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**Report Highlights:**

The Iraqi Ministry of Agriculture recently released its 2021 plans for total planted area of summer crops – corn and rice – following approval by the Ministry of Water Resources.

Unofficial reports indicate that the Iraqi Ministry of Agriculture (MOA) has released its planned planted area for yellow corn and paddy rice, following approval from the Ministry of Water Resources.

Area for each crop is listed below, broken out by governorate and irrigated areas.

### **Yellow Corn**

Summer planting of yellow corn in Iraq takes place in the first half of July and harvested in the second half of November until the end of December. MOA's 2021 planned cultivation area for yellow corn is 90,231 hectares, similar to prior year's planting (Table 1).

**Table 1: Yellow Corn Planting for Summer 2021**

<b>Governorate</b>	<b>Conventional Irrigation from Rivers</b>	<b>Mechanized Irrigation from Rivers</b>	<b>Conventional Irrigation from Wells</b>	<b>Mechanized Irrigation from Wells</b>	<b>Total in Iraqi Donums</b>	<b>Total in Hectare</b>
Ninewa	50	50	30		130	32.5
Kirkuk	87,618	12,382	62,578	20,833	183,411	45,853
Salah Eldin	1500	1500	5000	9500	17500	4,375
Dyalia	-	-	-	-	-	-
Anbar	4,085	15,915	5,000	50,00	30,000	7,500
Baghdad/Resafa	-	-	-	-	-	-
Baghdad/Karch	25,000				25,000	6,250
Babylon	60,000	-	-	-	60,000	15,000
Holly Kerbala	3,000				3,000	750
Najaf	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wasit	15,000	-	-	-	15,000	3,750
Dyiwanyia	2,000	-	-	-	2,000	500
Muthana	50	-	3,000	-	3,050	763
Thi Qar	-	-	-	-	-	-
Missan	20,000	-	1,000	-	21,000	5,250
Basra	690	-	-	-	690	173
Research center	141	-	-	-	141	35
<b>Total</b>					<b>360,922</b>	<b>90,231.5</b>

### **Paddy Rice**

Paddy rice planting in Iraq starts from the second half of May for the early varieties, while the planting of the late varieties starts in June. In northern Iraq, planting of the *Bazyan 56* variety begins in April and continues through the end of May. Rice harvesting takes place in October for the early varieties. MOA's 2021 planned cultivation area for paddy rice is 134,607 hectares, slightly higher than prior year's planting, likely due to a promising forecast of water availability (Table 2).

**Table 2: Rice Planting for Summer 2021**

<b>Governorate</b>	<b>Conventional Irrigation from Rivers</b>	<b>Mechanized Irrigation from Rivers</b>	<b>Conventional Irrigation from Wells</b>	<b>Mechanized Irrigation from Wells</b>	<b>Total in Iraqi Donum</b>	<b>Total in Hectare</b>
Ninewa	10		200		210	52.5
Kirkuk	-	-	-	-	-	-
Salah Eldin	-	-	-	-	-	-

Dyalia	-	-	-	-	-	-
Anbar	-	-	-	-	-	-
Baghdad/Resafa	-	-	-	-	-	-
Baghdad/Karch	-	-	-	-	-	-
Babylon	12,500	-	-	-	12,500	3,125
Holly Kerbala	-	-	-	-	-	-
Najaf	212,330	-	-	-	212,330	53,083
Wasit	29,257	-	-	-	29,257	7,314
Dyiwanyia	155,000	-	-	-	155,000	38,750
Muthana	15,000	-	-	-	15,000	3,750
Thi Qar	13,400	-	-	-	13,400	3,350
Missan	100,000	-	-	-	100,000	25,000
Basra	-	-	-	-	-	-
Research center	730				730	183
<b>Total</b>					<b>538,427</b>	<b>134,607.5</b>

**Attachments:**

No Attachments.