

UP tops in horticulture output: Leads in potato, mango, peas

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Lucknow: Uttar Pradesh has retained its position as the country's biggest contributor to horticulture production, emerging as the largest producer of potatoes, mangoes and green peas, according to the second advance estimates for 2025-26.

The state produced 250.6 lakh metric tonnes (MT) of potatoes, 61.9 lakh MT of mangoes and 37.6 lakh MT of green peas (matar) during the period. At the national level, production stood at 598.8 lakh MT for potatoes, 236.2 lakh MT for mangoes and 72.3 lakh MT for peas.

With 16.4% of India's total horticulture output, Uttar Pradesh remains the single largest contributor. The state ranks first in vegetable production and third in fruit production, reflecting continued gains in both acreage and yield.

Horticultural crops are cultivated across about 26 lakh hectares in Uttar Pradesh, around 8.6% of the country's total horticulture area of 301.5 lakh hectares. The state's horticulture production is estimated at 618.2 lakh MT, out of the national total of 3,777.7 lakh MT.

Under the centrally sponsored Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture

(MIDH), farmers are provided a 40% subsidy on input costs for several crops, subject to an 80% crop survival rate in the first year. State minister Dinesh Pratap Singh said the performance reflects sustained govt efforts to raise farm incomes, promote crop diversification and strengthen the horticulture value chain. Uttar Pradesh also leads in guava, capsicum, bottle gourd, watermelon, muskmelon, water chestnut (singhara), mushrooms and honey production, ranks second in amla, sweet potato and carrot, and third in banana. Horticulture contributes about 28% to the state's agricultural economy.
