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### ***About this compendium . . .***

The All India Co-ordinated Research Project for Dryland Agriculture network started functioning from 1971 with head quarters at Hyderabad, Andhra Pradesh. There were twenty-three centers to start with, but consolidated to twenty-two centers at present. There are more than one hundred scientists from different disciplines, which distinguish this project from others. The centers cover eight crop(s) based production systems, almost all soil orders and climatic regions from arid through semi arid to sub-humid. The scientific publications and recommendations are the primary indicators of success of any mission-oriented project in meeting the clientele needs.

At present a compilation of annotated bibliography showed more than a thousand publications in scientific journals. Other popular articles, book contributions, presentations etc. were not considered. The general trend of publications was increase to a plateau at present. Among the centers Indore, Rajkot, Bangalore, Solapur, Bijapur, Ranchi, Phulbani, Kovilpatti cover seventy per cent of the publications with Indore as the topnotch publisher covering thirteen per cent of the total. An index is made on programs and issues in which publications are made. The work on cropping system increased with time. Research on rainwater management has decreased as expected. Little change in integrated nutrient management was noticed.

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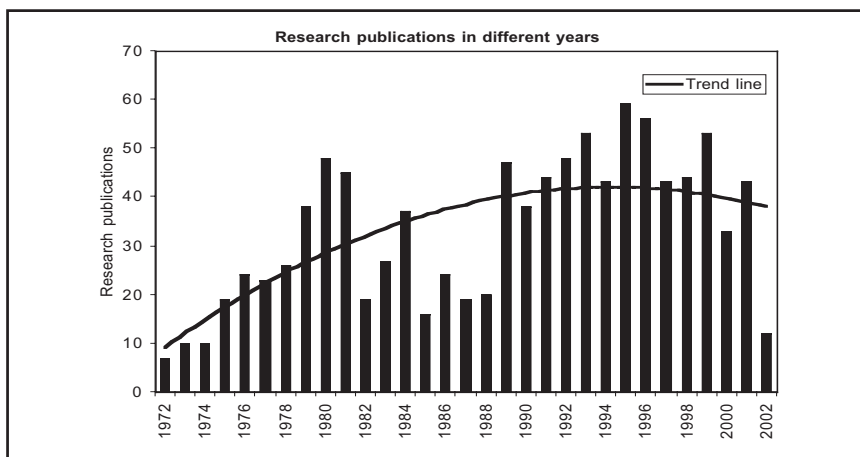
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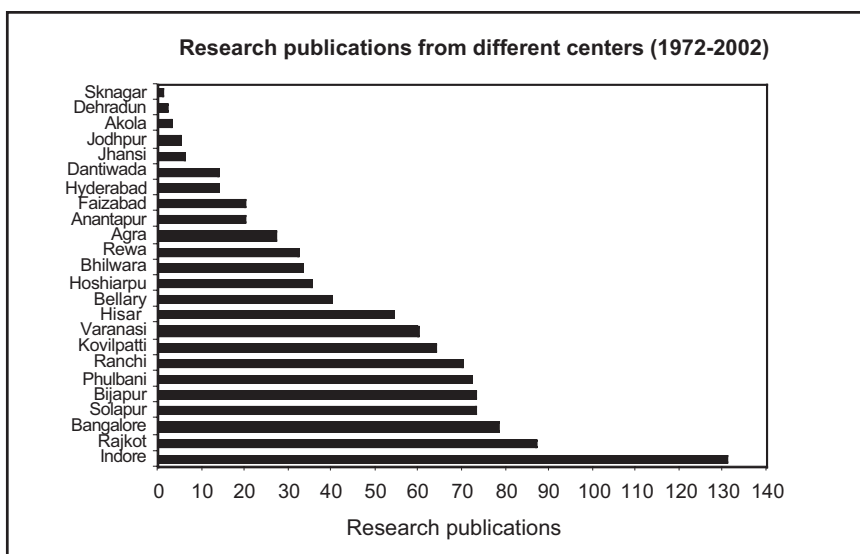


# 1. Introduction

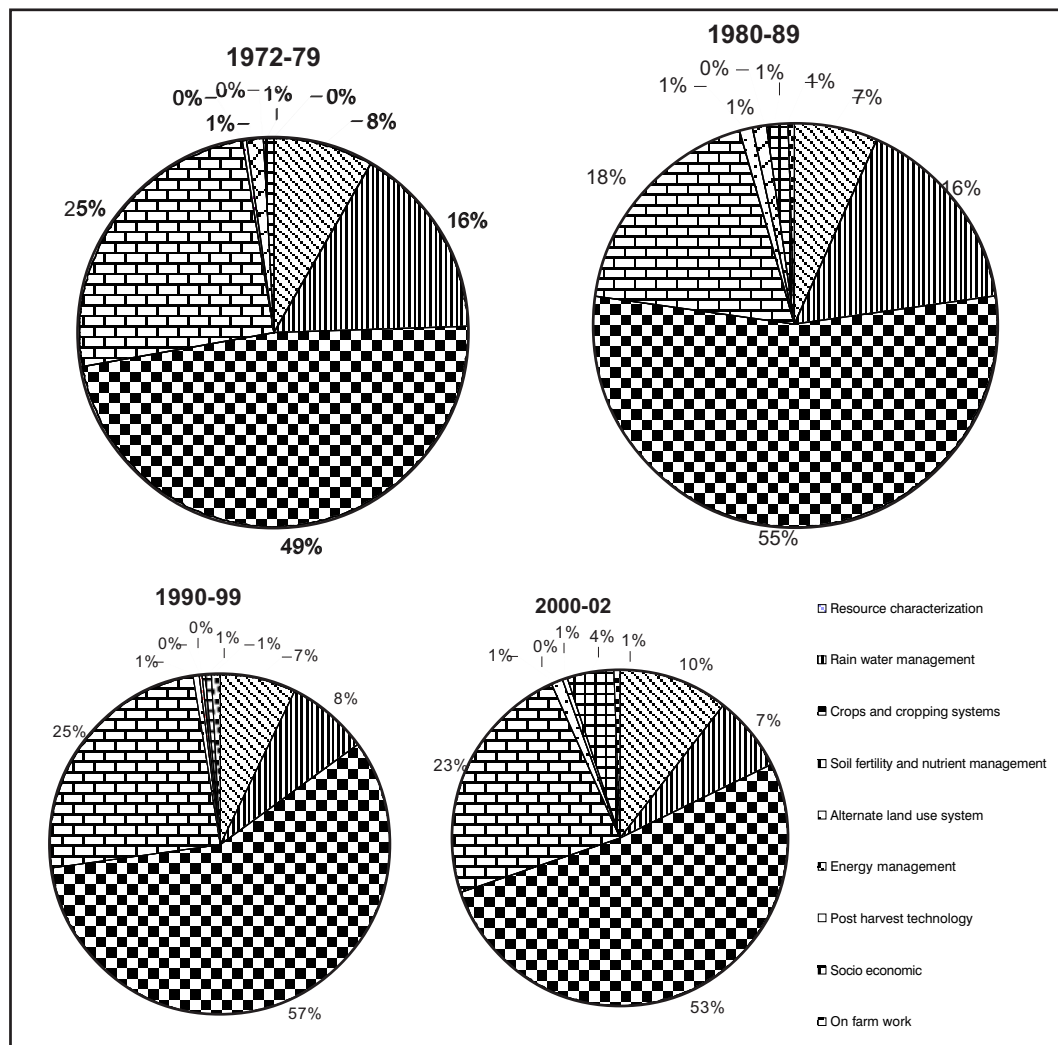
An annotated bibliography of the research publications, is prepared for the period ending 2002 since inception of the All India Co-ordinated Project for Dryland Agriculture in 1971. There are a total of 1002 publications from various centers during this period. We believe that there can be other publications unquoted, the limitations being non-availability of information. The centers also include those in the network but later on either discontinued or shifted location to other places. From 23 centers at start, now the network has only 22 centers. These include the centers from State Agricultural Universities, Technical Universities and ICAR institutes. During this period, there were two peaks in number of publications: one during 1980-81 and other in 1995-96. However the general trend was quadratic with plateau at present.



