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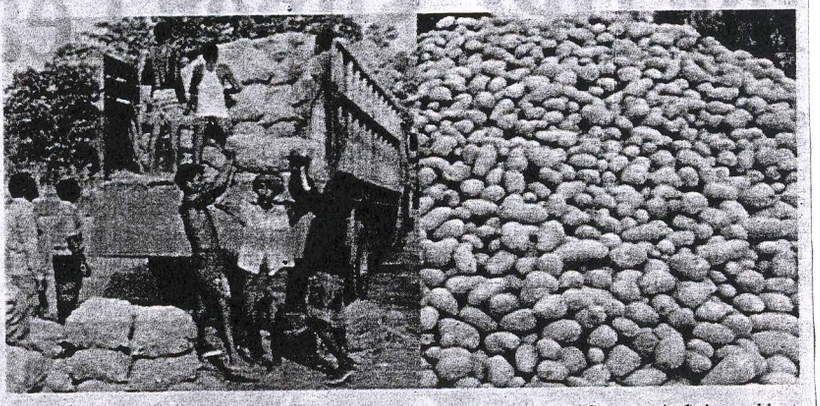

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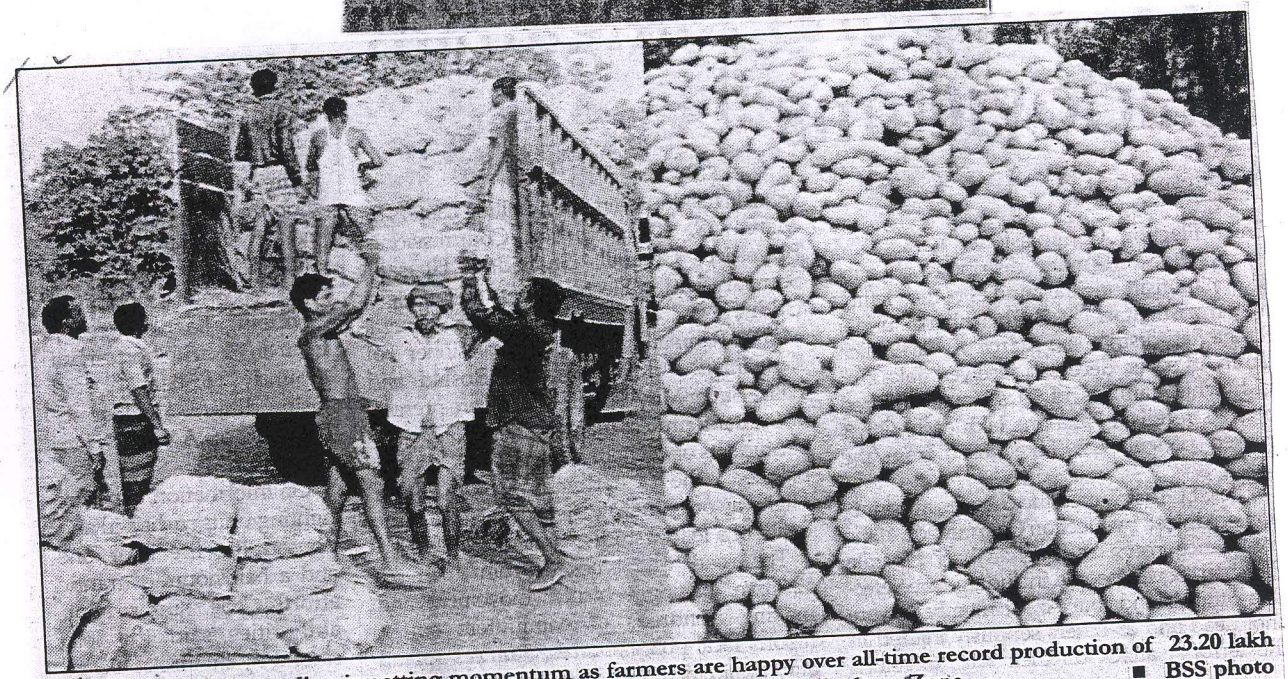

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Sabbir Ahmed, 38, another farmer of Bijoynagar area under Godagari Upazila, said wheat farming is gradually increasing in the area as it's a less-irrigation consuming crop.

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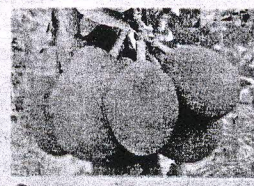
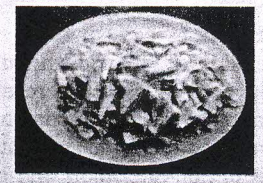
কাঁচা কাঁঠালের ভেজিটেবল মিট প্রস্তুতি

কাঁঠাল বাংলাদেশের জাতীয় ফল। দেশের প্রায় সব জেলায় কাঁঠাল উৎপন্ন হয়ে থাকে। কাঁঠাল কাঁচা ও পাকা হিসেবে আমাদের দেশে খাওয়া হয়। সবজি হিসেবে খাওয়ার জন্য কাঁচা কাঁঠাল ব্যবহৃত হয়। সাধারণত ৫৫-৬৫ দিনের পরিপক্ব কাঁঠাল ভেজিটেবল মিট তৈরির জন্য উপযুক্ত।





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ব্যবহার

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