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1. Ten year road map prepared by state agriculture department, The Times of India, October 18, 2016

A ten year road map has been prepared by the state agriculture department by which concerted efforts will be made to double the earnings of farmers, according to agriculture commissioner Vikas Deshmukh.

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2. As India's "granary" exhausts groundwater, farmers eye new crops, The Economics Times, October 17, 2016

It is hailed as India's granary, but the northwestern state of Punjab faces a drastic decline in agricultural output unless it halts the rapid depletion of its groundwater, experts warn.

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3. India's groundnut production to increase by 70%: SEA, The Economics Times, October 17, 2016

The kharif groundnut crop of 2016-17 is estimated at 54.80 lakh tonnes against 32.30 lakh tonnes in 2015-16 up by 70%, according to the estimate of industry body Solvent Extractors Association (SEA).

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4. Aim is to bring 200 grain markets under govt's wing: Union Agriculture Minister Radha Mohan Singh, The Indian Express, October 19, 2016

Union Agriculture Minister Radha Mohan Singh visited the new grain market in Sector 39 for Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, in Chandigarh on October 18, 2016.

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5. Monsoon ends with food output of 270 million tonnes; 91 reservoirs show 25% increase in storage, FirstPost, October 19, 2016

A "normal" monsoon and adequate water in major reservoirs nationwide, coupled with more money to agriculture, have set the stage for a record agricultural output of 270 million tonnes — 2 percent in excess of the government's target — for the kharif (summer) and rabi (winter) crops of 2016.

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6. Grape exports from India: El Nino set to shower a windfall, The Financial Express, October 19, 2016

According to All India Grape Exporters Association president Jagannath Khapre, around 1.92 lakh tonne has been the peak of Indian grape export and the country is likely to cross this mark this year due to good monsoon and the prevailing good weather conditions in the grape growing regions.

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