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The Season and Crop Report of 1999-2000 contains various statistical information in respect of rainfall, land utilization, 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 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 1999-2000 was 213.82 lakh hectares which is less by 1.0 % than the previous year i.e. 1998-99. The net cropped area during the year was 175.63 lakh hectares. The area under fruit crops increased by 7.8 % where as vegetable area increased by 0.9 % as compared to previous year.

The gross irrigated area was 38.73 lakh hectares and the net irrigated area was 32.88 lakh hectares.

The total food grain production during the year 1999-2000 was 117.74 lakh tones. It shows 8.5 % decrease over previous year. The production of Sugarcane is increased by 9.0 % than 1998-99. The Cotton production during the year was 30.5 lakh bales which recorded a increase of 16.2 % over last year production of 26.3 lakh bales. The oilseed production increased by 0.1 % in the year 1999-2000 compared to previous year.

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

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The rainfall data is based on daily rainfall figures received from Revenue Department. 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 Superintendent of Land Records. Where as the production estimates are worked out on the basis of Crop Estimation Surveys (CES) conducted on principal food and nonfood crops by the Officers and Field staff of Agri. Department, Revenue Department and Zillha Parishad. The data on farm harvest prices are collected from Agriculture Development Officers. The livestock data is collected from Livestock Census conducted by Commissionerate of Animal Husbandry. I would like to express my thanks to all these officers and their staff.

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