Among the various centers the topnotch publishers are Indore, Rajkot, Bangalore, Solapur, Bijapur, Ranchi, Phulbani, Kovilaptti, Varanasi. These almost cover 70% of the publications.



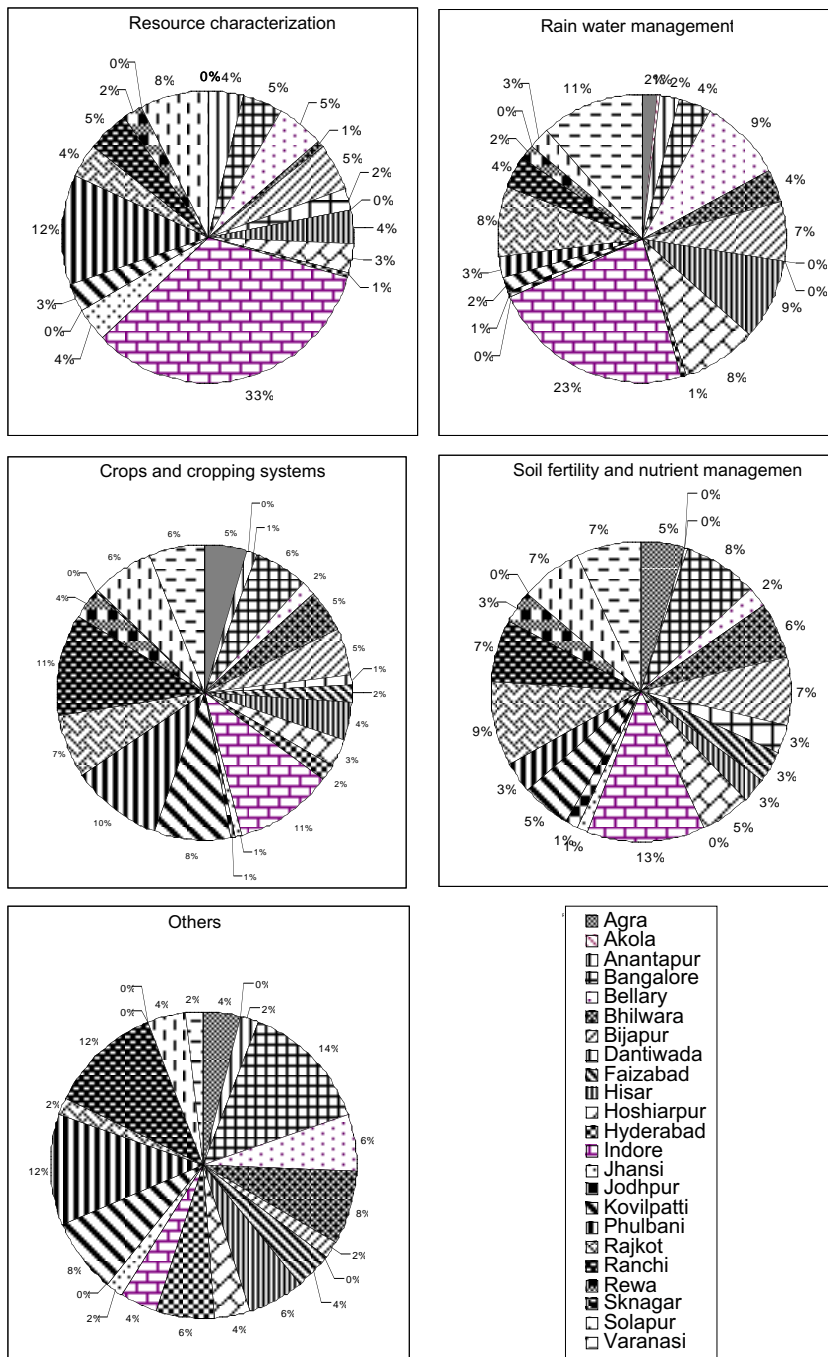
The publications are divided into nine programmes - resource characterization, rainwater management, crops and cropping system, soil fertility and nutrient management, alternate land use systems, energy management, post-harvest technology, socio economics and on-farm work. Among the various programs, the top four from which the publications take a lion's share are crops and cropping systems, soil fertility and nutrient management, resource characterization, Rainwater management. It is seen that crops and cropping system increased



slightly with time and the work on rainwater management is as expected decreased with time. Integrated nutrient management almost remained constant and resource characterization work marginally increased.

To the top four programmes major contributor was Indore. Thus cropping system programme, the resource management and utilization programmes almost shared equally in the publications.





The details on publications, recommendations and subject index follows.

## 2. Research Publications

A list of research articles published in various journals from the work carried out at the centers in the All India Co-ordinated Research Project is compiled. A few of the centers could not supply the full list of publications from the early period of the project formulation. The present listing has about 1002 numbers of annotated bibliographies published by various scientists from different disciplines from inception of the project - 1971 to 2002. The list includes some popular journals in case of socio-economics; otherwise the compilation is limited to refereed and reviewed articles published in professional journals. The center-wise information in chronological order follows:

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### 3. Important Recommendations

Important recommendations given to the state departments of agriculture and have become popular with the farmers from various centers are given production system-wise since inception till date. These recommendations are linked to the list of publications to the possible extent. The centers name is identified after the recommendations within paranthesis by first four letters of the center's name followed by the publication serial number.

#### Rainfed Rice based Production System (Ranchi)

##### Rainwater Management

The fields must be bunded to conserve soil moisture in uplands.

##### Crops and Cropping Systems

###### Rice

Sowing of upland rice should be completed by last week of June by line sowing behind the plough 35 cm apart with a seed rate of 6 to 8 kg/ha of Birsa Gora 102, Birsa Dhan 101(Ranc 5,15)

In medium and low lands where water will stagnate up to 15th November, transplant (rice IR 36, Kanak, or Pankaj) before third week of July, one month old seedlings with a spacing of 20 x 15 cm. For late transplanting 15 x 10 cm to compensate the yield reduction.

###### Crop substitution

Incase of upland, groundnut, maize and soybean must be substituted in place of rice and finger millet. Comparatively deeper and light textured uplands can support a good crop of groundnut, soybean, finger millet, maize, sorghum, minor millet, pigeonpea, blackgram, greengram, sweet potato, sesame, niger, horsegram etc.,. Intercropping are beneficial for these lands and recommended intercrops are:

Pigeonpea + Maize (Alternate rows 75 cm apart full population of both) (Ranc 21,27, 48, 49, 50, 68)

Pigeonpea +Rice (Two rows of rice in between 2 rows of pigeonpea spaced 75 cm) (Ranc 36, 65, 68, 70)

Pigeonpea + Groundnut (Three rows of groundnut in between 2 rows of pigeonpea space at 90 cm) (Ranc 63)

Pigeonpea + Blackgram/ Greengram (Two rows of black gram/Green gram in between 2 rows of pigeonpea at 75 cm) (Ranc 32)

###### Weeding

2-3 days after transplanting Butachlor @ 1.5 kg ai/ha must be sprayed to control the weeds. Weeding is critical within 3 to 4 weeks. After one month one hand weeding is essential.

##### Soil and Nutrient Management

In uplands FYM, compost as per availability and 40 N, 30 P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> and 20 K<sub>2</sub>O kg/ha. (Ranc 22, 54)

In lowlands 2.5 t/ha FYM/compost, 50 P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> and 40 K<sub>2</sub>O kg/ha basal. Equal splits of total 80 N kg/ha at the time of transplanting and after one month after weeding. After application of N water should not flow in to another field up to 3 to 4 days.

##### Alternate Land Use System

Social forestry, farm forestry and establishment of pasture crops in denuded, eroded, highly sloppy and shallow lands.

#### Rainfed Rice based Production System (Varanasi)

##### Rainwater Management

###### Land treatment

Tillage during summer

Open end contour or graded bunds (0.3 to 4%)

Drop structure at intervals across seasonal rivulets in Vindhyan tract with rolling abrupt/dissected topography

**Supplemental irrigation**

Farm ponds/ storage bundhies in mild to flat toposequence of Gangetic plains and foot hills of Vindhyan range.

