



AGRICULTURE

Agriculture is very important for the economy, employment, livelihood and national food security in Pakistan. It contributes towards economic development in numerous facets. During 2016-17, the agriculture sector recorded growth of 3.5 percent.

Forestry and fisheries also did well with growth contribution of 14.5 per cent and 1.23 per cent respectively in the outgoing year 2016-17.

Pakistan has made its farmers non-competitive. Government measures such as PM Farmer's package tried to neutralize the impact in 2015-16.

In 2016-17 the government, both at the federal and provincial levels, will endeavor to revive the agriculture sector. Allocations made in the federal PSDP for Ministry of National Food Security and Research for the year are Rs1,520 million. Federal government will only direct investment in strategic areas, strengthen regulatory framework and provide policy support.

Since farming is being done in provinces therefore investment from the provinces will continue in their respective ADPs. Efforts will be made to resolve the issues of the Sector by following the Vision 2025 and strategies given in the 11th Five Year Plan to achieve the agriculture growth target of 3.5 per cent in 2016-17.

The Market

- It is the source of livelihood of almost 42.3 % of the total employed labor force and contributed 19.8 % to GDP in FY2015-16.
- Total cropped is 22.75 million hectares.

Livestock and poultry

- Livestock contributed approximately 58.3 percent to the agriculture value added and 11.4 percent to the overall GDP during 2016-17 compared to 58.3 percent and 11.6 percent during the corresponding period last year, respectively. Gross value addition of livestock at constant cost factor of 2005-06 has increased from Rs. 1288 billion (2015-16) to Rs. 1333 billion (2016-17), showing an increase of 3.4 percent over the same period last year.
- The poultry sector provides employment (direct /indirect) to over 1.5 million people. The current investment in Poultry Industry is more than Rs.700 billion. Pakistan has become the 11th largest poultry producer in the world with the production of 1.02 billion broilers annually.
- Poultry meat contributes 30 percent of the total meat production in the country. Poultry sector has shown a growth @ 8-10 percent annually which reflects its inherent potential.

- The poultry has contributed 1.4 percent in GDP during 2016-17.

Forestry

- During the year 2016-17, forestry sector having growth of 14.5 percent.

Fishery

- Fisheries, as a sub sector, play a significant role in the national economy and towards the food security of the country, as it relaxes the existing pressure on mutton, beef and poultry demand.
- During 2016-17 (July-March), total marine and inland fish production was estimated 520,000 m.tons out of which 368,000 m. tons was marine production and the remaining catch came from inland waters.
- A total of 103,277 m. tons of fish and fish preparations was exported during 2016-17 (July-March).

Industry Snapshot

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Major crops	Kharif Crops (Summer produce) Rice (0.6% to GDP); Sugarcane (0.7% to GDP), Cotton(1.0% to GDP) Rabi crops (winter produce) Wheat (contributes 1.9 % to GDP)
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LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY

Growth:	3.4% in 2016-17 in livestock Annual growth of 10% in the poultry sector
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FISHERY

Production:	520,000 m tons in 2015-16
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The Opportunity

Government of Pakistan is taking a number of steps to improve fisheries sector. Further number of initiative are being taken by MFD and provincial fisheries department which includes inter alia strengthening of extension services, introduction of new fishing methodologies, development of value added products, enhancement of per capita consumption of fish, up-gradation of socio-economic conditions of the fishermen's community.

- The Federal Government has initiated mega projects worth PKR8.8 billion in livestock.
- Pakistan is the fourth largest producer of raw milk in the world with growth potential of 20% per annum in exports. However only a negligible quantity goes into processing due to lack of technical assistance, research institutes and weak infrastructure.
- Pakistan has already launched a spring tree plantation drive with a target of planting 58 million saplings. The GoP plans to launch free plantation campaign twice a year with a view to increase forest cover to 6% of the landmass by next year.

Draft of 'Forest Policy 2015' has been prepared by Ministry Of Climate Change. This policy will provide a legal basis for the government to extend support to all federating units towards achieving their targets and meeting international obligations by filling their capacity and financial gaps.

The Prime Minister has approved the launch of 'Green Pakistan Program' to improve forestry and wildlife sectors. This program targets to add 100 million plants over the next five years all over the country. Under The Green Pakistan protection and management of wildlife and reclaiming and developing forest areas are the main aspects of the program. In this regard relevant federal and provincial ministries and agencies including Fata, GB and AJK will actively participate in this program to achieve the desired objectives of forests preservation and wildlife protection. This initiative will ensure far-reaching reforms in forestry and wildlife sectors of the country.
