**Crop Condition in AP – September to November 2010**

***As on September 1, 2010***

Due to heavy rains on 9th, 10th and 20th, 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 25th, 26th, 30th and 31st of August 2010, and also because of relentless spell of rains the Agricultural operations and transplantation of paddy in Godavari delta are in slow progress. Cotton plants are dying due to excess moisture was observed in some pockets in **Khammam** district. Due to excessive rains, the yield levels of the harvested crops are likely to be reduced. Due to heavy rains received from 28th to 30th August, an area of **60,241 hectares was inundated** the crops like paddy, cotton, pulses, in the districts of East and West Godavari, Krishna, Guntur, **Khammam**, **Medak**, Srikulam, Nizamabad, **Rangareddy** etc.

***As on September 8, 2010***

Due to heavy rains in the first week of September 2010 and also relentless spell of rains the agricultural operations and transplantation of paddy in Godavari delta are in slow progress. Cotton plants are dying due to excess moisture was observed in some pockets in **Khammam** district. Due to excess of moisture, the yield levels of the crops are likely to be reduced. Due to heavy rains received during the 1st week of September an area of **1,05,878 hectares was inundated/damaged** the crops like paddy, cotton, pulses, groundnut, maize, sugarcane in the districts of Vishakhapatnam, East and West Godavari, Krishna, Guntur, **Khammam, Medak, Warangal, Karimnagar, Nizamabad,** etc.

***As on September 15, 2010***

Due to heavy rains in the first week of September 2010 and also relentless spell of rains the agricultural operations and transplantation of paddy in Godavari delta are in slow progress. In flood affected areas cotton crop damage was observed due to sand casting and silting. Due to heavy rains received during the first fortnight of September 2010 an area of 1,48,944 hectares was inundated/damaged the crops like paddy, cotton, pulses, groundnut, maize, sugarcane in the districts of Vishakhapatnam, East and West Godavari, Krishna, Guntur, **Khammam, Medak, Warangal, Karimnagar, Nizamabad** etc. Wilting and yellowing of plants due to water logging in maize and cotton crop was observed.

***As on September 22, 2010***

Due to heavy rains in the first week of September 2010 and also relentless spell of rains, hindrance the Agricultural operations. Due to continuous rains/cloudy weather prevailing during September, wilting and yellowing was observed die to excess moisture in the cotton fields. Due to heavy rains received during July-September 2010 an area of 2,93,938 hectares was inundated/damaged the crops like paddy, cotton, pulses, groundnut, maize, sugarcane, in the districts of Vishakhapatnam, East and West Godavari, Krishna, Guntur**, Khammam, Medak, Warangal, Karimnagar, Nizamabad** etc.

***As on September 29, 2010***

Due to heavy rains in the first week of September 2010 and also relentless spell of rains hindrance the agricultural operations. Due to continuous rains/cloudy weather prevailed during September, wilting and yellowing was observed due to excess moisture in the cotton fields. Due to heavy rains received during July to September 2010 an area of 2,71,587 hectares was inundated/damaged the crops like paddy, cotton, pulses, groundnut, maize, sugarcane in the districts of Vishakhapatnam, East and West Godavari, Krishna, **Khammam, Medak, Warangal, Karimnagar, Nizamabad** etc.

***As on October 6, 2010***

Due to heavy rains in the first week of September 2010 and also relentless spell of rains hindrance the agricultural operations. Due to continuous rains/cloudy weather prevailed during September wilting and yellowing was observed due to excess moisture in the cotton fields. Due to heavy rains received during July to September 2010 an area of 2,71,587 hectares was inundated/damaged the crops like paddy, cotton, pulses, groundnut, maize, sugarcane in the districts of Vishakhapatnam, East and West Godavari, Krishna, Guntur, **Khammam, Medak, Warangal, Karimnagar, Nizamabad** etc. Normal area could not be covered under black soils, sunflower and bengalgram will be taken up.

***As on October 13, 2010***

Due to heavy rains in the first week of September 2010 and also relentless spell of rains, hindrance the agricultural operations. Due to continuous rains/cloudy weather prevailed during September, wilting and yellowing was observed due to excess moisture in the cotton fields. Due to heavy rains received during July to September 2010 and area of 2,71,587 hectares was inundated/damaged the crops like paddy, cotton, pulses, groundnut, maize, sugarcane in the districts of Vishakhapatnam, East and West Godavari, Krishna, Guntur, **Khammam, Medak, Warangal, Karimnagar, Nizamabad** etc. Normal area could not be covered under black soils, sunflower and bengalgram will be taken up.