Wide diamater wells as additional minor irrigation source.

Supplementing irrigation utilizing harvested water

Rajmash + barley with 3 cm irrigation 30 days after sowing (Vara 60)

**Crops and Cropping Systems**

**Crops**

Chickpea replacing traditional wheat

Lentil mutant HUL 11 has been ranked first in multilocation trial conducted in North-East palin zone over recommended Pant L639 and Pant L 406

**Cropping systems**

Upland rice- chickpea /lentil for flat low lands (Vara 60,56,57)

Sesame-chickpea/ lentil in well drained medium/ uplands (Vara 48, 56, 57)

Intercropping blackgram (50% population) or sesame (75% population) with pigeonpea (100%population),

Barley+ mustard (8:1) (Varra 39)

Lentil + mustard (4:1).

Okra + Pigeonpea

Tomato + lentil or linseed

**Plant protection**

Sowing in time

First 30 days (after sowing) is most crucial for weed control in Kharif crops of dryland.

Pre-emergence application of Alachlor and post emergence application of propronil @ 2 kg/ha in upland rice (Vara 1,14, 34, 41)

Pre emergence application of atrazine @ 1-2 kg ai/ha in maize, pearlmillet and sorghum

Alternatively two inter culture operations 30-35 and 45-50 DAS

**Soil and Nutrient Management**

**Inorganics**

80:40:30 N - P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> - K<sub>2</sub>O to cereals

20:40:20 N - P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> - K<sub>2</sub>O to pulses

40:20:20 N - P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> - K<sub>2</sub>O to oilseeds

**Integration**

Pulse component in the system

Conjunctive use of nutrients through organic (40 kg N/ha) and inorganic (40 kg N/ha) fertilizers in rice – lentil (sustainability index 0:70) (Vara 44)

**Alternate Land Use System**

**Agro-horti system**

Pigeonpea + field pea in guava

Ber+ wheat

**Implements**

**Seed drills**

Bullock drawn multi crop seeder

Malviya machine

**Others**

Multi farming unit for operations like seed bed preparation, seeding and weeding  
Dryland weeders

## Rainfed Rice based Production System (Faizabad)

<b>Rainwater Management</b>	<p><b>Summer tillage</b> Deep ploughing during summer followed by two cultivators Seeding time Preparation of seedbed by two ploughings Two planking at the time of sowing of sorghum was proved more remunerative.</p>
<b>Crops and Cropping Systems</b>	<p><b>Cultivars</b> Rice (variety NDR-312) Groundnut (variety Chandra) Pigeonpea (variety Bahar) Groundnut and pigeonpea proved more remunerative than paddy, blackgram, sunflower, greengram, sorghum, maize, pearl millet and sesamum crops. Mustard (RSM-106, Varuna and NDR-8501) 9Faiz 21) Chickpea (Type-3) Lentil (HUL-11)</p> <p><b>Intercropping</b> Mustard + chickpea (1:4) Gram and mustard crops gave higher yields when sown after the early sown blackgram. (Faiz 8,6) Barley produced more yield when sown after the early sown fodder crops of maize + cowpea. Pigeonpea + groundnut or blackgram ( Faiz 8,6)</p> <p><b>Sequence cropping</b> Rice – chickpea (NDG-8605)</p>
<b>Soil and Nutrient Management</b>	<p><b>Inorganics</b> Mustard +Chickpea (1:4 and 1:3) with recommended dose of fertilizer i.e., 60kg N+ 30Kg P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>/ha to mustard and 18kg N+46 P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>/ha to chickpea (Faiz 8,11) Maize varieties like Sartaj and Naveen grown on grade bund or ridge furrow with 100:50:50 N P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> K<sub>2</sub>O kg/ha Rice 80 kg N/ha Linseed (Garima and Mukta) with 30kg N/ha (Faiz 1) Lentil 30kg P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> and 15kg S/ha. (Faiz 2) Mustard 60kg N and 40kg S/ha (Faiz 3, 16) Sorghum 30 N 40 P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> 30 K<sub>2</sub>O kg/ha 50% at sowing and 30 N kg/ha at 40 days Chickpea 60 P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> and 25 Zn kg/ha</p>
<b>Alternate Land Use System</b>	
<b>Implements</b>	Land preparation and sowing of seed and application of fertilizer by power tiller operated till plant machine.

## Rainfed Rice based Production System (Phulbani)

<b>Rainwater Management</b>	
<b>Crops and Cropping Systems</b>	<p>Intercropping system of pigeonpea + groundnut, pigeonpea + rice, pigeonpea+ greengram, maize + cowpea and pigeonpea + ragi. (Phul 4, 6, 7 10,11,12,14,15,16,18, 28, 29,43,47,55, 70) Replacement of long duration local rice varieties by short duration high yielding varieties like Subhadra, ZHO-11-26 and BAU 146-16-3 for rainfed uplands. Practice of short duration high yielding rice variety/ maize in Kharif followed by short duration high yielding variety of mustard/ Horsegram as sequence crop to enable the farmers to take two crops under rainfed situation. (Phul 22,71) Recommendations of management practices like early sowing before the onset of monsoon or just after, line sowing by suitable implements, timely weeding, seed treatment and maintenance of optimum plant population.</p>

**Soil and Nutrient Management** Application of lime in acid soil to improve the productivity of pulse and oilseed crops as well as maize crop. Split application of Nitrogenous fertilizers to Kharif crops to improve the fertilizer use efficiency.

**Alternate Land Use System**

## Groundnut based Production System (Anantapur)

**Rainwater Management** Contour bunding of 0.63 m<sup>2</sup> cross section at 50 m interval  
Deep ploughing once in three years (Anan 14)  
Dead furrow at 3 to 6 mm interval (Anan 5, 10)

**Crops and Cropping Systems** **Varieties**  
Groundnut - Verma, K-4 JL-24  
Pigeonpea - LRG 30  
Pearlmillet - Ananta (APS 1)  
Sorghum - Taapijonna (AJ-140)  
Foxtail millet - Lepakshi

**Intercropping**  
Groundnut + pigeonpea (7:1) (Anan 7)

**Plant protection**  
Control late leat spot in groundnut by spraying Carbendazim (0.1%)+ Mancozeb (0.2%) (Anan 18)  
Need based plant protection for the control of leat webber

**Management**  
Contour cultivation

**Soil and Nutrient Management** **Groundnut**  
Sand @ 40t/ha application at the time of sowing (Anan 5, 12, 17)  
Fertilizer dose of 20 N - 40 P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> - 20K<sub>2</sub>O kg/ha for groundnut and groundnut + pigeonpea intercropping system.  
Fertilizer placement  
Zinc sulphate @ 50 kg/ha application for groundnut once in 3 years.  
Application of groundnut shells as mulch @ 5 t/ha 10 days after sowing of groundnut. (Anan 10,12)  
Fertilizer of 40 N -80 P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> kg/ha for pearlmillet.

**Alternate Land Use System** Stylo for degraded lands and seed production

**Implements** Enanti gorru for simultaneous drilling of seed and fertilizers.

## Groundnut based Production System (Rajkot)

**Rainwater Management** **Cultivation**  
Two to four intercroppings along with deep ploughing in groundnut.  
Spreading groundnut on sloppy lands. Adopt shallow ploughing before sowing and make ridge and furrow after 25 days after sowing. At the stage of pegging, earthing up

**Supplemental irrigation**  
Irrigate groundnut (GAUG-10) of 5 cm depth by flooding whenever there is a stress period (Rajk 26, 33)

**Crops and Cropping Systems** In North Saurashtra Agroclimatic Zone to sow improved variety of pearlmillet (GHB-32) within 15 days of onset of monsoon for harvesting maximum fodder yield. Next priority should be given to fodder maize (Ganga safed-2) or sorghum (CSH-5) for better economic return



### **Groundnut**

Grow in kharif erect groundnut by adopting ridge and furrow method of sowing. The practice of discarding light pods and small seeds by the farmers for sowing groundnut is discouraged. The small seeds (test weight not less than 20 g) can be used effectively for sowing. With the use of small size seeds, the farmers can save seed rate to the extent of 25% i.e. >30 kg/ha

In Chotila taluk to grow either Junagadh-11 or Punjab-1 variety of groundnut keeping row spacing of 45 or 60 cm. In Dhari region, higher yields obtained with keeping row spacing of 30, 45 or 60 cm.

