

PREFACE

The Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) stands as a cornerstone, meticulously guiding agricultural research and education in India since independence. Its unwavering commitment has nurtured the growth and prosperity of our nation's agricultural landscape.

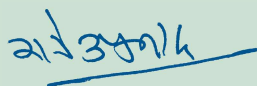
Information related to agricultural research, education, and associated domains is dispersed across a myriad of published and unpublished sources. Since 1995, these scattered fragments of knowledge have been meticulously compiled into the Agricultural Research Data Book (ARDB) through the endeavours of the ICAR-Indian Agricultural Statistics Research Institute (ICAR-IASRI). This 2024 edition marks the 27th volume in this ongoing series. Divided into user-friendly sections, it offers a comprehensive symphony of agricultural information. From the earth's natural resources to the bountiful yield of horticulture and animal husbandry, the ARDB provides a vibrant tapestry of data encompassing production, productivity, agricultural engineering, international trade, and human resources. Within its 180 tables lies a treasure trove of insights, all meticulously updated with the latest information available as of June 2024.

The inaugural edition of the ARDB debuted in 1996, encapsulating information up to the conclusion of 1995. Since then, a revised iteration of the ARDB has been diligently published each year. The ARDB has continuously evolved, enriching its content with valuable additions. The ARDB 2024 introduces several enhancements, including projections on future food grain production, visual representations of data, state-wise data depictions, and thematic maps generated utilizing Geographical Information System (GIS) technology. Noteworthy additions in this edition comprise tables on electricity generation capacity, itemized marine exports, and insights from India's inaugural water bodies census report released by the Ministry of Jal Shakti, enriching the publication with cutting-edge information on evolving agricultural sectors.

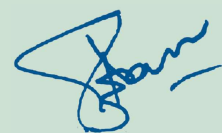
Recognizing the widespread demand of the ARDB among users, a digital version of the ARDB 2024 has been made available on our Institute's website: <https://iasri.icar.gov.in>. We are confident that the wealth of information presented in the ARDB 2024 will prove invaluable to its readers. We eagerly anticipate and welcome feedback on the content of the ARDB 2024, as it will undoubtedly contribute to the enrichment of future editions. Suggestions may please be sent to:

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