

F.No. 1-19/2025-DFSC-II/Wheat Board
Government of Pakistan
Ministry of National Food Security & Research

Islamabad, the 20th October, 2026

Subject: **MINUTES OF THE 11th MEETING OF THE WHEAT BOARD HELD
ON 03-10-2026**

The undersigned is directed to refer to the subject cited above and to state that the Minutes of the 11th meeting of the "Wheat Board", held on 03rd October, 2026 are enclosed herewith for compliance and further necessary action, please.

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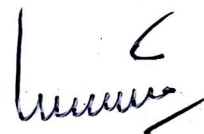
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24. PS to Chief Secretary, Government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.
25. PS to Chief Secretary, Government of Balochistan.
26. PS to Chief Secretary, Government of AJK.
27. PS to Chief Secretary, Government of GB.

28. Director General, DDP, Karachi.
29. Chief, NFDC, Islamabad.
30. Representative, nominated by LIMS.
31. Chairman, PFMA, Islamabad.
32. Chairman, Wheat Trader Association, Karachi.
33. Chairman, Wheat Exporter Association, Karachi.
34. Chairman, Cereal Association of Pakistan, Karachi.
35. 05 progressive farmer/grower 02 from Punjab, 01 each from Sindh, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Balochistan, nominated by MNFS&R.

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1. PS to Federal Minister, NFS&R, Islamabad.
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The Ministry of National Food Security & Research (MNFS&R) convened the 11th meeting of the Wheat Board on 3rd October, 2026 at 2:30 p.m. virtually under the chairmanship of the Federal Minister for National Food Security & Research to review the prevailing wheat situation in the country and deliberate upon the wheat production strategy for Rabi 2026-27, including the availability and prices of agricultural inputs, cost of production, indicative wheat price and other matters relating to ensuring national food security. The meeting was attended by the Secretary MNFS&R, Secretaries of Agriculture and Food Departments of the Provinces and Regions, Pakistan Flour Mills Association (PFMA), private sector representatives, progressive farmers, and senior officers of MNFS&R. The list of participants is attached as **Annex-I**.

2. The Chair welcomed the participants and emphasized that the primary objective of the meeting was to review the wheat sowing area targets and obtain inputs from the provincial governments and relevant stakeholders regarding the cost of production and expected/illustrative price of wheat for the forthcoming Rabi season. The DFSC-II gives a detailed presentation on wheat cultivation during Rabi 2025-26 and human consumption and total wheat requirement for the current food year 2026-27.

3. The Chair asked for the forthcoming Rabi season 2026-27 wheat sowing area targets. The Special Secretary Agriculture, Government of Punjab, informed that Punjab had proposed a wheat cultivation target of approximately 16.5 million acres and production target of 22.5 million tonnes for Rabi 2026-27. The Chair emphasized Punjab's major role in national wheat production and advised reviewing the target with a view to achieving a substantial increase and contributing towards a national surplus. The Additional Secretary Agriculture, Sindh, reported an increase in wheat area from 3.086 million acres to 3.879 million acres and production from 3.542 million tonnes to 4.913 million tonnes during 2025-26, which was appreciated by the Chair. The KP representative reported a slight decrease in wheat area, mainly due to limited irrigation facilities, particularly in southern districts, and dependence on rainfed cultivation. The Chair emphasized exploring irrigation development and other support measures to enhance wheat cultivation and reduce dependence on supplies from other provinces.

4. The availability and affordability of certified wheat seed were discussed, with Punjab reporting adequate supplies of around 0.6–0.8 million bags through the Punjab Seed Corporation and private seed companies. The Chair emphasized that high seed prices could discourage farmers from using quality seed and directed review of the pricing structure. The CEO Green Pakistan Initiative (GPI) suggested that the Punjab Seed Corporation should announce a reasonable price to serve as a benchmark for private seed companies. He further, noted that certified seed was expected to cost Rs. 6,500–7,000 per 50 kg bag against wheat procurement prices of Rs. 3,500–4,000 per 40 kg by the private seed companies. He requested that the certified seed price be fixed below last year's Rs. 5,500 per 50 kg bag to encourage wider adoption and enhance wheat productivity.