The farmers of Dhari and Jamkhambhalia regions of North Saurashtra Zone are advised to grow groundnut (GAUG-1 or 10) at 45 cm row spacing over 75 to 90 cm spacing. (Rajk 31,70)

### **Pearlmillet**

For pearlmillet HB-3, row spacing of 60cm is profitable.

In North Saurashtra Agroclimatic Zone to sow late type pigeonpea BDN-2 at a distance of 75 cm between rows (Rajk 17)

### **Castor**

In North Saurashtra Agroclimatic Zone to sow the castor GAUCH-1 at a distance of 90x45 cm

The farmers of North-west Agroclimatic zone of Gujarat should follow a crop geometry of 120x60 cm rainfed castor.

### **Intercropping system**

Groundnut (J-11) + castor (GAUCH-1) as intercropping in the row ratio of 3:1

In North Saurashtra Agroclimatic Zone to follow intercropping system of bunch groundnut (J-11) + castor (GAUCH-1) in either 3:1 or 6:1 crop rows ratio.

The inter-row spacing of groundnut and Castor should be maintained at 45 and 180 cm respectively of 3:1 crop row ratio.

For 6:1 crop row ratio the inter – row spacing for groundnut and Castor should be kept at 45 and 35 cm respectively.

In North Saurashtra region to follow intercropping of groundnut with castor (GAUCH-1) in 3:1 ratio

Intercropping of pearlmillet + pigeonpea (2:1 and 4:1). (Rajk 29, 71)

Pearlmillet (BJ-104) should be grown in paired rows (40cm apart with a spacing of 40x 15 cm) in between two rows of pigeonpea (UPAS-120) at a spacing of 120 x 45 cm.

Sorghum + pigeonpea (1:1) with recommended fertilizer (90-30 N-P2O5 kg/ha) to base crop Cotton (V-797) + greengram (Gujarat-1)

Cotton G.cot-10 + groundnut (J-11)

Cotton (CJ-73) with greengram or blackgram or groundnut (Rajk 64)

In Bhal region intercropping of greengram or blackgram in a paired row system of planting cotton

### **Mixed cropping**

In North Saurashtra zone to grow pearlmillet (100% recommended seed rate) as mixed cropping with greengram (20% recommended seed rate). The mixed crop of greengram and pigeonpea with pearlmillet

### **Plant protection**

In Ghed area of South Saurashtra zone only one interculturing 30 days after sowing in cotton V-797.

Nil to very low rainfall in early stage of plant growth, particularly in the third week of July i.e. 29<sup>th</sup> standard week was found favourable for the appearance and high build up to aphid population. Whereas continued rainfall about 20mm with 2 to 4 rainy days during this period was unfavourable. (Rajk 39)

Controlling major sucking pests (aphids, jassids and trips) in groundnut (GAUG – 10) by applying following insecticidal schedule for the farmers of dry farming areas of Saurashtra. The net ICBR obtained was 1:7.11 with two sprays and 1:4.09 with three sprays. (Rajk 48)

**Spray schedule:**

Insecticide	Concentration	Time of spray
Phosphamidon	0.03% @ 180 ml a.i./ha	Two weeks after notice of aphid on stickytrap
Dimethoate	0.03% @ 180 ml a.i./ha	One spray after first spray

In addition to two sprays as cited above the farmers can also go for one more additional spray with endosulfan (0.07%) @ 420 lit/ha after 15 days of second spray. For the control of army worm and stem borer pests of hybrid sorghum CSH-6, following insecticidal schedule is recommended.

Insecticide	Concentration	Time of application
Endosulfan 4G	0.8 kg a.i./ha	Apply in whorl 30 DAS
Endosulfan 4G	0.8 kg a.i./ha	Apply in whorl 60 DAS
Endosulfan 35 EC	0.07 % spray	Apply in spray 60 DAS

In case of non-availability of endosulfan 4G, the application of three sprays of endosulfan 35 EC 0.07 % at 30,60 and 60 DAS may be recommended as it has net ICBR of 1:1.26. It is most profitable for the farmers to follow the spray schedule for controlling both tikka and rust diseases of erect groundnut (GAUG-1)

Fungicide	Concentration	Time of spray
Mancozeb	0.2 %	35 days after germination
Carbendazim	0.025 %	50 days after germination
Mancozeb	0.2 %	70 days germination

**Contingency plans**

The cultivators of Bhal Agroclimatic Zone to grow safflower or chickpea instead of dry wheat

**Soil and Nutrient Management**

It is recommended to apply nitrogen to pearl millet, sorghum, and cotton crops in two splits i.e. 1/2 dose at sowing and the remaining 1/2 to be top dressed after 25-35 days from sowing date for pearl millet and sorghum and after 45-50 days after sowing for cotton when the soil moisture conditions are favourable. (Rajk 74,79,88). The top dressed dose of N should be well mixed during the suggested period and if there is a prolonged drought, the second split may be omitted this will result in saving of fertilizers.

**Pearlmillet**

The farmers of North Saurashtra Agroclimatic Zone adopting groundnut-pearlmillet crop rotation need to apply 100% of recommended dose of fertilizer only to the pearl millet crop.

Pigeonpea (UPAS-120 or Hy -2) raised as mixed crop with pearl millet (BJ 104) @38 N and 19 P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> kg/ha. The rate of fertilizer application should be doubled for obtaining higher production. The seed rates were 20 and 3.75 kg/ha for pigeonpea and pearl millet respectively.

Pearlmillet HB-3 can be given 80N kg /ha.

Maximum pearl millet grain yield can be obtained by adopting the recommended package of practices in terms of variety (BJ-104), fertilizer (75 N and 37.5 P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> kg/ha) and crop management (seed treated with fungicides), seed rate of 3.75 kg/ha and spacing of 60X 15 cm. (Rajk17)

To minimize the risk factors, the farmers growing pearl millet as rainfed crop are advised to apply the recommended dose of nitrogen fertilizer either in two splits (25% as basal + 75% at tillering) or in three splits (25% as basal + 50% at tillering+ 25% at flag leaf stage) instead of the existing recommendation of 50% as basal and 50% at tillering. (Rajk 18)

The farmers are recommended to apply recommended dose of base crop of pearl millet (80 N and 40 P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> kg/ha) to the intercropping of pearl millet + pigeonpea for maximum monetary returns. The marginal farmers can obtain higher profit by applying 40 to 60 N kg/ha to the intercropping system. Phosphorus should be applied uniformly.

### Sorghum

In sorghum CSH 6 apply 90 N and 30 P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> kg/ha to in medium black soils.

In dual purpose sorghum CSH 5 apply 60 N and 30 P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> kg/ha,

In rainfed sorghum apply recommended dose of nitrogenous fertilizer in three splits i.e. 25% as basal + 50% at tillering + 25% at flag leaf stage instead of the two splits of 50% as basal and 50% at tillering stage. (Rajk 46, 50)

The farmers of North Saurashtra Agroclimatic Zone (AES-1) in fodder sorghum apply 50 N kg/ha in two equal splits, basal and top dress at 30 days after sowing with 30 P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> kg/ha) to get more fodder yield and net return.

### Cotton

In North Saurashtra Agroclimatic Zone apply 40 N kg/ha (equally as basal and top dressing after 45-50 days after sowing when sufficient moisture is in the soil) to cotton variety G.cot – 10 on medium black soils. For cotton variety G.cot – 10, phosphorus application is not recommended. (Rajk 5, 36)

In Dhari region, in cotton variety G.cot-10 in medium black soils (medium in P) apply 60 N and 10 P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> kg/ha. Half of nitrogen and full dose of phosphorus should be applied as basal dose and the remaining nitrogen at 45-50 days after sowing when sufficient moisture is available.

