

Food processing and storage units

In Hoshiarpur district large-scale food processing plants like two sugar mills, one Tropicana processing plant, one milk plant and turmeric and honey processing plants are in operation. Large number of flour, rice and oil mills are also functioning. There are about 42 cold stores in the district for storing perishable products. As potato is the major vegetable crop in the district so these stores are being used to store the potato crop.

Table 31: List of Processing Units in District Hoshiarpur

S. No	Processing Unit	Number
1	Floor Mill	480
2	Rice/Rice husk/Rice bran	48
3	Oil Mill	21
4	Sugar Mill	2
5	Medicinal & Aromatic Plant	2
6	Fruit& Vegetables	5
7	Honey Processing Plant	1
8	Turmeric Processing Plant	1
9	Punjab Agro and Tropicane Multiprocessing Plant	1
10	Paper Mill	2
11	Milk Processing	1

Table 32: List of Storage Units in District Hoshiarpur

S. No.	Block	Commodities Handled	No. of Units	Capacity (Tonnes)
1	Hoshiarpur 1	Potato	8	16000
2	Hoshiarpur 2	Potato, Fruit& Vegetables	18	43500
3	Bhunga	Potato	3	5000
4	Dasuya	Potato	1	3200
5	Tanda	Potato	9	22500
6	Mukerian	Potato	--	--
7	Hazipur	Potato	--	--
8	Talwara	Potato	--	--
9	Mahilpur	Potato	2	3750
10	Garhshankar	Potato	2	3150

Credit Institutes

Various types of credit institutes are working in the district, which includes commercial banks regional rural banks, co-operative banks and primary agricultural development banks. Out of these, commercial banks are major credit lenders followed by central co-operative banks.

Table 33: Credit Institutes operating in the District (Rs. in lakhs)

S. No	Particulars	Commercial Banks	Central Co-op Banks	Regional Rural Banks	Primary Agri. Dev. Banks	Total
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1	No. of Banks	25	1	1	1	28
2	No. of Branches	173	63	22	5	263
	Semi Urban	85	12	1	4	95
	Rural	88	51	21	1	150
3	Average No. of Villages covered by branches	909	378	132	30	1449
4	No. of Loan Accounts	109252	143038	13753	8448	274491
5	Population covered by branches	935950	380835	132990	30225	1480000
6	Total Loans (30/06/2009)	208446	47650	7768	10586	274450
7	%age of Agri. adv. to Total adv.	44.29	61.57	56.19	72.91	48.81
8	Term Loans per Ha	1.04	0.23	0.03	0.15	1.45

Self-help groups (SHG's)

Different development departments and agencies working in the district formed the SHG's to impart the benefit of various schemes to masses. At present about 2195 SHG's are functional in the district out of which 2172 (99 %) are women groups. These groups basically perform non agriculture activities especially Ban making, Toy making, sweater knitting school bags making & candle making etc. Among all these, no groups are actively functioning for agriculture purpose.

Table 34: Information about Self Help Groups formed by different Agencies in the Districts (2008)

S. No.	Name of the SHG Formation Agency	Groups promoted		Groups having SB Accounts
		Total	Of which women groups	
1	District Program Officer-ICDS	978	978	978
2	Development Officer -	74	74	55

	Women Power			
3	NCUI	85	85	83
4	DFO	78	78	70
5	Soil Conservation	20	20	15
6	PGB	116	116	116
7	Milk Plant	42	42	30
8	Zila Sakharata Samiti- ZSS	433	433	292
9	Agri Department	84	61	84
10	DRDA	256	256	256
11	DFO-IWDP-Hills	29	29	25
12	Dy Dir - AH-IWDP-Hills	0	0	0
	Total	2,195	2,172	2,004