

PREFACE

Agricultural research is a vital input for planned growth and sustainable development of agriculture in the country. Indian Council of Agricultural Research, being an apex scientific organization at national level, plays a crucial role in promoting and accelerating the use of science and technology programmes relating to agricultural research and education. It also provides assistance and support in demonstrating the use of new technologies in agriculture.

Information pertaining to agricultural research, education and related aspects available from different sources is scattered over various types of published and unpublished records. This Agricultural Research Data Book 2017, which is the Twentieth in the series, is an attempt to put together main components/indicators of such information. The Data Book comprising of 170 tables, is organized, for the purpose of convenience of the users into 10 sections namely, Natural Resources; Agricultural Inputs; Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries; Horticulture; Production and Productivity; Agricultural Engineering & Produce Management; Export & Import; India's Position in World Agriculture; Investment in Agricultural Research & Education; and Human Resources under National Agriculture Research and Education System (NARES).

The Data Book has been compiled through the joint efforts of the ICAR-Indian Agricultural Statistics Research Institute (ICAR-IASRI) and Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR). This edition contains the latest information / data as available in the country at the end of June 2017. The first edition of the Data Book, which had the information up to the end of 1995, was published in 1996. Subsequently, an updated version of Agricultural Research Data Book is being brought out every year regularly. Apart from updation of tables, twenty-two new tables consisting of state-wise data have been added, some value additions like predicting the future year production of food grain crops etc., based on previous year data using statistical models, pictorial/graphical representations of data have been done in the ARDB 2017. For depicting state-wise data, thematic maps have been prepared using Geographical Information System (GIS). It is hoped that the information presented in this Data Book will be useful for readers. Efforts have been made to incorporate the comments and suggestions received from various users. Critical comments and constructive suggestions on the content and presentation of the material in the Data Book will help to enrich the future issues and will, therefore, be much appreciated. These may please be sent to:

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