### Castor

In North Saurashtra Agroclimatic Zone to fertilize castor with 30 N and 30 P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> kg/ha. (Rajk 3,9, 78,86)

The farmers of AES-IV of North Saurashtra Agroclimatic Zone are advised to apply 30 N kg/ha to castor.

### Alternate Land Use System

#### Grasses

On sloppy fallow lands, grow *Dicanthium annulatum*

#### Alley cropping

In shallow soils and medium fertility to sow 16 rows of either groundnut (GG-2) or sorghum (CSH-5) in alley of perennial pigeonpea (ICPL-185) keeping distance 8.1 m between two rows for higher equivalent yield of green fodder

In shallow soils and medium fertility are recommended to sow 16 rows of either groundnut (GG-2) or sorghum (CSH-5) crops in alley of subabul (Hawai Gaint ), keeping distance of 8.1 m between two rows

### Implements

For multipurpose tool bar, seed-cum-fertilizer drilling attachment (manually metered) is recommended to carry out three operations i.e. fertilizer drilling, seed drilling and covering at a time for the farmers of North Saurashtra Agroclimatic Zone.

## Soybean based Production System (Indore)

#### Rainwater

Broad bed furrow (BBF) for soybean in kharif

#### Management

Gabion structures are recommended in waterways (Indo 85, 90,108)

#### Crops and Cropping Systems

Soybean-safflower sequence has been found to be more stable and remunerative in normal climatic conditions with 30 and 45 cm row spacing for the crops, respectively. (Indo 52)  
Planting at a high density of 0.6 plants/ha with soybean ideotypes

#### Soil and Nutrient

#### Management

60 N - 35 P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> kg/ha is recommended. Over three years there was gradual increase in the yield of soybean due to build up with 60 P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> kg/ha. Soybean is a heavy feeder of N, P, K, Ca and S. (Indo 24,93,94,112,114)

## Fingermillet based Production System (Bangalore)

#### Rainwater

#### Management

#### Watershed development

Providing a farm pond for individual holdings and making use of the excavated soil for construction of bunds and filling up the depressions reduce the overall cost of land

development. This saved on the cost of construction and is presently being adopted in all the State Watershed Development Programmes.

The existing bund itself could be modified to act as graded bund by internal land smothering Open end contour bunds (0.8 m<sup>2</sup>) or graded bunds (0.36.m<sup>2</sup>) on a slope of 0.2 to 0.4%. Waterways are a viable with outlets.

For every hectare of catchment the required capacity of the pond is 250 m<sup>3</sup>. For controlling seepage and percolation losses plastering both the sides and the bottom with cement + sandy clay soil (1:8) is very effective.

#### **Vegetal treatments**

Establishing vegetative barriers either of khus or some local grass like *Nase Hullu* on the contour ensures subsequent cultivation on the contours.

Earthen embankments with vegetated spillways in stabilized gullies are sustainable as cheap water harvesting structure.

For stabilization of drop structure, spill ways and stabilization of embankments. *Pennisetum clandestinum* , and *Pennisetum ohinikere* are suitable.

Vetiver live barrier at 1 m vertical interval is an effective barrier as bunds under situations of lower slope (2%) and medium (>750 mm) rainfall, while combination of vegetative barrier and bund placed at 0.5 m vertical interval is most suitable under high slope (>3%). For stabilization of water ways (0.03 m<sup>2</sup>) and bunds, *Lotononis bainesii* is preferred. In the gullies, bamboo, silver oak, *Acacia auriculiformis*, subabul, pongamia spp. have established well.

#### **Cultivation**

Finger millet + pigeonpea sown (10:1) with dead furrow between pigeonpea rows (Bang 38, 42)

Maize on ridges and furrows across the slope is effective in reducing runoff and soil loss. In close spaced crops like finger millet and groundnut, furrows may be opened on 0.2 to 0.4 percent slope to dispose the surplus water.

Summer tillage is essential to conservation water and reduce runoff.

Deep tillage is beneficial in crops like pigeonpea and maize.

Soil profile inversion up to 15 cm depth is suitable for higher productivity.

In widely spaced crops like maize ridging up individual crop rows for reducing run off. Fall ploughing and furrows at 3.3 m interval as inter terrace management practices are helpful

Developing deeper soils (>45 cm) in to graded border strips of 10-12 m width on a gradient of 0.2 to 0.4 percent along the length.

Alleviation of crust is possible with the addition of 10t FYM/ha, 5 tonne maize residue/ha and 25 sand t /ha.

#### **Supplemental irrigation**

Surplus rainwater collected in dugout ponds and used for irrigation during critical periods. May sown crops need one or two irrigations in June and the crops sown in August September need protective irrigation in November-December. The crop yield doubles by two protective irrigations of 5 cm each.

### **Crops and Cropping Systems**

#### **Cultivars**

Maize, groundnut, pigeonpea, sunflower and cowpea can replace part of the finger millet area under suitable conditions.

Cowpea is a suitable crop for sowing both in the early season as well as late season. TVX-944-02E may be used for replacing the presently recommended variety C-152 that has become susceptible to bacterial blight and rust. (Bang 1,43).

Another variety C-1 derived by a cross between C152 X FS-68 is also a high yielder with white grains. Cowpea TTB-7 released in 1987.

Maize Deccan-101, DH-3-30 and groundnut RS-114, pigeonpea HY-3c, and sunflower BSH-1 are high yielders. (Bang 5, 35)

Chilli-27 from the center (*Capsicum annum X C. frutescens*) was found to performs better. Castor SA-2 suitable for the region.

In horsegram, IC-11095 and BGM-1-1-8-3 are released.

### **Cropping system**

With bimodal pattern of rainfall a system of growing cowpea either for grain or fodder in May followed by transplanted finger millet in August is an ideal double cropping system. (Bang 30, 38, 45)

Traditional intercrops like fodder sorghum, field bean and niger in finger millet can be adopted only when the fertility level is low. With improved fertility levels, an entire crop of finger millet is to be preferred.

Intercropping of finger millet and soybean in alternate rows was found profitable. (Bang 38)

Various intercrops like pigeonpea, french bean, cowpea and soybean were tried in maize but none of the combinations were remunerative.

Intercropping of paired rows of pigeonpea followed by 8 rows of finger millet (Bang 38) with a furrow between pigeonpea is recommended and widely adopted by the farmers. The system is found to be more profitable when pigeonpea is planted in May and finger millet in July. This gives opportunity and competition free time for pigeonpea to come up. Similar system is found profitable in groundnut both the crops are to be sown simultaneously.

### **Contingency Plans**

About 40 cm of water was consumptively used by most of the dryland crops to produce reasonably high yield.

Selection of crop ad varieties for sowing should be made on the time of sowing. The following preference was found ideal.

May	Cowpea, Redgram (Bang 48, 49)
June	Groundnut, redgram
July	Maize, long duration finger millet, Sunflower
August	Short duration finger millet, transplanted finger millet, Cowpea
September	Horsegram

Finger millet is the most stable and drought resistant crop of the region. (Bang 3,41)

For early sowing in July Indaf-8 is suitable, in the later part of July and early part of August PR-202 should be selected for late sowing Indaf-5 or 9 are to be preferred.

Planting maize and pigeonpea in alternate rows of 37.5 cm provides insurance against failure of maize. In adverse years, maize is harvested as fodder allowing pigeonpea crop to mature as full season crop. (Bang 56)

For late sown conditions, intercropping of horsegram and fodder maize is more profitable than entire crop of horsegram.

### **Management**

Cultivation up to 10-12 cm depth is sufficient for finger millet whereas deep ploughing up to 30cm was beneficial in groundnut, pigeonpea and maize.

The recommended row spacing in finger millet was 22.5 cm and in maize 60 cm. It was observed that widening the row spacing up to 45 cm in finger millet and 75 cm in maize was advantageous.

