


FOREWORD

In 1962, the Agricultural Statistics Division of the Directorate of National Sample Survey started publication of a systematic series of reports of its work with the object of wider publicity and circulation. The reports under the publication programme of 1962 related to the work done upto 1961-62 since the transfer of the work to the NSS Directorate in 1953, and with the exception of a few reports all of them have already been published. Each year reports relating mainly to the work done during the preceding year will be added to this series.

2. Since 1957-58, crop production estimates of major cereals have become available in India from two independent and parallel series, the NSS and the official, both based on objective methods of measurement of crop areas and yields. The estimates from the two series differ considerably. Undoubtedly, elaborate investigations will be required for finding out the causes of differences.

3. It was felt that the re-orientation of the programme of inspection of field work of the State series crop cutting experiments could give some evidence on the accuracy of the official estimates of yield rates. Accordingly, inspection of crop cutting experiment at harvest stage on a random basis has been organised from 1960-61 onwards. Three reports giving the results of the work carried out in Kharif 1960-61, Rabi 1960-61 and the year 1961-62 have already been brought out. This report gives the results for 1962-63.

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