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BIG VICTORY FOR INDIAN FARMERS LIES IN BLUEPRINT OF COUNTRY'S FTA WITH NEW ZEALAND

India will not extend import duty concessions to New Zealand for sensitive sectors like dairy and sugar under their upcoming free trade agreement. This move aims to protect domestic farmers and MSMEs. However, India will offer restricted market access for certain agri goods like Manuka honey and apples through tariff rate quotas. SOURCE- THE ECONOMIC TIMES



INDIA'S RICE STOCKS SURGE TO RECORD HIGH AS PADDY PROCUREMENT CLIMBS

India's rice stockpiles have surged to a record high for early December. This increase, driven by government procurement, positions India to boost rice exports. The country, the world's largest rice exporter, is set to increase shipments. This could impact global supplies from rival nations. Wheat stocks are also at comfortable levels, aiding food grain price management. SOURCE-THE ECONOMIC TIMES



MUSTARD ACREAGE RISES 4% TO 84.67 LAKH HECTARES AS CROP CONDITION REMAINS NORMAL

Mustard cultivation has increased by 4 percent nationwide. Major states like Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Haryana, and West Bengal show expansion. Crop conditions are generally normal. Early season rains caused some issues but recovery is evident. Favorable weather and soil moisture are supporting growth. Pest levels remain low across most regions. SOURCE-THE ECONOMIC TIMES



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FARMERS IN KASHMIR SAY INDIA-NEW ZEALAND FTA ON APPLE VIOLATION OF PROMISES MADE BY CENTRAL GOVERNMENT

Kashmiri apple farmers are concerned after India reduced import duty on New Zealand apples to 25% under a free trade agreement, a move they claim violates government promises. This decision is expected to impact sales of apples currently stored in controlled atmosphere facilities, potentially harming growers in Jammu and Kashmir and Himachal Pradesh. SOURCE- THE ECONOMIC TIMES



MFOI 2025 ORGANIZED BY KRISHI JAGRAN & ICAR SETS A NATIONAL BENCHMARK, UNITING A RECORD CONFLUENCE OF MILLIONAIRE FARMERS FROM ACROSS BHARAT

MFOI 2025, organised by Krishi Jagran and co-organised by ICAR, set a national benchmark by uniting thousands of millionaire farmers, global experts, and industry leaders to advance sustainable, innovative agricultural growth. SOURCE- KRISHI JAGRAN



KISAN DIWAS 2025: HOW INDIA'S SMALLHOLDER FARMERS ARE DRIVING CLIMATE RESILIENCE

India honours its farmers on Kisan Diwas, marking the birth anniversary of Chaudhary Charan Singh, the fifth Prime Minister and a lifelong advocate for farmers' rights. This year's 25th Kisan Diwas is more than a tribute – it's a celebration of India's smallholder farmers who have successfully made India the second-largest producer of food in the world. SOURCE- KRISHI JAGRAN

