

IMC-ERTF Panel Discussion on Kharif 2016-17 Crop Prospects and Inflation Outlook

Dear Sir/Madam,

IMC Economic Research and Training Foundation (IMC-ERTF) in association with IMC Expert Committee on Agribusiness, Food Processing and Commodities is organising a panel discussion on:

Theme: Kharif 2016-17 Crop Prospects and Inflation Outlook

Time & Date: 4.00 pm on Wednesday, September 28, 2016

**Venue: BabubhaiChinaiCommittee Room, IMC Building, 2nd floor, Churchgate, Mumbai
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After facing two years of below-normal rainfall and near-drought conditions, the country has had satisfactory southwest monsoon so far this year with well distributed rainfall. This has brought cheer to the rural areas. There is expectation of a rebound in agricultural production.

The Ministry of Agriculture has set an ambitious target for Kharif crop production. Rice, coarse grains (mainly maize), oilseeds (mainly soybean, groundnut), pulses (mainly tur/arhar), cotton and sugarcane are major kharif season crops.

Policymakers have been fighting food inflation for the last several quarters. For instance, pulse prices had skyrocketed to level that hurt consumer interest. Now, is there some hope of a decline in food inflation to bring cheer too consumers? Will the anticipated rebound in harvest size be realized? What will policymakers do to really tame food inflation?

These and related issues will be discussed by a panel of experts who have hands-on experience in tracking and analyzing agricultural markets. They will examine various market drivers, crystal-gaze into the emerging scenario with respect to domestic and global production prospects and come up with a conclusion. Recommendations emanating from the discussion will be forwarded to the government for appropriate action.

The panel discussion will be interactive. We solicit your presence and active participation. Please send your confirmation to Ms. Jayshree Patil at email: jayshree.patil@imcnet.org or Phone: 022-22046633/153.

Regards,

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