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## **India: Poor Monsoon Rainfall Lowers Rice Production Expectations**

India's 2009/10 rice production is estimated at 84.0 million tons, down 15.5 million or 16 percent from last month and down 15.4 million or 15 percent from last year. Area is estimated at 40.0 million hectares, down 4.1 million or 9 percent from both last month and last year. The Indian Meteorological Department's long range forecast for this year's Southwest Monsoon (June-September) is for near-normal total precipitation (93 percent). However, most regions of the country have experienced below-normal rainfall during the June and July, with the countrywide rainfall deficiency standing at 19 percent as of the end of July. India's major rice growing regions have suffered the most from the moisture deficiency, with northwestern and northeastern states experiencing the largest rainfall deficiencies: 30 to 42 percent respectively. Recent satellite imagery over the country indicates significantly reduced crop vegetation

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