For establishing finger millet crop in July, drilling the seeds is convenient but for late establishment transplanting the seedlings becomes essential to maintain the yield levels (Bang 46)

### **Plant protection**

Weed control in maize and groundnut through use of simazine and alchlor respectively was found effective and economical. (Bang 26)

### **Soil and Nutrient Management**

#### **Residue incorporation**

Incorporation of maize stover residue into the soil in maize - groundnut rotation is better than in maize-finger millet rotation. Cropping and ploughing in the residues was better than discing in, the whole plant. (Bang 44)

### **Fertilizers**

A fertilizer dosage of 50:50:25 for finger millet, 75:50:25 for maize and 25:50:25 for groundnut N: P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>: K<sub>2</sub>O kg/ha are recommended. P and K applied as basal and N at least in two equal splits for non-legume crops Band placement is better achieved through seed-cum-fertilizer drill. (Bang 9, 22, 29, 34, 35, 47)

Most of the oil seed crops (groundnut and sunflower) and pulses (cowpea) respond to lime application. Gypsum is useful in groundnut. (Bang 11, 18, 19, 52, 53, 67, 68, 1) The red soils of the region normally have medium to high level of non-exchangeable K (510ppm). Response to the application of K is limited. However, after 8-10 years continuous cropping without K application depletes the soil reserve and crops start responding to external source of K.

Application of S 10 kg/ha for pulses and 20 kg/ha for sunflower increase the yield of crops. Zinc sulphate at 10 kg/ha improves the yield of maize.

### **Integration**

Continues application of NPK fertilizers without addition of organic manures gradually reduced the yield levels. Organic manure either in the form of FYM (10 t/ha) or maize residue (5 t/ha) was helpful in maintaining the yield levels ad substituted for 25:25:12.5 N - P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> - K<sub>2</sub>O kg /ha.

Application of 50% recommended N through green leaf manure was good substitute for FYM to reduce cost of input.

### **Alternate Land Use System**

#### **Agro-forestry**

Casuarinas and silver Oak are better suited than other three species like eucalyptus, neem, Leucaena, Acacia etc.

The agroforestry system adapted on bunds with silver oak, glyricidia, caliandra, casuarina and drumstick have least effect on crops and to meet various needs like fruits, fodder, fibre, fuel and timber apart from substantial income during contingent needs.

*Faidherbia albida* is more suitable for planting on bunds (E-W direction) in micro-watersheds.

#### **Wastelands**

*Stylosanthes hamata* is most suitable. *Stylosanthes scabra* should be adopted for gravelly shallow soils with low rainfall.

*Acacia auriculiformis*, *Cassia siamea*, *Dalbergia sissoo*, subabul and amla are more suitable and promising than other deep rooted high water intensive tree species under high gradient non-arable lands with shallow soils and rock out crops. For better establishment, trench method of planting is better than pit method.

Bamboo, Jambulina, pongamia, neem, *Albizia lebbbeck*, peepal, and ficus species can be planted in the catch pits and pockets of deep soil.

#### **Forages**

Grasses like *Pennisetum pedicellatum* or *Cenchrus ciliaris* and legumes like *Microtelium axillaris* are suitable forage species.

#### **Horticulture**

In situ grafting/ budding of fruit trees like mango and ber found to be more economical than using grafted plants. Custard apple, Jack and tamarind were other species suitable to wastelands.

Mango, phylanthus, and jambulina performed better in the non-arable land.

### **Implements**

#### **Seed-ferti drills**

For opening furrows at 3.3 m interval simultaneously with sowing the seeds of finger millet, the newly designed seed drill with furrow opener is a convenient implement. Four coultered (shoe type) seed-cum-fertilizer drill for groundnut has been released in 1987 and is being fabricated by the Agro Industries Corporation apart from several local artisans.

Five coultered, 30 cm row spaced finger millet seed-cum-fertilizer drills should be used for sowing finger millet.

Multi furrow opener is very useful tool in opening furrows for hand dropping of seeds, transplanting seedlings and also for intercultivation. The multi furrow opener has become

more popular with the farmers, because of its multi-purpose use of the several implements designed at the centre.  
Groundnut seed-cum-fertilizer drill (four coulters) was found to be efficient and economically feasible for sowing soybean.  
Tractor drawn international seed drill with disc type furrow openers was found suitable for finger millet

#### **Interculture**

Intercultivation in close sown crops like finger millet and groundnut can be made very effective by changing over to bent type hoe for duck foot hoe.  
Staggered bent tyne and duck foot hoe are designed during the period are becoming popular with farmers.

## **Pearlmillet based Production System (Hisar)**

### **Rainwater Management**

#### **Off season**

Land shaping  
Pre monsoon/ summer tillage and ridge furrow configurations across the land slope to improve moisture storage

#### **Kharif crops**

Two cross ploughing/ discing operation for sowing  
Compartmental bund  
Inter-row rainwater harvesting

#### **Rabi crops**

Shallow tillage after effective rainfall events in summer fallows for *rabi* crops sowing

### **Crops and Cropping Systems**

#### **Kharif crops**

Pearlmillet: HHB-50, HHB-60, HHB-67, HHB-68 (Hiss 20)  
Mungbean: S-9, Asha  
Clusterbean: RGC-936, HGS-365, HG-75, HG-182  
Clusterbeans/ Mothbean: Jwala, Jadia, Marumoth-1, RMO-40  
Cowpea: HFC-42-1, Charodi

#### **Rabi crops**

Mustard: RH-819, RH-30, RH-781, Lakshimi (Hiss26)  
Chickpea: C-235, H-208, Gaurav, HC-1  
Barley: BH-87, K-226, BG-138, BG-75 9Hiss35)  
Taramira: T-27

#### **Cropping System**

Monocropping is normal and below normal rainfall years  
    Kharif crops – Fallow  
    Fallow-*rabi* crops (in conserved moisture)  
Sequence cropping in above normal rainfall years  
    Pearlmillet – Chickpea  
    Mungbean- mustard  
    Cowpea – Mustard  
    Pearlmillet + Cowpea- Mustard/ Chickpea  
    (Fodder crop)  
Intercropping (2:1 in 30/60 cm paired rows)  
    Pearlmillet + mungbean  
    Pearlmillet + clusterbean

#### **Management**

Sowing time  
    Kharif crops in 1-15 July (optimum time) 16-30 July (late sown conditions) and  
    *rabi* Crops 1-20 October (mustard and chickpea) and 25 October-15 November  
    (taramira) (Hiss 50)

Plant spacing  
-45 cm between rows for all crops except barley (30 cm)  
-10 cm within rows after thinning in case of kharif crops and mustard

**Soil and  
Nutrient  
Management**

**Kharif crops**

Pearlmillet 40N+ 20P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> kg / ha and pulses 20N+ 40P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> kg/ha (Hiss20)  
Integrated use of inorganic, organic and biofertilizers for pearlmillet

**Rabi crops**

Mustard 40N+ 20P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> kg / ha and pulses 20N+ 40P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> kg/ ha (Hiss 25)  
Advance application of fertilizer by the end of monsoon for mustard (Hiss25)  
Deep basal placement of fertilizer to chickpea  
Integrated use of inorganic, organic and biofertilizers for mustard (Hiss 46)

**Micronutrients**

Basal application of ZnSO<sub>4</sub> 12.5 kg /ha along with recommended dose of NP fertilizer to mustard and chickpea in deficient soils (Hiss46)

**Alternate Land  
Use System**

Agri-Horti system of ber intercropped with cowpea, greengram, clusterbean and anjan grass.

**Implements**

**Ferti-seed drills**

Use of ridge-seeder for pearlmillet to avoid soil crusting  
Furrow seeding of mustard under receding moisture conditions  
Use of barani hal for mustard seeding.

**Interculture**

Use of blade type wheel hand hoe to save time and energy for Interculture operations

## Pearlmillet based Production System (Agra)

**Rainwater  
Management**

**Land treatment**

Deep tillage during summer and making compartmental bunding after seedlings emergence. (Agra 3, 14, 16)  
Criss-cross ploughing by country plough after each effective rainfall.  
To mitigate early season drought, one extra inter cultivation along with straw mulch @ 5 t/ha is effective. One protective irrigation is only solution to control the adverse effect of late season drought.

