

Spices play a vital role in Indian cuisine since long time. These are the some of the most valuable items of domestic as well as industrial kitchens. The role of spices is to increase the palatability and used as a flavoring, coloring, and preservative agents.

Madhya Pradesh is the largest spice-producing state in India. India is the world's largest producer of spices. India is also the world's largest exporter of spices. This article will highlight the different spices produced in India and the largest spice-producing states.

Out of the 109 different spices listed by International Organisation for Standardisation (ISO), India produces 75 different varieties of spices.

Largest Producers of Spices in India – States Ranking

As of 2020-21, the largest spice-producing states of India are given below:

1. Madhya Pradesh (Around 3.23 million tonnes)
2. Rajasthan (Around 1.23 million tonnes)
3. Gujarat (Around 1.03 million tonnes)

4. Andhra Pradesh (Around 0.93 million tonnes)
5. Telangana (Around 0.74 million tonnes)

Apart from the above, the other top spice-producing states of India are listed below:

1. Karnataka
2. Maharashtra
3. Assam
4. Odisha
5. Uttar Pradesh
6. West Bengal
7. Tamil Nadu
8. Kerala

Different Spices Produced in India – Important Facts

The different spices produced in India are pepper, cardamom (small & large), chilli, ginger, turmeric, coriander seed, cumin seed, celery seed, fenugreek seed, garlic, tamarind, cloves, and nutmeg. Chilli, cumin, coriander, turmeric, and ginger constitute 75% of the whole spices produced in India.

- Chilli is the major spice crop grown in India.
- Around 29% of the area under cultivation is that of chilli.
- Chilli contributes around 37% of the whole spices produced in India.
- Cumin contributes around 17% of the total spice produced in India.
- Turmeric contributes around 10% of the total spice produced in India.
- Ginger contributes around 8% of the total spice produced in India.
- In 2020-21 India produced 10.7 million tonnes of spices.
- In 2020-21, India exported spices worth around the US \$4.18 billion.
- The spices produced in India are exported to China, US, Vietnam, Thailand, Bangladesh, UAE, UK, Malaysia, Sri Lanka, Indonesia, and Germany.

Largest Spice Producing States – Pepper

The 3 largest pepper-producing states in India are listed below:

1. Karnataka
2. Kerala
3. Tamil Nadu

Largest Spice Producing States – Cardamom (Small)

The 3 largest cardamom(small)-producing states in India are listed below:

1. Kerala
2. Karnataka
3. Tamil Nadu

Largest Spice Producing States – Cardamom (Large)

The 3 largest cardamom(large)-producing states in India are listed below:

1. Sikkim
2. West Bengal
3. Arunachal Pradesh

Largest Spice Producing States – Chilli

The 5 largest chilli-producing states in India are listed below:

1. Andhra Pradesh
2. Telangana
3. Madhya Pradesh
4. Karnataka
5. West Bengal

Largest Spice Producing States – Ginger

The 5 largest ginger-producing states in India are listed below:

1. Madhya Pradesh
2. Karnataka
3. Assam
4. West Bengal

5. Odisha

Largest Spice Producing States – Turmeric

The 5 largest turmeric-producing states in India are listed below:

1. Telangana
2. Maharashtra
3. Karnataka
4. Tamil Nadu
5. Andhra Pradesh

Largest Spice Producing States – Coriander Seed

The 5 largest coriander seed-producing states in India are listed below:

1. Madhya Pradesh
2. Gujarat
3. Rajasthan
4. Assam
5. West Bengal

Largest Spice Producing States – Cumin Seed

The largest cumin seed-producing states in India are listed below:

1. Gujarat
2. Rajasthan

Largest Spice Producing States – Celery Seed

The largest celery seed-producing state in India is **Punjab**.

Largest Spice Producing States – Fennel Seed

The 5 largest fennel seed-producing states in India are listed below:

1. Gujarat
2. Rajasthan
3. Madhya Pradesh
4. West Bengal

5. Uttar Pradesh

Largest Spice Producing States – Fenugreek Seed

The 5 largest fenugreek seed-producing states in India are listed below:

1. Madhya Pradesh
2. Rajasthan
3. Gujarat
4. Haryana
5. West Bengal

Largest Spice Producing States – Garlic

The 5 largest garlic-producing states in India are listed below:

1. Madhya Pradesh
2. Rajasthan
3. Uttar Pradesh
4. Gujarat
5. Punjab

Largest Spice Producing States – Tamarind

The 5 largest tamarind-producing states in India are listed below:

1. Karnataka
2. Tamil Nadu
3. Kerala
4. Andhra Pradesh
5. Telangana

Largest Spice Producing States – Cloves

The 3 largest cloves producing states in India are listed below:

1. Tamil Nadu
2. Karnataka
3. Kerala

Largest Spice Producing States – Nutmeg

The largest nutmeg-producing states in India are listed below:

1. Kerala
2. Karnataka
3. Andaman & Nicobar