

## Robust harvest

# India's wheat procurement begins strong

India has bought 2.08 million metric tonnes of new-season wheat from domestic farmers since March 15, up 44.4 percent from last year, government sources said, indicating a robust crop that will help New Delhi shore up its depleted reserves and avoid imports.

Food Corporation of India's wheat procurement period has gotten off to a strong start and is expected to gather steam in the coming weeks as harvests from bread-basket states such as Haryana, Punjab, and Uttar Pradesh start to trickle into the market. **Reuters**