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PREFACE

The season and crop report of 1996-97 contains various statistical information in respect of rainfall, land utilization statistics, irrigation, area, productivity and production of various crops, farm harvest prices, agricultural wages and agricultural stock in Maharashtra State.

The main source of the information collected is revenue record maintained at village level through Talathi, who is the village level worker of the Revenue Department.

The main highlight of the report may be summarised as that the gross cropped area during the year 1996-97 was 218.36 lakh hectares which is higher by 1.5% than the previous year i.e. 1995-96. The net cropped area during the year was 178.48 lakh hectares. The area under fruit crops increased by 3.1% where as vegetable area increased by 8.8% .

The gross irrigated area was 37.69 lakh hectares and the net irrigated area was 30.87 lakh hectares.

The total food grain production during the year 1996-97 was 145.15 lakh tones. Which was 21.4% more than the previous year.

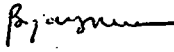
The production of sugarcane decreased by 13.5% than 1995-96. The cotton production during the year was 31.95 lakh bales which recorded an increase over last year's production i.e. 28.12 lakh bales.

The oilseed production also increased during the year 1996-97 than 1995-96.

I hope that the report may prove useful for the research worker and other concerned.

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The rainfall data is based on daily rainfall figures received from Revenue officers and Indian Meteorological Department for selected centers. The data on land utilization, source of irrigation, area irrigated as well as total area under different crops and agricultural wages is collected from land record officers. The production estimates are worked out on the basis of Crop Estimation Surveys conducted on principal food and nonfood crops by the officers and staff of Agriculture Department Revenue Department and Zillha Parishad. The data on farm harvest prices is collected from Agriculture Department Officers. The livestock data is collected from Agricultural Census of Livestock conducted by Commissionerate of Animal Husbandry. I would like to express my thanks to all these officers and their staff.

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