



Centre revises Wheat Stock limit till 31st March 2026

Govt of India to Tighten Wheat Stock Checks to Prevent Artificial Scarcity

Ample Availability of Wheat in the country: Department of Food and Public Distribution, GoI

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In order to manage the overall food security and to prevent hoarding and unscrupulous speculation, the Government of India imposed stock limits on wheat applicable to Traders/Wholesalers, Retailers, Big Chain Retailers and Processors in all States and Union Territories. The Removal of Licensing Requirements, Stock Limits and Movement Restrictions on Specified Foodstuffs (Amendment) Order, 2025 was issued on 27 May 2025 and was applicable for all States and Union Territories.

As part of continuous efforts to moderate prices of wheat before the upcoming festive season, Central Government has decided to revise the Wheat Stock limit applicable until 31st March 2026 as under:

Entities	Existing Wheat Stock Limit	Revised Wheat Stock Limit
Trader/ Wholesaler	3000 MT;	2000 MT;
Retailer	10 MT for each Retail outlet	8 MT for each Retail outlet
Big Chain Retailer	upto 10 MT for each retail outlet subject to maximum quantity of (10 multiplied by total no. of outlets) MT. This will be the maximum stock that can be held at all their retail outlets and depots put together	upto 8 MT for each retail outlet subject to maximum quantity of (8 multiplied by total no. of outlets) MT. This will be the maximum stock that can be held at all their retail outlets and depots put together

Processor	70% of Monthly Installed Capacity (MIC) multiplied by remaining months of FY 2025-26	60% of Monthly Installed Capacity (MIC) multiplied by remaining months of FY 2025-26
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All wheat stocking entities are required to declare/update the stock position on every Friday on the wheat stock portal (<https://foodstock.dfpd.gov.in>). Any entity which is found to have not registered on the portal or violates the stock limits will be subject to suitable punitive action under Section 6 & 7 of Essential Commodities Act, 1955.

In case the stocks held by above entities are higher than the above prescribed limit, they shall have to bring the same to the prescribed stock limits within 15 days of issue of the notification. Officials of Central and State Governments will be closely monitoring enforcement of these stock limits to ensure that no artificial scarcity of wheat is created in the country.

A total production of 1175.07 LMT of wheat was recorded during crop year 2024-25 and there is ample availability of wheat in the country. Central Government has procured 300.35 LMT wheat in RMS 2025-26 through State Agencies/FCI which is sufficient to meet requirement of PDS, OWS and other market interventions. The Department of Food and Public Distribution is maintaining a close watch over the stock position of wheat to control prices and ensure easy availability in the country.

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