



## Rabi Crops

### Why in News

Recently, the Government of India has inaugurated the **National Conference on Agriculture for Rabi campaign 2021-22**.

### Key Points

Kharif Crops	Rabi Crops
Crops that are <b>sown during the southwest monsoon season</b> are called kharif or <b>monsoon crops</b> .	Those that are <b>sown around the Retreating Monsoon and Northeast monsoon season</b> , which begins by October are called rabi or <b>winter crops</b> .
These crops are sown at the beginning of the season around end May to early June and are <b>harvested post the monsoon rains beginning October</b> .	The harvest for these crops happens typically during April and May, <b>during the summer season</b> .
These crops <b>depend on the rainfall patterns</b> .	These crops are <b>not much affected by the rainfall</b> .
<b>Rice, maize, pulses such as urad, moong dal and millets</b> are among the key kharif crops.	Major Rabi crops are <b>wheat, gram, peas, barley</b> etc.
It <b>requires a lot of water and hot weather</b> to grow.	A <b>warm climate</b> is required for seed germination and <b>cold climate</b> for the growth of crops.
<b>Zaid Crops</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Sown and harvested: <b>March-July (between Rabi and Kharif)</b></li><li>▪ Important Zaid crops include: <b>Seasonal fruits, vegetables, fodder crops</b> etc</li></ul>	

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