**Supplemental irrigation**

Sufficient runoff water may be harvested during rainy season in the farm pond or in village pond and this harvested water can be used in dry period during kharif and at critical stage during *rabi* season crops.  
Transplanting of pearl millet in late seedling condition along with one protective irrigation

**Crops and  
Cropping  
Systems**

**Management**

For growing kharif season crops the sowing period of first fortnight of July and for *rabi* crops, first fortnight of October are most suitable.  
Broadcasting of seeds should be always avoided specially in *rabi* season.  
The spacing between rows should be 45 cm for pearlmillet and mustard crops.

**Intercropping**

One row of pigeonpea or greengram in paired row planting (30/60 cm) of pearlmillet and two rows of greengram in paired row planting (30/90 cm) of pigeonpea are the best intercropping system. (Agra 5,10)  
In *rabi* season, chickpea + mustard (4:1 row ratio) and barley + chickpea (3:2 row ratio). (Agra 2, 4, 8,18,25,26)

**Sequence cropping**

The greengram mustard crop sequence is more profitable, in which greengram is grown for green manuring after picking up the pods. The highest net profit from this crop sequence is received when mustard crop is fertilized with 45 kg N ha. (Agra 13, 19, 20)



**Soil and Nutrient Management**

**Inorganics**

Recommended dose of fertilizers are 60 kg N + 30 kg P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> ha for Pearl millet, mustard and barley and 20 kg N + 40 kg P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>/ ha for greengram, blackgram, pigeonpea, clusterbeans and chickpea (Agra 11, 15, 17, 21))

High and stable yield of pearl millet is achieved through the split application of recommended N, because applied N can be saved in case of any aberration in the weather. Full N + 0 dose of N at sowing and rest N at tiller initiation stage is more advantageous. (Agra 1)

**Method**

Broadcasting application of fertilizer is inefficient Placement leads to higher yield as well as healthy and vigorous seedlings. In *rabi* season, placement of fertilizers at 8-10 cm depth must be placed in moist zone.

**Integration**

In continuous cropping of pearl millet, integrated use of organic and inorganic fertiliser is more beneficial. Half of the recommended N (60 kg) to met through FYM is a substitute of inorganic source and sound nutrient management strategy for higher and stable yield of pearl millet.

**Alternate Land Use System**

**Implements**

Dryland weeder is quite effective and economic in controlling the weeds in both the seasons.

**Pearl millet based Production System (Dantiwada)**

**Rainwater Management**

**Crops and Cropping Systems**

**Intercropping**

Greengram+pearl millet (3:1)

Two lines of cowpea (GC-2) between castor (GAUCH-1) with the spacing of 120X30 cm for castor 30X7.5 cm or 30X10 cm for cowpea

Pearl millet + clusterbeans (2:1) intercropping during kharif season

Pearl millet + clusterbeans Malosan or HG-75 (2:2) (Danti 1)

**Management**

For hybrid castor GAUCH-1, inter-row spacing of 60 to 90 or 120 cm and intra-row spacing of 30 or 45 or 60 cm. (Danti 1)

**Mixed cropping**

In the light texture soils of North Gujarat agroclimatic Zone (AES-1) farmers are advised to follow mixed cropping of sorghum and karingado. Sowing of karingado in every sixth line of sorghum at 45 cm is more remunerative.

**Plant protection**

Castor GAUCH-1 in light soils should be kept weed free during 30-45 days after sowing preferably by two interculture operations and simultaneous hand weeding around the crop in 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> weeks after sowing. (Danti 2)

**Soil and Nutrient Management**

**Inorganics**

Green chickpea application of 20 kg P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>/ha

Pearl millet CJ-104, application of 75 kg N/ha and 25 kg P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> /ha. (Danti1,3)

There is no need to apply zinc under rainfed condition of North if soil contains medium to high available zinc

For the cultivation of castor GAUCH-1 in the light soil areas, application of 30 kg N/ha is recommended. If the soil is highly deficient in available nitrogen, application of 60 to 90 kg N/ha may be adopted.

For the cultivation of rainfed cowpea Gujarat Cowpea-2 (Chharodi -1) in light soils deficient in available nitrogen and medium to marginally high in available nitrogen and

medium to marginally high in available phosphorus, application of 15 kg N/ha and 20 kg P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>/ha is recommended

The farmers growing sorghum malvan on S deficient light textured soils are advocated to apply 20 kg S/ha through gypsum (125 kg gypsum/ha)

**Alternate Land Use System**

**Horticulture**

The farmers growing Ber (10X6 m) on light textured soils are advised to take inter crop of either greengram or sorghum (fodder)

**Implements**

## Maize based Production System (Arjia)

**Rainwater Management**

**Water use efficiency**

Chickpea is most suitable crop for growing in tank beds on conserved soil moisture. Wheat (LOK-1) is good for sowing under tank bed conditions with 125 kg/ha seed rate. (Bhil13)

**Crops and Cropping Systems**

**Kharif crops**

D-765, Surya and Navjot of maize  
CSH-5, CSH-6, CSH-9, and CSH-14 of sorghum  
Pusa baisakhi and K-851 of greengram  
T-9 of blackgram  
Gwalior-3, T-21, Prabhat, ICPL-87 and ICPL-151 of pigeonpea  
JL-24 and AK-12-24 of groundnut (Bhil10)  
RT-125 and RT-46 of sesamum  
Aruna, Gauch-1 and Gauch-4 of castor  
Macs-13 and Js-71-05 of soybean

**Rabi crops**

Narmada-4 of chickpea (Bhil7)  
Durgamani and Varuna of mustard  
Bhima and JSF-1 of safflower  
Chambal-1 of linseed.

**Intercropping in kharif**

Maize + blackgram (2:2)  
Maize + pigeonpea (1:1) (Bhil20)  
Sorghum + greengram (2:1) (Bhil 24,29,30,32)  
Groundnut + sesame (6:2)  
Castor + greengram (1:2) (Bhil21)

**Intercropping in rabi**

Chickpea + mustard (4:1)  
Chickpea + safflower (2:1) (Bhil19)

**Plant protection**

Apply fluchloralin or pendmethalin at 0.5 kg/ha as pre-mergence applications followed by one hoeing at 30 days after sowing to control weeds in groundnut + sesame intercropping system

**Soil and Nutrient Management**

**Kharif crops**

In maize + pigeonpea intercropping system it is recommended to apply 50% nitrogen through inorganic and 50 % through organic sources.

**Rabi crops**

Application of 45 N - 22.5 P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> kg /ha is optimum for wheat under tank bed conditions (Bhil13, 16)

## Maize based Production System (Hoshiarpur)

**Rainwater Management**

**Kharif crops**

Plough open the fields to open the soil and to enhance its water intake.  
Level the land and raise bunds all around the fields and provide outlets for safe disposal of excess rainwater before the onset of monsoon.

Spread locally available mulch material, such as basooti in the standing maize crop in the last week of August in light soils.

Sow the crops across slope on sloping lands

#### **Rabi crops**

Mulching the kharif crops helps in conservation of moisture in the surface layers and helps secure optimum stands of *rabi* crops. It also helps maize in case of drought. Start preparatory tillage soon after the harvest of Kharif crops.

#### **Supplemental irrigation**

Collect runoff water during monsoon in individual or community tanks.

Give one irrigation to *rabi* crops at pre-sowing or 30-40 days after sowing).

In case of drought during Kharif, a life saving irrigation can be given to the Kharif crops.

### **Crops and Cropping Systems**

#### **Green manure**

Grow a green manure crop of sunhemp in the light textured soils which are generally kept fallow during the Kharif. Incorporate this crop in the middle of August to raise wheat in *rabi*.

#### **Cropping system**

Two crops a year viz. maize-wheat/ wheat+chickpea/ wheat+raya perform better on medium and high moisture storage soils (Hosh 18,34)

- Sow maize with first monsoon showers in rows 35-40X30 cm apart.
- Sow *rabi* crops from last week of October to last week of November
- Use higher seed rate of wheat (100 kg/ha) to cover the risk or poor germination and attack of white ants and termites.
- Sow wheat relatively deeper (8-10 cm) and in wider row spacing (30 cm).

#### **Plant protection**

Plough the fallow fields occasionally during kharif to keep them weed free or grow a green manure crop of sunhemp in kharif.

