

* Weedicides are diluted using water and sprayed on fields to destroy weeds.

HARVESTING

* The cutting of crop after it is mature is called **harvesting**.

* Usually takes 3 to 4 months for a cereal crop to mature.

* Harvesting is either done manually by sickle or by a machine called **harvester**.

* After harvesting the grain seeds are separated from chaffs, this process is called **threshing**.

* Farmers with small holdings of land do the separation of grain and chaff by **winnowing**.

STORAGE

* Harvested grains are to be kept safe from moisture, insects, rats and microorganisms.

* Before storing them, the grains are properly dried.

* Farmers store grains in jute bags or metallic bins.

* Large scale storage of grains is done in **silos** and **granaries** to protect them from pests like rats and insects