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## **PREFACE**

The season and crop report of 1998-99 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 where talathi is the basic worker of the Revenue Department.

The main highlight of the report may be summarised as that the gross cropped area during the year 1998-99 was 215.89 lakh hectares which is more by 1.0% than the previous year i.e. 1997-98. The net cropped area during the year was 178.41 lakh hectares. The area under fruit crops increased by 2 % where as vegetable area increased by 5 % as compared to previous year.


The gross irrigated area was 38.58 lakh hectares and the net irrigated area was 34.70 lakh hectares.

The total food grain production during the year 1998-99 was 129.03 lakh tonnes. It shows 30 % increase over the previous year.

The production of sugarcane is increased by 40 % than 1997-98. The cotton production during the year was 26.3 lakh bales which recorded an increase of 55% over last year is production of 16.95 lakh bales.

The oilseed production increased by 60 % in the year 1998-99 compared to the previous year.

I hope that the report would be useful for various government officials, research workers and all the other concerned.

  
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