

Agro Advisory Service for Rice
ICAR - National Rice Research Institute, Cuttack-753 006

Strategies for First Fortnight of December 2017

- Harvest the crop when 80% of the grains in the panicles get matured and process, dry and pack paddy varieties separately without mixing for better price for the produce
- There may be chances of infestation of Ear cutting caterpillar in matured/harvested crop kept in the field. Farmers are advised to go for bund application of Malathion dust (5%) to protect the crop from ear cutting caterpillars if incidence occurs.
- For safe storage, paddy grains need to be dried to 14% for milling and dried to 12% moisture content for seed purpose.
- Crops like sunflower, *rabi* maize, vegetables etc. should be sown/planted immediately after rice crop in irrigated medium lands.
- After harvesting of rice, farmers are advised to complete the sowing of green gram (varieties like TARM-1, Samrat, OUM-1-5, PDM-54, Virat, IPM-2-3 and SML 668) under ideal soil moisture conditions.
- Farmers are also advised to collect their own seeds from a well matured, healthy and genetically pure crop for sowing in the next season.
- Farmers intended to plant dry season rice, should procure good quality seeds of the following varieties i.e. CR Dhan 601, CR Dhan 203, CR Dhan 205, CR Dhan 206 Chandan, Lalat, Naveen, and MTU 1010, Luna Sankhi (Saline area) etc.
- Nursery preparation for dry season rice should be started.