***As on October 20, 2010***

Due to heavy rains in the first week of September 2010 and also relentless spell of rains, hindrance the agricultural operations. Due to continuous rains/cloudy weather prevailed during September, wilting and yellowing was observed due to excess moisture in the cotton fields. Due to heavy rains received during July to September 2010 an area of 2,71,587 hectares was inundated/damaged the crops like paddy, cotton, pulses, groundnut, maize, sugarcane in the districts of Vishakhapatnam, East and West Godavari, Krishna, Guntur**, Khammam, Medak, Warangal, Karimnagar, Nizamabad** etc. Normal area could not be covered under black soils, sunflower and bengalgram will be taken up.

***As on October 20, 2010***

Harvesting of Kharif-2010 paddy is coming to the market yards. With the recent rains the farmers are taking up the land preparation for Rabi 2010-11.

***As on November 3, 2010***

Torrential rains in the State caused by a trough low pressure lying over the Bay of Bengal adjoining Andhra-Tamilnadu coasts, caused inundation of crops upto an extent of 2.53 lakh hectares under paddy, cotton, maize and soybean crop in coastal AP. **Maize cultivators worst affected by the deluge in Khammam district**. Heavy rains and flash floods to Godavari river that left behind a trail of destruction in July to September 2010. Even before the distressed farmers are yet to recover from the earlier huge losses the current spell of heavy showers has once again caused severe damage to crops.

***As on November 10, 2010***

Torrential rains in the State caused by a cyclonic storm "Jal" as per the preliminary estimates an area of 3.44 lakh hectares has been submerged/damaged, the crops of paddy, cotton, maize, soybean and pulse crops in the districts of Srikakulam, Vizianagaram, Vishakhapatnam, East and West Godavari, Krishna, Guntur, Prakasam, Nellore, Chittoor, Kadapa, **Khammam, Medak and Nalgonda**. The intermittent rains during the past two weeks impacts the farm sector adversely the crop yield as well as quality of paddy, cotton and maize set to be affected. The total extent over which agricultural crops like paddy, maize and cotton were found damaged has been put at 3.24 lakh hectares. The district administration has already instructed the officials concerned to make an actual assessment of the crop loss.

***As on November 17, 2010***

Torrential rains in the State caused by a cyclonic storm "Jal" as per the preliminary estimates an area of 3.44 lakh hectares has been submerged/damaged, the crops of paddy, cotton, maize, soybean and pulses in the districts of Srikakulam, Vizianagaram, Vishakhapatnam, East and West Godavari, Krishna, Guntur, Prakasam, Nellore, Chittoor, Kadapa, **Khammam, Medak and Nalgonda**. The intermittent rains during the past two weeks impacts the farm sector adversely the crop yield as well as quality of paddy, cotton and maize is set to be affected. The district administration has already instructed the officials concerned to make an actual assessment of the crop loss. The fresh spell of rain during this week was obviously not a cause for cheer to the farmers whom the cyclone "Jal" caused huge losses earlier this month.

***As on November 24, 2010***

Due to heavy rains the sowings/plantations are lagging behind in some pockets. The farmers have taken up Rabi cultivation in a big way are worried over the fresh spell of rains received under the influence of the system in the Bay of Bengal.

Torrential rains in the State caused by a cyclonic storm "Jal" as per the preliminary estimates an area of 4.96 lakh hectares has been submerged/damaged, the crops of paddy, cotton, maize, soybean and pulses in the districts of Srikakulam, Vizianagaram, Vishakhapatnam, East and West Godavari, Krishna, Guntur, Prakasam, Nellore, Chittoor, Kadapa, **Khammam, Medak and Nalgonda**. The intermittent rains during the first week of November 2010, affects the farm sector adversely the crop yield as well as quality of paddy, cotton and maize is set to be affected. The final enumeration of crop damages/losses in under brisk progress. **The bengalgram crop affected by a leaf blight in the Kurnool district which is likely to hit the yield.**