

(c) As per information received from Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) and Indian Council of Agriculture Research (ICAR) there is no scientific report available indicating ill-effects of hormone induced milk on health. The hormone said to be used (oxytocin) is a peptide hormone naturally produced in the hypothalamus and released from posterior pituitary gland which is responsible for normal delivery and let down of milk. Since half life of oxytocin varies from 3 to 12 minutes and it gets rapidly metabolized into amino acids by peptide digesting enzymes in gastrointestinal track it is not expected to produce any ill effects on animal health.

Production and MSP given to paddy

13. SHRIMATI T. RATNA BAI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a long pending demand from various State Governments to increase the Minimum Support Price (MSP) of paddy equivalent to wheat;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) the MSP given to paddy and wheat during the last three years; and

(e) the production of paddy and wheat, area-wise compared to other States during the last three years, State-wise especially in Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA): (a) to (c) A number of State Governments including Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Haryana, Karnataka, Punjab, Tamil Nadu, Orissa, etc. for 2008-09 season had sought Minimum Support Price (MSP) of Paddy equivalent to or higher than the MSP of Wheat.

(d) Minimum Support Price (MSP) of paddy and wheat since 2005-06 is indicated in the Table below:

Year	(Rs. per Quintal)				
	Paddy MSP		Bonus	Wheat	
	Common	Grade A		MSP	Bonus
2005-06	570	600	—	650	50
2006-07	580	610	40*	750	100
2007-08	645	675	100	1000	—
2008-09	850	880	50	—	—

*Bonus was payable on procurement between 1.10.2006 to 31.03.2007. In case of Bihar and Kerala, bonus was extended upto 31.5.2007 and in case of Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Orissa, Tamil Nadu and West Bengal, bonus was extended upto 30.9.2007.

(e) Statements I and II indicating estimates of production of paddy and wheat from 2004-05 to 2007-08 respectively are enclosed.

Statement-I

Details of Estimates of Production of Paddy from 2004-05 to 2007-08

State/UT	Area ('000 Hectares)				Production ('000 Tonnes)			
	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08*	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08*
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Andhra Pradesh	3086.0	3982.0	3978.0	3946.0	14401.5	17556.0	17808.0	19839.09
Arunachal Pradesh	121.6	122.3	122.3	#	202.5	219.3	219.3	#
Assam	2376.8	2420.3	2189.0	1920.0	5206.1	5328.8	4374.0	4174.5
Bihar	3122.6	3252.4	3357.1	3619.0	3708.3	5243.3	7484.0	6742.5
Chhattisgarh	3746.7	3747.2	3723.6	3752.0	6575.0	7517.4	7562.1	8139.0
Goa	52.4	52.2	53.0	#	217.8	221.0	195.5	#
Gujarat	685.6	666.0	734.0	763.0	1857.3	1947.0	2085.0	2236.5
Haryana	1028.0	1052.0	1041.0	1075.0	4534.5	4815.0	5056.5	5419.5
Himachal Pradesh	81.0	79.4	79.2	79.0	183.0	168.2	185.3	181.5
Jammu and Kashmir	250.0	259.0	252.5	263.0	738.3	835.2	831.0	846.0
Jharkhand	1285.0	1354.7	1623.6	1644.0	2515.5	2337.0	4451.7	4522.5
Karnataka	1308.0	1485.0	1395.0	1395.0	5320.5	8616.0	5159.0	5322.0
Kerala	289.9	275.8	264.0	229.0	1000.7	944.9	946.5	819.0
Madhya Pradesh	1622.5	1657.7	1661.3	1559.0	1753.5	2484.5	2052.6	1927.5
Maharashtra	1519.0	1515.0	1529.0	1566.0	3246.0	4042.5	3853.5	4450.5
Manipur	176.3	166.3	166.3	#	653.9	579.2	579.2	#
Meghalaya	111.5	100.7	104.5	#	290.6	227.9	300.3	#
Mizoram	54.8	55.8	52.8	#	156.2	148.8	44.3	#
Nagaland	153.0	156.4	164.7	#	389.7	394.7	395.3	#
Orissa	4472.0	4479.0	4450.3	4444.0	9699.0	10288.5	10237.1	11260.5
Punjab	2647.0	2642.0	2621.0	2610.0	15655.5	15289.5	15207.0	15733.5
Rajasthan	101.3	107.4	107.7	128.0	225.6	229.5	254.7	390.0
Sikkim	14.7	15.0	15.0	#	32.4	32.3	32.3	#
Tamil Nadu	1872.8	2050.5	1931.4	2142.0	7593.3	7830.0	9915.9	9340.5

