

TAMIL NADU ECONOMY

(Agricultural Sector)

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Agriculture

- share of agriculture to GSDP has declined.. Net shown area has declined-
- The average growth of area under paddy witnessed a negative growth of 0.14 per during 2007 to 2010.
- The major crops like paddy, cotton, oil seeds occupied 60 per cent of total cropped area.
- Grains also experienced negative growth.

Marketing

- Regulated Markets: services Rendered in the Regulated Markets, Notification of produce, Pledge Loan Facilities to Farmers, Tamil Nadu Farmers Development and Welfare Scheme, Agmark Grading, Construction of Drying Yards in the villages. UzhavarSandhaigal - Tamil Nadu State Agricultural Marketing Board.

Defects in Marketing

1. Lack of Output Quality
2. Absence of Grading
3. Inadequate Storage and Warehousing Facilities
4. Lack of Adequate Transport Facilities
5. Lack of Information
6. A Long Chain of Intermediaries
7. Lack of Proper Marketing Facilities
8. Debt Obligation and Distress Sales

Remedial sources:

- (a) Regulated Markets
- (b) Expansion of Market Yards
- (c) Cooperative Marketing Societies
- (d) Storage Facilities
- (e) Credit
- (f) Transport Facilities:
- (g) Other Measures:

Cropping pattern

- Refers to proportion of area under different crops at different points of time.
- It also indicates the time and spatial arrangement or sequence of crops and / or fallow in a particular land area.
- Increases profit, saves water and human efforts

Agricultural Finance

Commercial banks, cooperative banks, Micro finance Institutions. Non institutional sources are money lenders, friends and relatives, etc.

Sources of Irrigation

The various sources of irrigation are canals, tanks, tube wells, Open wells and springs.

Net area irrigated

S.No.	Sources	Net area irrigated (in ha)			
		09-10		08-09	
		Area	%	Area	%
1	CANALS (including System tanks)	757090	26.4	765527	26.1
2	TANKS	503491	17.6	540281	18.4
3	WELLS	1593968	55.7	1614082	55.1
	a. Tube wells	391107	13.7	387074	13.2
	b. Open wells	1202861	42.0	1227008	41.9
4	OTHERS	9317	0.3	11223	0.4
	TOTAL	2863866	100	2931113	100

Irrigation Methods

Sprinkler Irrigation



Drip Irrigation



Surge Irrigation



Flood Irrigation

