

New Varieties of Pulses

The Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) has identified six new varieties of pulses for release in various agro-climatic zones of the country for this year. Three varieties of Chickpea (two desi and one kabuli), one field pea, one lentil and one moongbean variety have been identified. The BGM 547 chickpea variety developed by IARI have been identified for release in the North Western Plains Zone (NWPZ) in late sown conditions when monsoon is delayed. The Phule G 9425-9 chickpea variety has been identified for release in the NWPZ region under the late sown conditions. The IPFD1-10 variety of field pea has been identified for release in the Central Zone and the Northern Hill Zone. The VL masoor 507-lentil variety developed by the Vivekananda parvatiya Krishi Anusandhan Sansthan (VPKAS), Almora, is recommended for Northern Hill Zone. The Hum-16 moongbean variety developed by Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi, has been identified for North Eastern plain Zone. It is supportive for summer cultivation.

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