

PREFACE

The Directorate of Economics and Statistics in the Ministry of Agriculture, Government of India, has been compiling data on the nine-fold classification of land, irrigated area (source-wise and crop-wise) and total area under crops at the State and District level. Earlier, this set of information was published in 'Indian Agricultural Statistics' brought out by this Directorate. However, data from 1998-99 to 2005-06 are available on the website of the Directorate (<http://dacnet.nic.in/eands>).

The present publication contains the district-wise data for the years 1998-99 to 2005-06. Section-I of the publication gives State/District-wise classification of area, Section-II gives irrigated area (Source-wise and crop-wise) and Section-III covers the data for total area under crops for the years 1998-99 to 2005-06. The publication, however, covers data only from the reporting States.

The detailed work involved in the preparation of this publication has been rendered by Special Data Dissemination Standards (SDDS) Division of this Directorate under the overall supervision of Smt. Shobha Marwah, Adviser. It was possible to computerize the data from 1998-99 to 2005-06 and bring out this publication with the efforts of all the staff of the division under the guidance of Shri N. Srinivasa Rao, Deputy Economic Adviser. The untiring efforts of Shri R. Kuppusami, Senior System Analyst and other officers of NIC are also acknowledged. The Directorate is grateful to all the source agencies who have cooperated in timely submission of data.

The publication is expected to serve as a useful source to all those concerned with agriculture in the country. Suggestions for improvement would be welcomed.



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