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Previous Year Questions

Agriculture & Cropping Patterns — GS-III

Previous Year Questions (verbatim, official syllabus)

21 Questions

Year range: 2014–2025

Verbatim from official UPSC papers

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Major crops and cropping patterns

2025 GS-III 10M · 150W

Q5. Explain the factors influencing the decision of the farmers on the selection of high value crops in India.

2023 GS-III 10M · 150W

Q7. Explain the changes in cropping pattern in India in the context of changes in consumption pattern and marketing conditions.

2022 GS-III 15M · 150W

Q3. What is Integrated Farming System? How is it helpful to small and marginal farmers in India?

2021 GS-III 15M · 150W

Q4. What are the present challenges before crop diversification? How do emerging technologies provide an opportunity for crop diversification?

2020 GS-III 15M · 150W

Q5. What are the major factors responsible for making rice-wheat system a success? In spite of this success how has this system become bane in India?

2019 GS-III 10M · 150W

Q5. How far is Integrated Farming System (IFS) helpful in sustaining agricultural production?

2018 GS-III 15M · 150W

Q5. How has the emphasis on certain crops brought about changes in cropping patterns in recent past? Elaborate on the emphasis on millets production and consumption.

2018 GS-III 15M · 150W

Q7. Assess the role of National Horticulture Mission (NHM) in boosting the production, productivity and income of horticulture farms. How far has it succeeded in increasing the income of farmers?

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How these revolutions have helped in poverty alleviation and food security in India?

2016 GS-III 12.5M · 150W

Q7. What is allelopathy? Discuss its role in major cropping systems of irrigated agriculture.

Irrigation types and systems

2024 GS-III 15M · 150W

Q5. What are the major challenges faced by Indian irrigation system in recent times? State the measures taken by the government for efficient irrigation management.

2021 GS-III 10M · 150W

Q5. How and to what extent would micro-irrigation help in solving India's water crisis?

2020 GS-III 15M · 150W

Q6. Suggest measures to improve water storage and irrigation system to make its judicious use under the depleting scenario.

2019 GS-III 10M · 150W

Q6. Elaborate the impact of National Watershed Project in increasing agricultural production from water-stressed areas.

2016 GS-III 12.5M · 150W

Q6. What is water-use efficiency? Describe the role of micro-irrigation in increasing the water-use efficiency.

Storage, transport and marketing of agricultural produce and constrain...

2020 GS-III 10M · 150W

Q4. What are the main constraints in transport and marketing of agricultural produce in India?

2014 GS-III 12.5M · 200W

Q3. There is also a point of view that Agricultural Produce Market Committees (APMCs) set up under the State Acts have not only impeded the development of agriculture but also have been the cause of food inflation in India. Critically examine.

e-technology in the aid of farmers

2023 GS-III 10M · 150W

Q5. How does e-Technology help farmers in production and marketing of agricultural produce? Explain it.

2015 GS-III 12.5M · 150W

Q5. How can the 'Digital India' programme help farmers to improve farm productivity and income? What steps has the Government taken in this regard?

2014 GS-III 12.5M · 200W

Q4. "In the villages itself, no form of credit organization will be suitable except the cooperative society." – All India Rural Credit Survey. Discuss this statement in the background of agricultural finance in India. What constraints and challenges do financial institutions supplying agricultural finance face? How can technology be used to better reach and serve rural clients?

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