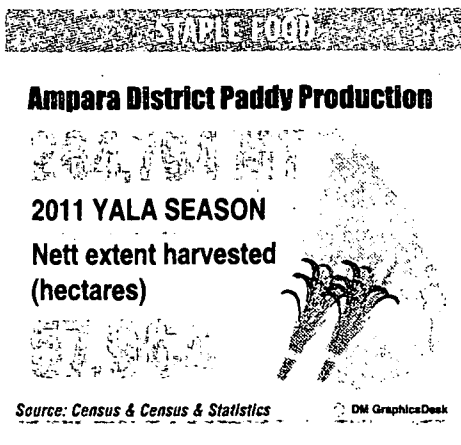


# LARGE QUANTITY OF PADDY WASTED IN AMPARA DISTRICT

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About 20 per cent of the Ampara District's paddy harvest, which consists of a quarter of Sri Lanka's annual harvest is reported to go waste as revealed by the Post-Harvest Technology Institute.

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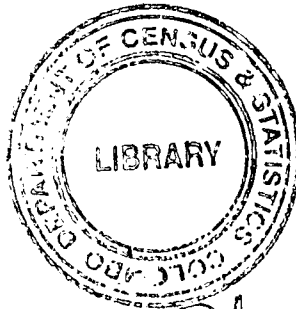
**“** This wastage has been observed in various stages of production from harvesting to threshing, drying, cleansing, storing and boiling. The wastage is mainly attributed to poor storing **”**

production from harvesting to threshing, drying, cleansing, storing and boiling. Most of the wastage is attributed to

poor methods of storing.

The standard of stores complexes maintained by the Paddy Marketing Board and the Cooperative Societies in the Ampara district have been found to be below par.

The Ampara District Technology Institute Officer-in-charge Saman Kumara said research work was continuing and stressed the need for immediate remedial measures to stop the wastage of paddy.



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