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Q5

What are the reasons for poor acceptance of cost effective small processing unit? How the food processing unit will be helpful to uplift the socio-economic status of poor farmers?

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2017 · GS III · 10 marks · Crops, Irrigation and Marketing

Major crops - cropping patterns in various parts of the country; different types of irrigation and irrigation systems; storage, transport and marketing of agricultural produce and issues and related constraints; e-technology in the aid of farmers.

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SAMPADA

Umbrella food-processing programme (2016-17) covering mega food parks, cold chain, agro-processing clusters and backward linkages.

Mega Food Parks

Ministry of Food Processing Industries scheme: shared processing infrastructure so small units and farmers plug into a hub.

FSSAI

Food Safety and Standards Authority of India: licensing and standards that raise safety but add compliance cost for micro units.

FPO

Farmer Producer Organisation: aggregator that can feed a small plant with volume and bargain for a better processed price.

MUDRA

Micro credit channel that can fund a village mill or pack unit if banks actually lend against cash flows, not only land.

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