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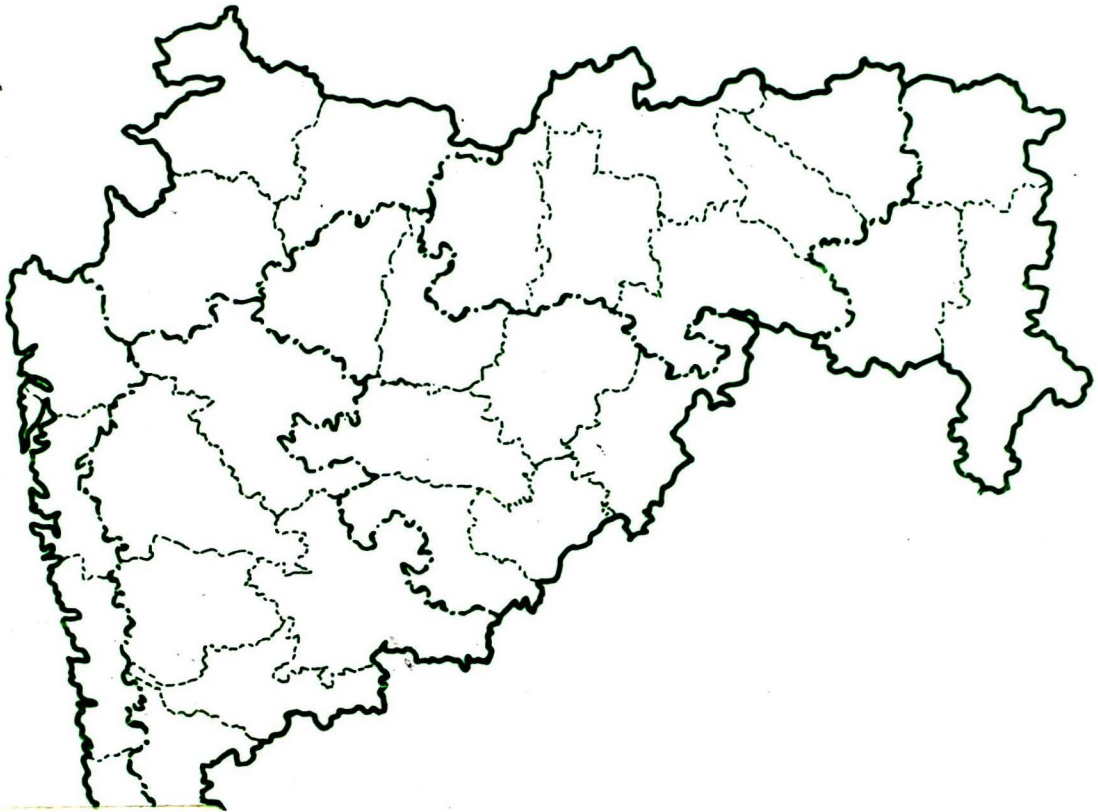
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INTRODUCTION

The Season and Crop Report is an important report published by the Department of Agriculture of Maharashtra State. The present report pertains to the year 1994-95.

The information on Centrewise and Seasonwise rainfall data, district level land utilization statistics, irrigation statistics, area, production and productivity of various crops, farm harvest prices, Agricultural Wages and Agricultural stock etc., is presented in the report. The information is collected through various agencies detailed below :

The rainfall data is based on daily rainfall figures received from Revenue Offices and Indian Meteorological Department for a few selected centres. The data on land utilization, source of irrigation, area irrigated as well as total area under different crops and agricultural wages are collected from District Collectorates through Season and Crop report where as the production estimates are worked out on the basis of Crop Estimation Surveys conducted on certain principal food and nonfood crops. The data on farm harvest prices are collected from Agricultural Development Officers. The data on Agricultural Census of Live-stock is collected from Live stock census conducted by Directorate of Animal Husbandry in the year 1992.

The State level figures are presented in summary tables A to I , while districtwise details are furnished in Table - I to Table - VIII.

The main features of the report are summarised below,

Though the onset of Monsoon was in time, there was a long stress for about a fortnight. Rain commenced in July again and continued for a very long period due to which sowing operations were held up. This resulted in decrease in area of Kharif crops. Similarly continuous rains in September and unocasional rains in October resulted in loss of area and production of food grain crops.

The net sown area during the year under report was 180.53 lakh hectares or 58.7 % of Geographical area. The gross cropped area was decreased by 0.2% having gone down from 214.09 lakh hectares to 213.58 lakh hectares during the year under report i.e. 1994-95.

In case of Horticultural crops the area under fruit crops increased by 6.2% i.e. 3.09 lakh hectares similarly the area under vegetable crops increased by 2.6% i.e. 2.43 lakh hectares during the year 1994-95.

The net irrigated area was 27.78 lakh hectares where as the gross irrigated area increased by 7.3% i.e. 33.77 lakh hectares during the year under report.

The foodgrain production during 1994-95 in the State was 116.03 lakh tonnes, showing a decrease of 14.3% over the preceeding year due to unfavourable seasonal conditions. However Sugarcane production increased by 53.8% having gone up from 288.16 lakh tonnes to 443.16 lakh tonnes due to increase in area and productivity. Where as the Cotton (Lint) production showed a decrease of 9.7% as compared to the preceeding year having gone down from 26.26 lakh bales to 23.71 lakh bales during the year under report. Total oilseed production showed decrease of 22.6% having gone down from 23.08 lakh tonnes to 17.87 lakh tonnes during the year 1994-95.

The farm harvest prices as well as agricultural wages during 1994-95 were higher than those during 1993-94.

The report may prove useful to the users of Agricultural Statistics.

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