

PREFACE

The statistics of land utilization constitute one of the important items required for planning and development of policy formulation in agriculture. The Directorate of Economics and Statistics in the Ministry of Agriculture has been collecting data on the nine-fold classification of land, irrigated area (source-wise and crop-wise) and total area under crops from States and Union Territories in the country. The present publication is the twelfth in the series containing updated data for the period from 1999-2000 to 2008-09.

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