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SIR,

I am to submit herewith the annual season and crop report of the Maharashtra State for the year ending 31st July, 1961.

I give below very briefly my remarks on the general agricultural conditions :

1. The season was, on the whole, extremely favourable throughout the State, particularly to Kharif Crops, resulting in increased crop yields.

2. Crop pests and plant diseases were reported from all over the State; prompt remedial and preventive measures were taken in the affected areas.

3. The mileage of Government canals was, 2,204 and that of private canals was 5,522.

The total irrigated area, during the year under report, was 30,10,300 acres showing an increase of 4.0 per cent over the corresponding figures of 28,94,700 acres during 1959-60.

4. The increase in the area under food crops was noticed in all the divisions of the State. The area under non-food crops, however, at the State level and in all the divisions showed a decrease over the corresponding figure of 1959-60.

The area under food crops was 3,32,66,600 acres as against 3,29,90,000 acres in 1959-60 showing a slight increase of 0.8 per cent.

The area under non-food crops was 1,32,15,900 acres as against 1,34,59,500 acres in 1959-60 showing a decrease of 1.6 per cent.

5. The average yield per acre of crops at the State level was higher than that in the preceding year for all the crops, except tobacco for which surveys were carried out. Phenominal increase in yield per acre of Jowar and cotton was noticed during the year under review.

6. As a result of increased production of crops at the State level, the prices ruled lower during the year under report. There was a slight increase in the wages of skilled and unskilled labourers.

7. As per quinquennial census of livestock conducted in April, 1960, there was an increase in the number of cattle and buffaloes. The number of breeding bulls, however, went down by 27.4 per cent. The number of sheep and goats has increased. The number of horses, and ponies went down 25.9 per cent. The poultry showed an increase of 19.1 per cent.

8. The number of oil engines, and electric pumps showed a considerable increase of 133.6 per cent, and 209.3 per cent respectively. The number of ploughs both wooden and iron and sugarcane crushers too increased by 7.0, 19.4 and 11.4 per cent. The number of Ghanies and tractors showed a decrease of 43.3 and 32.5 per cent (Compared with 1956 census figures).

Yours faithfully,

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