

Foreword

Gujarat plays a pivotal role in oilseed production in the country. Oilseeds area and production in the state constitute about 10.8 per cent and 14.5 per cent respectively in India. Oilseeds are usually seen as the primary cash crop in Gujarat. The diverse agro-ecological conditions in the state are favourable for growing oilseeds. A wide range of oilseed crops is grown in different agro-climatic regions of the state. Among the oilseeds, groundnut is the most important crop produced in the state. The state is the largest producer of groundnut and castor and the second largest producer of sesame in the country. The state has increased the oilseeds production mainly through increase in yield since a long time. The growth performance of these crops in the state had been prone to various kinds of risk over time and across the agro-climate regions. Several biotic, abiotic, technological, institutional, and socio-economic constraints inhibit exploitation of the yield potential of crops and need to be addressed. Rising input prices, timely availability of good quality inputs, insufficient extension services have potential negative effects on the farmers in the state.

This study on problems and prospects of oilseeds production in Gujarat is a part of national level coordinated study which was coordinated by Centre for Management in Agriculture, IIM Ahmedabad. This report analyzes the performance and potential of oilseeds sector in Gujarat and identifies the major constraints facing the sector in the state. The study uses both primary data and the secondary data collected from various published sources. On the basis of the findings, policy relevant suggestions have been made for improvement in agricultural policies and practices. I am thankful to Dr Mrutyunjay Swain and his research team for putting in a lot of efforts to complete this excellent piece of work.

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List of Abbreviations

AMDP	- Accelerated Maize Development Programme
APMC	- Agricultural Produce Marketing Committee
ATC	- Advance Technology Centre
ATMA	- Agricultural Technology Management Agency
CAGR	- Compound Annual Growth rate
CV	- Coefficient of Variation
DMIC	- Delhi Mumbai Industrial Corridor (DMIC)
FYP	- Five Year Plan
FHP	- Farm Harvest Price
F&V	- Fruits and Vegetables
GCA	- Gross Cropped Area
GIA	- Gross Irrigated Area
GDP	- Gross Domestic Product
GSDP	- Gross State Domestic Product
Gol	- Government of India
GoG	- Government of Gujarat
Ha/ha	- Hectare
HYV	- High Yielding Variety
ICAR	- Indian Council of Agricultural Research
ISOPOM	- Integrated Scheme on Oilseeds, Pulses, Oil Palm and Maize
KVK	- Krishi Vigyan Kendra
MSP	- Minimum Support Price
NAFED	- National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India Ltd
NPDP	- National Pulses Development programme
NFSM	- National Food Security Mission
NHM	- National Horticulture Mission
NIA	- Net Irrigated Area
NSA	- Net Sown Area
NSDP	- Net State Domestic Product
NSSO	- National Sample Survey Organization

NOA	- Net Operated Area
OCI	- Oilseed Constraint Index
OGL	- Open General Licenses
OPDP	- Oil Palm Development Programme
OLS	- Ordinary Least Square
OPP	- Oilseed Production Programme
RBD	- Refined, Bleached and Deodorised
R&M	- Rapeseed & Mustard
SAU	- State Agricultural University
SSP	- Sardar Sarovar Project
TE	- Triennium Ending
TMO	- Technology Mission on Oilseeds
WHS	- Water Harvesting Structure