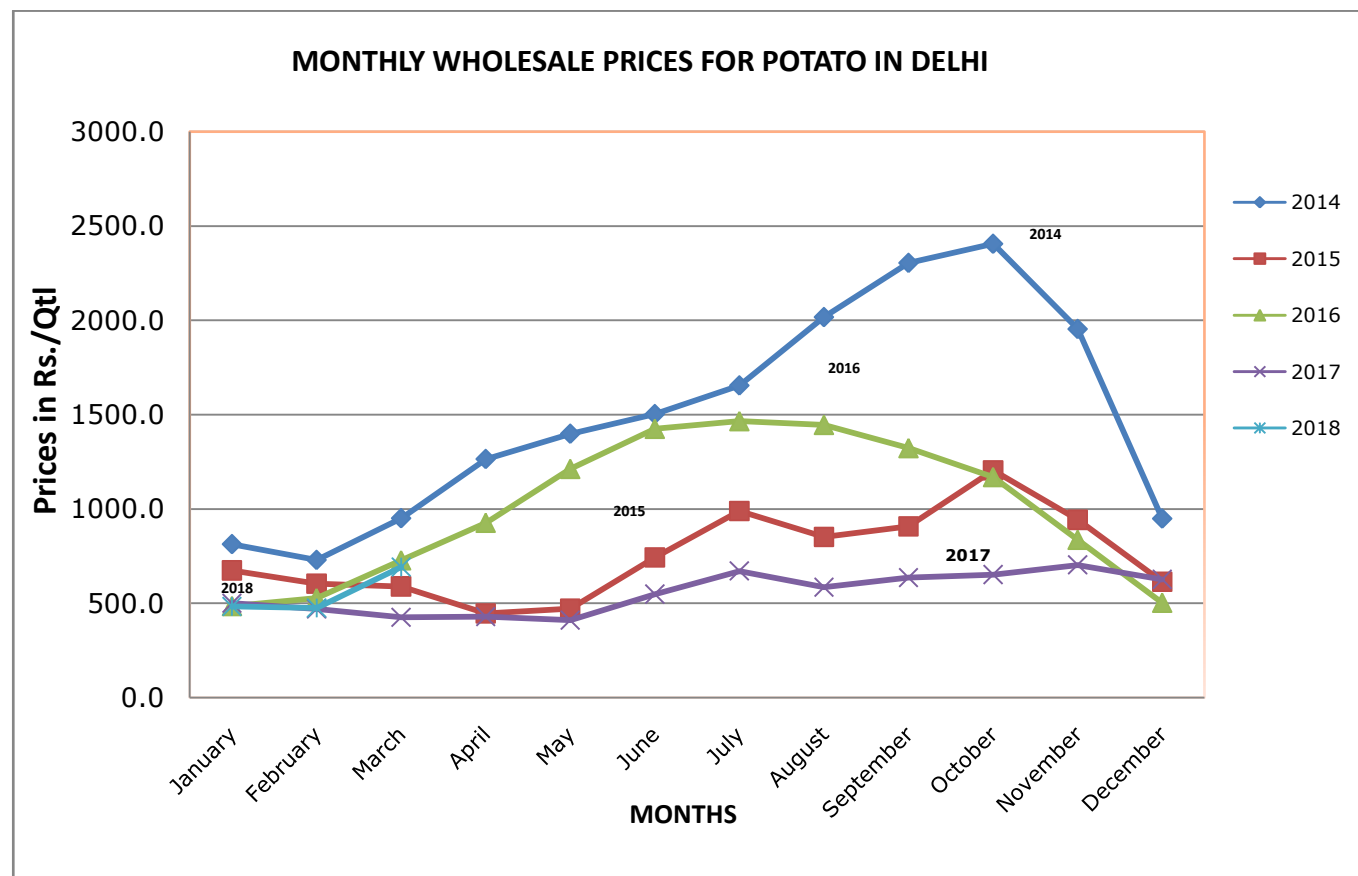
Source: 1- Wholesale Prices from AGMARKNET  
2- Retail Prices from DOCA

**Table-3.2**

**MONTHLY AVERAGE WHOLESALE PRICES OF POTATO IN DELHI**

Month	Unit (Rs./Qtl.)				
	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
January	814.2	674.1	485.8	500.3	482.8
February	730.4	603.9	527.5	470.2	475.1
March	951.4	589.1	728.2	425.6	691.9
April	1265.3	446.1	927.3	428.5	
May	1399.1	470.9	1212.7	410.6	
June	1503.2	743.2	1425.1	548.5	
July	1655.1	989.5	1465.7	671.9	
August	2017.3	852.0	1445.9	585.3	
September	2304.6	907.5	1322.8	636.4	
October	2405.8	1204.6	1169.4	651.9	
November	1954.3	942.6	837.1	703.6	
December	949.5	613.9	503.5	626.9	

