



SEASON AND CROP REPORT OF TAMILNADU

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Preface

Agriculture plays a vital role in the State's Economy as it provides employment to over 40% of the labour force in the State, even though the contribution of Agriculture Sector to Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP) is gradually declining over the years.

Tamil Nadu has a cultivable area of 79.16 lakh hectares of which Net Cultivated Area is about 48.33 Lakh hectares and the estimated annual food grains production was 108.04 lakh tonnes during 2020-21. The Government's policy and objectives have been to ensure the stability in Agricultural Production and to increase it further in a sustainable manner to meet the food requirement of growing population and also to meet the raw material needs of agro-based industries thereby producing value added products and providing employment opportunities to the rural population.

During the last decade, land put to non-agricultural use has been gradually increasing due to the rapid industrialization and massive urbanization.

TamilNadu's agriculture is also vulnerable to periodic droughts and floods due to the erratic behavior of monsoon. The migration of labour force from Rural to Urban areas and from agriculture to other sectors of the economy due to low income and seasonal employment in Agriculture are also a cause for concern.

The Department of Economics and Statistics (DES) in the state is bringing out a publication "Season and Crop Report of TamilNadu" every year to address the Agriculture data needs of the stakeholders. This report supplies important information on key parameters of the primary sectors of the economy and they are of immense use in the context of planning and formulation of Food and Agricultural policies by the Government. The information and the data provided in this report are pertaining to 2020-21 and the required data for this publication has been collected and compiled from Village 'G' Return.

The Average Yield Rates have been estimated from the output derived from Crop Estimation Surveys conducted utilizing the services of the

officials of the Department of Agriculture and Horticulture. The Department of Economics and Statistics itself is conducting Crop Estimation Surveys by Statistical Inspectors as the field staff for 8 Fruits and 5 Vegetable Crops, Coconut and Arecanut crops and for Minor Crops such as Chillies, Onion, Turmeric, Tapioca, Potato, Ginger, Coriander and Cashewnut.

A comprehensive picture on the price situation has also been incorporated in this report throwing information on Wholesale Prices, Retail Prices and Agricultural wages for which the data were collected by Department of Economics and Statistics.

This Report consists of three major parts.

Part-I is the textual presentation of the behaviour of monsoon, Land Use Pattern, Irrigation and comparative analysis of Area, Production and Yield rate of Principal Crops with that of previous year 2019-20.

Part-II deals with the Summary tables and Index Numbers of Agricultural Economy.

Part – III exhibits district wise data on Rainfall, Land use Statistics, Sources of Irrigation, Area, Production and Yield Rate of Crops, Agricultural Wages, Wholesale and Retail Prices, etc.

In this report an attempt has also been made to illustrate the past five year's data on Area and Production of Principal crops in Tamil Nadu. By this it is intended to present a good picture about the production trend in Tamil Nadu.

We hope that the data furnished in this report would certainly be beneficial to all Stakeholders for effective planning and implementation of agricultural programmes for Sustainable Development of Agricultural sector in the State.

Committed work of the officials involved in the preparation of this publication is highly appreciated. Suggestions are solicited for the improvement of this Publication.

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