

Record Harvest in Tajikistan

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DUSHANBE — Tajikistan harvested a record grain crop last year and plans to become self-sufficient in cereals by 2015, a senior government official said.

It harvested 1.26 million tons of grain in 2010, or 70 percent of its domestic needs, and imported the remainder from Kazakhstan, said Kutfullo Ziyodulloyev, head of the crop department at the Agriculture Ministry.

Tajikistan's 7.5 million people consume about 1.8 million tons of grain annually.

Ziyodulloyev said in an interview that the country planned to achieve its target by increasing yields, rather than the sowing area.

Wheat production in 2010 totaled 911,821 tons, up 5.5 percent from previous year. ■

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