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High yielding varieties boost wheat production in Rajshahi

Rajshahi Bureau: Farmers are now on the final stage of harvesting their cultivated wheat with satisfactory yield in the region including its vast Barind tract thanks to the newly developed high yielding varieties and technological supports.

"Eighty-five percent wheat has already been harvested and the rests are expected to complete by this week-end," said Dev Dulal Dhali, Additional Director of Department of Agriculture Extension (DAE), while talking to BSS here yesterday.

He said most of the farmers are satisfied with this season's wheat yield as they cultivated high yielding varieties developed by Bangladesh Agriculture Research Institute (BARI).

Agriculturist Dhali said the developed varieties particularly the BARI GOM 28, 30, 32 and 33 are not only resistant to many threats and

menaces like drought, blast like disease and weed but also high yielding. So, the varieties have become popular among the farmers.

After taking advantages and opportunities given by the DAE and BARI the farmers are seen increasing the acreage of wheat farming as its demand is gradually mounting with rising of population.

DAE had set a target to cultivate wheat on 1,33,753 hectares of land but the farmers cultivated on 1,37,308 hectares in eight districts under Rajshahi division amidst rising their interests to wheat farming creating scope of producing 4.51 lakh metric tons of the cereal crop, which is 11,681 metric tons higher than the production target.

Arshad Ali, 52, a farmer of Baduria village under Charghat Upazila, has brought 10 bigha of land under wheat farming this year. He got 18 mounds yield per bigha on an average.

