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INTRODUCTION

The Season and Crop Report is an important publication brought out by Department of Agriculture of Maharashtra State which presents useful information pertaining to Agriculture.

The present report for the year 1985-86 gives information on rainfall data, districtwise Land Utilisation Statistics, area, production and productivity of various crops, farm harvest prices, agricultural wages etc.

The rainfall data presented in the report is based on daily rainfall figures received from Revenue Offices and from Indian Meteorological Department for a few selected centres, during the year.

Data on land utilisation, sources of irrigation, areas under different crops and agricultural wages is received from District Revenue Offices. The results of production estimates are based on the crop estimation surveys conducted on certain principal food and non-food crops while the data pertaining to farm harvest prices are collected by Agricultural Development Officers. The data on agricultural stocks presented in the report is based on quinquennial census of live-stock and agricultural machinery conducted in 1982 by the Directorate of Animal Husbandry, Government of Maharashtra.

The districtwise figures are given in Tables-I to Table-VII and state level figures are summarized in Summary Tables A to I.

The salient features are summarised below.

During 1985-86 the behaviour of monsoon was erratic, though commenced in time up to July 1985. Monsoon was feeble so kharif sowing was delayed. Due to dry spell from 16th August to 19th September, kharif crop growth was stunted. Due to scanty and intermittent rains, crops on light soils withered and suffered from moisture stress. Rains in January, 1986 were beneficial for late sown rabi crops. However, due to rains accompanied by hailstorms in February 1986, standing rabi crops were adversely affected. In general season was not satisfactory during 1985-86.

The net cropped area during the year under report was 182.22 lakh hectares or 59.2% of geographical area (307.58 lakh hectares) while gross cropped area was 205.68 lakh hectares or 66.9% of geographical area.

The net irrigated area was reported as 19.48 lakh hectares while gross irrigated area was 24.20 lakh hectares.

Even though the area under foodgrains *i. e.* 140.49 lakh hectares showed an increase of 2.5% over preceding year the foodgrain production (87.12 lakh tonnes) showed a decrease of 6% over that of the preceding year due to adverse seasonal conditions.

Sugarcane production was 232.68 lakh tonnes while Cotton production was 19.83 lakh bales of 170 kg. each.

Oilseed production was 9.53 lakh tonnes. The production of almost all crops except Cotton decreased during the year under report.

The report may prove helpful to the users of agricultural statistics.

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