



**Q. Why do foreign funded activist NGOs attack Punjab agriculture?**

**A. Because Punjab sets global standards in agricultural production.**

**Sample this.**

**Punjab produces more rice annually (14.4 mn tons, 2024) than entire EU and USA put together (12.7 mn tons).**

**The average yield of wheat in Punjab @ 5123 kg/ha is much higher than what's achieved in the USA (3446 kg/ha).**

**Q. Is it true that Punjab farmers use excessive pesticides as alleged by activists?**

**A. No. Pesticides use (kg per ha)**

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| <b>1</b> | <b>Punjab</b> | <b>0.60</b> |
| 2        | EU            | 2.67        |
| 3        | USA           | 2.78        |
| 4        | World         | 2.40        |

The **cropping intensity in Punjab is 200%**. This means every piece of agricultural land is cultivated to grow two full crop cycles in a year - making it one of the most intensively farmed areas globally.

**Q. Is there high incidence of cancer in Punjab as alleged by activists?**

**A. No. Average incidence of cancer per 100,000 population.**

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| <b>1</b> | <b>Punjab</b> | <b>97</b> |
| 2        | EU            | 292       |
| 3        | USA           | 367       |
| 4        | World         | 197       |



**Punjab produces more milk (15 mn tons) than Canada (10 mn tons).**

**Punjab produces honey equal to that of Italy – 21,000 tons.**

**Punjab consistently ranks at the top in India for inland fish productivity with yield reaching over 6.5 tons per ha more than double the national average of around 3 tons per ha.**

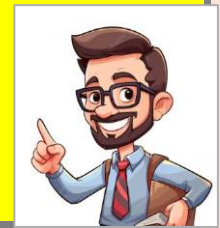
**High crop productivity, fish productivity together with high honey production in Punjab show the soil, water and environment are conducive for sustainable agriculture.**

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**Punjab farmers work tirelessly round the year in the field. They must be held in high respect.**

**Unfounded fear mongering and scare tactics used by foreign funded activists to tarnish the image of Punjab farmers need to be strongly countered with objective facts.**

**The narrative about Punjab agriculture must change – from the present gloomy & negative narrative to positive one.**



**Data Sources:** Ministry of Agriculture, Ministry of Animal Husbandry & Dairying, Indisatat, ICMR, FAOSTAT and GLOBOCAN of WHO. All data for year 2024 except for cancers for which the latest data available is of 2022

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