Source: AGMARKNET

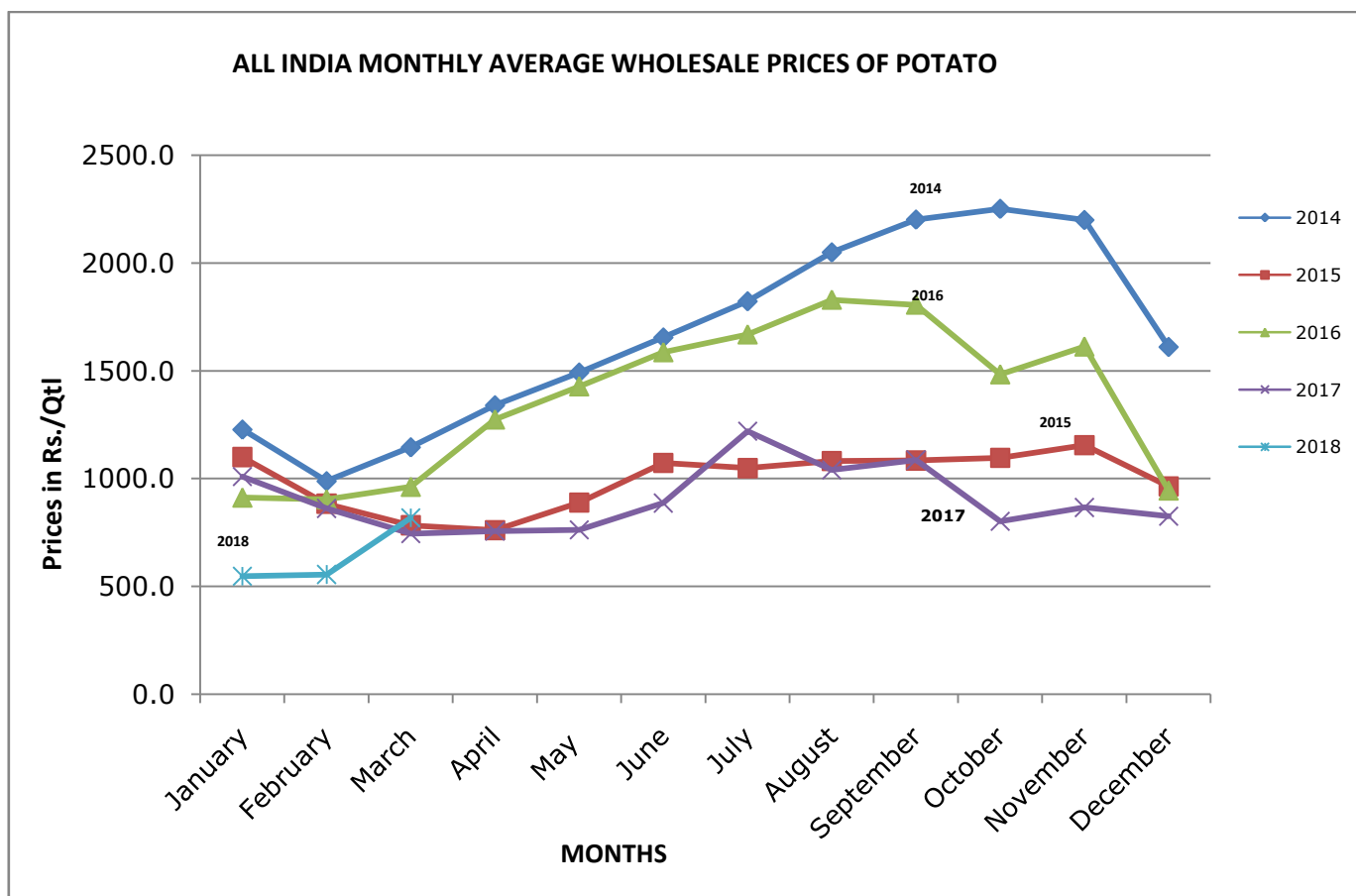


**Table-3.3**

**ALL INDIA MONTHLY AVERAGE WHOLESALE PRICES OF POTATO**

Month	(Prices in Rs./Quintal)				
	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
January	1227.6	1099.4	912.1	1009.1	548.1
February	988.2	883.1	903.8	862.0	555.8
March	1145.4	783.1	962.2	745.2	818.5
April	1340.0	760.4	1274.2	756.3	
May	1491.9	888.0	1427.9	762.8	
June	1654.3	1071.9	1586.1	886.9	
July	1822.1	1048.2	1668.7	1219.6	
August	2048.8	1080.9	1829.5	1040.0	
September	2200.9	1083.4	1806.5	1086.6	
October	2250.6	1096.2	1483.5	802.4	
November	2198.7	1154.6	1612.5	866.4	
December	1610.3	963.5	944.9	825.6	

Source: AGMARKNET





#### 4. EXPORT OF POTATO:

Table-4.1

Qty in MT  
Value in Rs. Lakh

MONTH	2016-17		2017-18	
	Qty.	Value	Qty.	Value
APRIL	13060.54	1924.50	31473.46	3911.61
MAY	19123.50	2471.52	30983.02	3784.65
JUNE	18936.36	2459.68	27445.32	3145.84
JULY	14347.84	2210.26	27818.47	3526.39
AUGUST	23914.14	5704.67	30625.01	3674.17
SEPTEMBER	13672.11	2960.82	29495.78	3157.40
OCTOBER	21212.83	5072.94	29952.88	2525.40
NOVEMBER	19431.16	4884.34	26737.30	2502.97
DECEMBER	30998.50	7160.08	17242.37	2047.22
JANUARY	30187.43	3224.38		
FEBRUARY	19074.62	2161.27		
MARCH	31766.48	3776.20		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>255725.51</b>	<b>44010.66</b>	<b>251773.61</b>	<b>28275.65</b>

Source: NHRDF

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