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Tripura	242.6	244.7	251.0	#	817.7	829.4	930.8	#
Uttar Pradesh	5339.3	5578.2	5920.6	5695.0	1433.4	16700.6	16686.0	17611.5
Uttaranchal	306.0	302.0	281.0	284.0	858.0	885.0	834.0	859.5
West Bengal	5783.6	5783.0	5687.0	5708.0	22327.2	21766.2	22118.9	22002.0
Andaman and Nicobar Islands	10.7	10.6	10.6	#	43.8	46.1	46.1	#
Dadra and Nagar Haveli	13.5	13.6	13.6	#	35.1	35.6	35.6	#
Delhi	6.0	7.5	7.4	#	21.5	36.0	46.7	#
Daman and Diu	1.7	1.8	1.8	#	6.0	5.6	5.6	#
Pondicherry	24.8	24.3	24.3	#	98.6	89.9	89.9	#
Others	NA	NA	NA	950.0	NA	NA	NA	2830.5
All India	41906.7	43659.8	43813.6	43771.0	83131.7	91793.4	93355.3	96431.0

* 4th Advance Estimates released on 09.07.2008

Included in others

NA: Not Applicable

Statement-II

Details of Estimates of Production of Wheat from 2004-05 to 2007-08

State/UT	Area ('000 Hectares)				Production ('000 Tonnes)			
	2004- 05	2005- 06	2006- 07	2007- 08*	2004- 05	2005- 06	2006- 07	2007- 08*
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Andhra Pradesh	9.0	11.0	10.0	10.0	5.0	9.0	9.0	7.0
Arunachal Pradesh	4.3	4.0	4.0	#	8.7	6.1	6.3	#
Assam	63.9	50.0	60.0	58.0	68.1	53.7	67.0	63.0
Bihar	2027.6	2003.7	2049.7	2145.0	3263.4	3239.0	3911.4	4414.0
Chhattisgarh	96.6	102.4	91.5	93.0	82.4	90.7	91.7	99.7
Gujarat	727.4	916.0	1201.0	1394.0	1805.5	2473.0	3000.0	3764.0
Haryana	2322.0	2304.0	2376.0	2474.0	9058.0	8857.0	10055.0	10283.0
Himachal Pradesh	362.0	358.5	362.2	369.0	684.0	679.0	501.6	608.0

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Jammu and Kashmir	248.4	248.0	260.0	253.0	474.4	444.0	492.2	474.0
Jharkhand	63.0	58.0	84.3	86.0	150.0	77.7	128.9	130.0
Karnataka	242.0	253.0	269.0	273.0	179.0	217.0	205.0	241.0
Madhya Pradesh	4136.2	3692.8	3992.8	3742.0	7176.6	5957.7	7325.9	6267.0
Maharashtra	756.0	933.0	1231.0	1254.0	1016.0	1300.0	1631.1	2081.0
Meghalaya	0.9	0.7	0.6	#	1.6	1.2	1.2	#
Nagaland	8.2	1.2	1.5	#	13.0	1.9	1.3	#
Orissa	4.0	3.3	3.9	8.0	5.0	4.5	5.8	11.0
Punjab	3482.0	3468.0	3467.0	3494.0	14698.0	14493.0	14596.0	15744.0
Rajasthan	2010.1	2123.9	2564.8	2592.0	5706.6	5865.3	7055.8	7125.0
Sikkim	5.7	6.5	6.5	#	8.3	9.0	9.0	#
Tripura	1.1	1.1	1.0	#	2.8	2.9	1.8	#
Uttar Pradesh	8999.8	9163.9	9197.6	9115.0	22513.9	24073.8	25031.0	25432.0
Uttaranchal	394.0	395.0	391.0	397.0	803.0	645.0	801.0	707.0
West Bengal	400.1	366.7	350.6	353.0	841.5	773.5	799.9	820.0
Dada and Nagaland	0.6	0.6	0.6	#	1.1	1.1	1.1	#
Delhi	18.0	18.3	17.9	#	71.0	79.4	77.7	#
Others	NA	NA	NA	43	NA	NA	NA	121.0
All India	26382.9	26483.6	27994.5	28153.0	68636.9	69354.5	75806.7	78401.0

*4th Advance Estimates released on 09.07.2008

#Included in others

NA: Not Applicable

Suicides committed by farmers

14. SHRIMATI BRINDA KARAT: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise number of suicides committed by farmers on the basis of the agricultural products they grew, like cotton, rice, wheat, etc., in the year 2007-08; and

(b) the steps taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA): (a) A statement indicating the number of suicides committed by farmers during the year 2007-08, as reported by the State Government is enclosed (See below). No report