5. The Secretary, MNFS&R, emphasized the importance of maintaining adequate strategic wheat stocks in the country, noting that the existing PASSCO stocks would be depleted and become nil by the end of the year, thereby requiring greater attention towards domestic production and future strategic stock management.

6. The Chair urged inputs from the provincial governments and relevant stakeholders regarding the expected/illustrative price of wheat for the forthcoming Rabi season. The

representative from Punjab informed that the Agriculture Department had proposed an indicative wheat price ranging from Rs. 4,200 to Rs. 4,500 per 40 kg, emphasizing that a reasonable price would encourage farmers to bring more area under wheat cultivation. The representative of Sindh stated that a final decision regarding the support/indicative price had not yet been taken. The KP representative suggested that, if announced in a timely manner, a price around Rs.4,500 per 40 kg could provide a production signal.

7. The NFDC give a brief regarding the availability of urea and DAP for the upcoming Rabi season. It was noted that urea availability was generally manageable, though the lower projected closing stock warranted close monitoring and analysis of local versus imported costs. DAP opening stock was reported at around 257,000 tonnes, with total availability estimated at approximately 897,000 tonnes; however, its price had increased from around Rs.14,388 to Rs.17,125 per 50-kg bag, raising concerns regarding reduced offtake. The chair noted that varying fertilizer requirements according to soil and cropping conditions and emphasized balanced fertilizer use based on extension recommendations.

9. The Chairman, PFMA, and the farmer representative urged the Chair to ensure free movement of certified wheat seed from Punjab to other provinces, particularly Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Balochistan, noting that such movement had remained restricted during the last sowing season. The Chair took note of the matter and directed that the free movement of certified wheat seed from Punjab to other provinces be ensured, so that farmers in all provinces have timely access to quality seed.

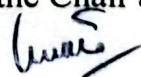
10. **While concluding the meeting, the Chair reiterated the following directions:**

i. All provincial governments shall make concerted efforts to enhance wheat sowing targets, reduce post-harvest losses, ensure timely availability of quality certified seed and fertilizers, promote farm mechanization, and strengthen agricultural extension services.

ii. The Chair directed that free movement of certified wheat seed from Punjab to other provinces shall be ensured, particularly to areas where seed availability is inadequate, so that farmers across the country have timely access to quality seed.

iii. The Wheat Board unanimously proposed an indicative wheat price of Rs. 4,500 per 40 kg, emphasizing that a reasonable and predictable price signal would encourage farmers to allocate greater area under wheat cultivation and contribute towards strengthening national wheat production.

11. At the end the meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the Chair and all participants.



LIST OF THE MEETING PARTICIPANTS

S. No	Name	Designation/Ministry/Department
1	Mr. Rana Tanvir Hussain	Federal Minister, MNFSR
2	Mr. Amir Ali Ahmed	Secretary, MNFSR
3	Maj. Gen (R) Shahid Nazir	CEO Green Pakistan Initiative (GPI)
4	Mr. Agha Nabeel	Special Secretary for Agriculture, Punjab
5	Mr. Ghulam Abbass Naich	Secretary, Food Deptment Sindh
6	Mr. Arshid Hussain Bugti	Secretary, CMD, Balochistan
7	Prof.Dr. Asif Ali	Chairman NSDRA
8	Mr. Idress Khosa	Additional Secretary, Agriculture Department Sindh
9	Mr. Muhammad Imtiaz	Additional Secretary, Food Department, KP
10	Mr. Waqas Alam	MD, PASSCO
11	Mr. Muhammad Asif	DFSC-II, MNFSR
12	Brig. Sajid	GCI
13	Mr. Amanullah Khan	Director Food, AJK
14	Mr. Muhammad Jaffar	Director Food, GB
15	Mr. Babar Quarshi	NFDC, MNFSR
16	Mr. Badruddin Kakar	Chairman, PFMA
17	Mr. Imam-ud-Din	Cereal Association of Pakistan
18	Mr. Saleem	WTAP
19	Mr. Ihsan Bajwa	Farmer, Punjab South
20	Mr. Jamal Khan Hoti	Farmer, KP
21	Mr. Ihtisham Javed	Farmer, Punjab North
22	Dr. Malak Atiq Ullah Khan	AFSC-II, MNFSR