

450 thousand tonnes of certified wheat seeds for the New Year

Wheat Project Implementer

Ministry of Agriculture announced plans to provide 6,000 tonnes of certified irrigated

and dryland wheat seeds for the new crop year.

Ismail Esfandiarpour said that certified wheat

seed is produced and supplied domestically. "We now have no shortage of

certified wheat seeds to supply certified seed and there is more than needed in

the provinces," Ismail Esfandiarpour said.

He said: The bulk of these irrigated and dryland

wheat seeds are new varieties resistant to drought, disease and pests.

Wheat Seed Plan Executor stated: Each kilogram of irrigated wheat seed is priced at 2,650 tomans and dry land wheat seed at 2,450 tomans.

He advised farmers to use

certified seeds to increase proper yield and quality of production in protein

and gluten, and to avoid self-consuming seeds because the use of non-certified seeds

has a lot of impact in reducing disease and pest.

Esfandiarpour said: According to plans for wheat

cultivation in the new crop year, a total of 6 million hectares is planned, of

which 2 million hectares is allocated to irrigated wheat and 4 million hectares

to dry lands.

Purchase of wheat for the last year began in late March in Jiroft, south of Kerman. 7 million and 705 thousand tons of wheat were purchased from wheat farmers by September 18th, which was worth thirteen thousand three hundred and forty six billion Tomans.

According to the follow-up, the amount of thirteen thousand three hundred and twenty five billion Tomans has been paid, which is equivalent to 99.8% of the demands of the farmers so far.

According to statistics, in the 2017-2018 crop year, nearly 9 million and 460 thousand tons of wheat worth more than 114 trillion Rials, has been purchased at the approved amount of 1300 Tomans and durum wheat at 1330 Tomans.

By law, the government is required to calculate and notify farmers every year by the end of September of the purchase price of basic commodities, including wheat, in line with inflation and rising production costs