

***CAPITAL FORMATION IN
AGRICULTURE IN MADURAI DISTRICT***

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PREFACE

An addition to existing resources cannot be accomplished without a judicious combination of more resources and their proper and better use. It is this fact that has infused an increased interest in the study of capital formation and the question of mobilising surpluses for capital formation.

The present study is an attempt to gauge the potential capital formation with a distinction of it between Agricultural and non-agricultural, in irrigated and unirrigated cultivation. Further the study also provides informations regarding the influence of certain important factors like size of holding, farm income, income from other sources and size of family, on the pattern of capital formation in irrigated and unirrigated cultivation.

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** Frequencies are
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