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

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2021 · GS III · 15 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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MSP paddy-wheat

Open-ended procurement in key States that anchors the cereal lock-in.

e-NAM

Electronic national agriculture market; a potential but still incomplete diversification market.

Soil Health Card

Plot-level nutrient advice that can justify moving away from blanket cereal fertiliser.

PDMC / drip

Micro-irrigation that makes horticulture viable with less water.

FPOs

Farmer producer organisations that can aggregate diversified output for processing and contracts.

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