

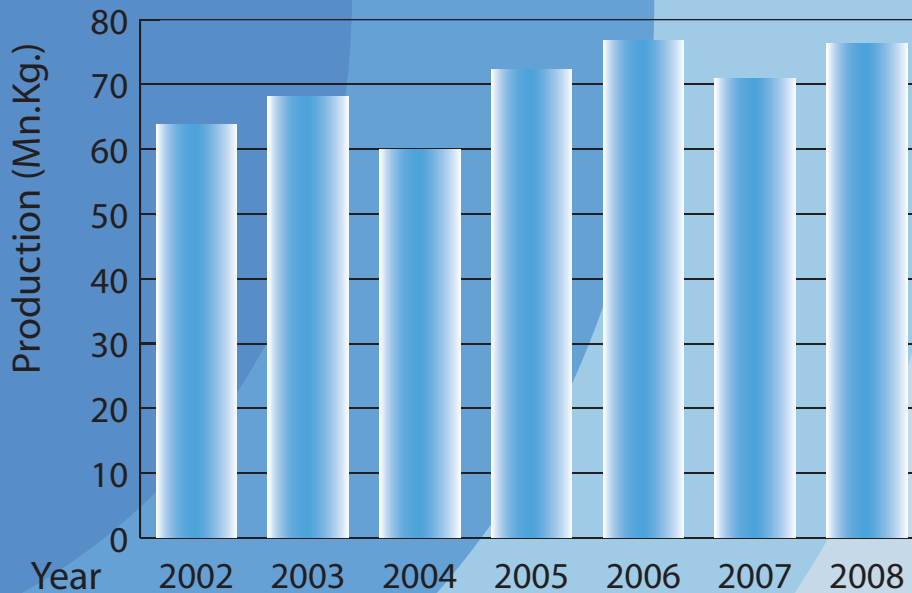


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PREFACE

The need for Quarterly National Accounts has gained high priority to measure the short-term economic performance. This is the sixteenth of the series to be released quarterly on Quarterly National Accounts Estimates by the Department of Census and Statistics. This Bulletin contains "Gross Domestic Product Estimates" (GDP) for the first quarter of 2008 at current and constant prices with 2002 as the base year. The comprehensive set of national accounts tables are given for Sub sectors of GDP and more disaggregation of the Agriculture value added and the Short term economic indicators are given separately as selected leading economic indicators for the sub sectors of GDP.

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I hope that this publication will meet the interest of the data users including policy makers, academics and researchers etc.

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