

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

Strategies for First Fortnight of May 2015

- Rice crop should be harvested when reached at physiological maturity (80 % grains matured of a panicle) as shattering is a major problem in dry season rice.
- Moisture content of the grain should be brought down to 14 % before storage by drying under sun for 2 days in areas where crop has been subjected to rain.
- Summer ploughing should be done in rainfed lowland areas where direct seeded rice is grown and first ploughing should be done with Mould Board plough so that at least 15-20 cm of soil gets ploughed and second ploughing may be done with cultivators.
- In light soil conditions, fine tilth should be done with rotavator for direct seeding.
- Strengthening or repairing field bunds may be done.
- Ploughing of the nursery bed for dry nursery may be started with pre monsoon showers.
- Selection Rice varieties like varshadhan and Durga may be selected for Deep water areas and good quality seeds may be procured from research institutes, Universities, KVKs, Block office (Agriculture) and reputed firms etc.
- Dhaincha seeds should also be procured from above mentioned organizations for sowing in transplanted rice areas.