

**Classification of field Crops**

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**Classification of field crops:**

Field crops may be classified in more than one way.

It may be on the basis of:

* The climate in which they are grown
* The season in which grown
* Life of the crop plant
* Source of water
* Root system of the crop plant
* Economic importance of the crop
* Botanical or morphological similarity in crops.

For cultivation following classifications are used commonly:

**Classification on the basis of climate**

Tropical crops – rice, sugarcane etc

Temperate crops – wheat, gram etc

**Classification on the basis of season**

Kharif Crops – Crops which are grown in monsoon months (from June to October)

e.g. Rice, Jowar, Bajara, Groundnut.

Rabi Crops – Crops which are grown in winter season (from October to March)

e.g. Wheat, gram, safflower, etc.

Summer Crops – Crops which are grown in summer (from March to June)

e.g. summer groundnut, water melon, cucumber etc.

**Classification on the basis of Botanical** or morphological similarity in crops **–**

**Classification on the basis of Economic Importance**

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| Cereals: | Jowar, Maize, Ragi, Paddy, Wheat etc. |
| Pulse: | Green gram, red gram, black gram etc. |
| Legumes: | Cowpea, Field bean  |
| Oilseeds: | Sunflower, sesame, groundnut etc. |
| Fibre crops: | Cotton, Jute, Sugarcane etc. |
| Fodder crops:  | Jowar, Bajara, Maize, Lucerne etc |

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