Apply Atrazine @ 1 kg/ha on medium to heavy textured soils as pre-mergence spray in maize. The dose of herbicide can be reduced by 40% in light soils.

Give one manual hoeing 15-20 days after sowing of maize, followed by halodging with desi plough at 30 days after sowing. (Hosh 2)

Give two hoeings to wheat to check weed growth and reduce evaporation from soil. For termite control, treat wheat seed with Aldrin 30 EC or chloropyriphos 20 EC @ 4 ml/kg seed.

### **Soil and Nutrient Management**

#### **Organics**

Apply 8-10 t FYM/ha before sowing maize to get maximum benefit from fertilizer use

#### **Inorganics**

In maize apply half of N and whole of P and K by drilling at sowing and broadcast remaining N one month later depending or rain. (Hosh 10,17,30)

In *rabi* crops, fertilizer must be drilled at or before sowing so as to place it in the moist zone.

## **Maize based Production System (Rakh Dhiansar)**

### **Rainwater Management**

Water harvesting tanks are recommended.

### **Crops and Cropping Systems**

Green fodder or after taking one picking of short duration greengram in kharif followed by *rabi* oilseed. 15% area of the dryland kandi belt of Jammu Kathua district have adopted this technology.

### **Soil and Nutrient Management**

Recommended fertilizer doses on N and P for

**Alternate Land Use System Implements** Alley cropping with greengram/mash

## **Rabi Sorghum based Production System (Solapur)**

**Rainwater Management** **Land treatment**  
Ridges and furrows prior to sowing of crops.  
Compartmental bunds

**Interculture**  
Minimum 3 hoeing in 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> week from sowing for *rabi* sorghum to avoid cracking in Vertisols

**Supplemental irrigation**  
One to two protective irrigations at critical growth stages for dryland crops. (Based on this recommendations state Govt. has changed their policy of 12 months canal irrigation for comparatively small area to 8 months (kharif and *rabi*) canal irrigation for wider area in Scarcity Zone of Maharashtra)

**Vegetal covers**  
Spreading type of Kharif crops for land coverage to avoid soil and water erosion for sole cropping  
Strip cropping (3:1)

**Crops and Cropping Systems** **Crop varieties**  
*Rabi* sorghum  
Shallow soils – Selection –3.  
Medium deep soils – M.35-1  
Deep soils – Swati, CSH-13R  
Kidney bean - MBS-27  
Horsegram – Man and Sina (Sola 46)  
Sunflower - SS-56  
Safflower – Bhima  
Improved varieties of groundnut, castor, greengram, blackgram, cowpea, *rabi* sorghum, safflower, sunflower, chickpea were also recommended

**Intercropping**  
Pearlmillet+kidney bean/ Horse gram (2:1) for shallow soils.  
Pearlmillet+ pigeonpea (2:1) for medium deep soils. (Sola 52)  
Sunflower+pigeonpea (2:1) for soils having more than 45 cm depth.  
Sorghum+pigeonpea (1:1) for kharif oriented scarcity zone of Maharashtra,

**Sequence cropping**  
Blackgram/ greengram – *rabi* sorghum (Sola 72,54,42)  
Greengram/ sunflower – Bengal Gram

**Rabi to Rabi crop rotation**  
*Rabi* sorghum – chickpea  
*Rabi* sorghum – Safflower  
Safflower – chickpea

**Crop management**  
Introduced sunflower and developed package of practices  
Crop planning according to land use capability. (Sola 21)  
Improved technology for Kharif and *rabi* dryland crops (package of practices)  
Varieties developed at the station.

**Plant protection**  
Weed free plots in kharif crops for 1<sup>st</sup> 30 days.  
Minimum 2 to 3 hoeings for other *rabi* crops

**Contingency plans**

Recommendation of mid season corrections for crop planning.  
Aberrant weather planning with sunflower crop. In aberrant weather, plant population of 74000/ha should be reduced to 38000/ha by removing alternate plant in the row or skipping of alternate row.

**Soil and Nutrient Management**

**Inorganics**

Cereals and oil seeds -50 N + 25 P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> kg /ha  
Pulses - 12.5 N + 25 P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> kg /ha

**Organics**

Leucaena loppings mulching in kharif season (10 t/ha) for enrichment of soil fertility and to reduce soil and water erosion. (Sola 15,30,66)  
Recycling of farm waste materials

**Alternate Land Use System**

**Agro-horticulture**

Ber, custard apple, pomegranate, amla with intercropping of kharif (spreading) crops

**Silvi-pastures**

Stylo in initial 1-2 years of main crop  
Cultivation of Marvel-8 grass on bunds for protection of bunds and for fodder.  
Contour live bunds of Marvel-8 of Leucaena.

**Implements**

Bullock drawn two bowl ferti-seed-drill

**Rabi Sorghum based Production System (Bijapur)**

**Rainwater Management**

**Land treatment**

Rubbles at 0.3 m vertical interval on contour key lines for between soils water conservation. In-situ moisture conservation practices like compartmental bunding, ridges and furrows, contour cultivation and fall ploughing helped to conserve more moisture in deep black soils. (Bija 19, 37, 38)

**Vegetal covers**

Barriers are recommended for inter-terrace land management practice, planting of khus grass and subabul in paired rows at vertical interval of 0.3 m is advocated.  
Stabilization of bunds through stylosanthes species.  
Bund painting with neem, sissoo and tamarind.

**Microcatchments**

For ber in marginal lands, rectangular basins with 5% inward slope for lands upto 2% slope, crescent bunding for lands having 2 to 4% land slope and staggered trenching/pitting for lands having more than 4% land slope.

**Supplemental irrigation**

A farm pond of 150 m<sup>3</sup> capacity for every one hectare catchment was recommended for harvesting excess runoff in medium to deep black soils. Dryland horticultural crops with supplemental irrigation facility.

**Crops and Cropping Systems**

**Management**

Adoption of early sowing of *rabi* crops is essential - *rabi* sorghum, safflower 2<sup>nd</sup> fortnight of September and 2<sup>nd</sup> week of August is suitable for sunflower.  
Wider row spacing for both Kharif and *rabi* crops - Sorghum, Sunflower, Safflower and Pearl millet 60 cm; Groundnut (bunch) 45 cm; Chickpea 30 cm; Pigeonpea 90 cm

**Cultivars**

Sunflower population (NSP-92-1-0E) which is superior to Morden is released for general cultivation.

A bunch groundnut variety (R-8808) and horsegram (PL-40) were released and included in the package of practices.

### **Intercropping**

Pigeonpea + pearl millet (1:3) (Bija 35)  
Chickpea + safflower (3: 1 or 4:2)  
Chickpea + sorghum (1:2)  
Pigeonpea + groundnut (1:3)  
Pearl millet + groundnut (1:2)

### **Soil and Nutrient Management**

#### **Inorganics**

For Kharif crops (pearl millet and sunflower) in shallow black soils, application of 50% dose at sowing and remaining 50% 30-35 days after sowing is advocated. (Bija 16,42,46)

#### **Incorporation**

Subabul loppings at 5 t/ha one month prior to sowing of *rabi* sorghum to reduce the fertilizer requirement of sorghum by 50%  
Sunhemp in Kharif in medium and deep black soils after 35-40 days after sowing for *rabi* crops to save 50% nitrogen.  
Crop residues at 5t/ha in vertisol. To reduce the C:N ratio of residues the conjunctive use of subabul or 20kg N/ha urea or cellulolytic organism is recommended. (Bija 34)

#### **Cropping systems**

Adopt rotation of sorghum after chickpea, which accounts for 50 per cent saving of N for *rabi* sorghum. (Bija 42)  
Use of 50 percent nitrogen through organic source and remaining 50 per cent through inorganic source for sorghum and safflower. (Bija 16, 51, 53, 54)

### **Alternate Land Use System**

#### **Horticulture**

Cultivation of mango, ber, sapota and curry leaf in the zing conservation bench terraces, waterways and on the embankment of farm ponds.

#### **Wastelands**

In shallow and marginal eroded soils, growing of agave and subabul is advocated.

### **Implements**

## **Cotton based Production System (Kovilpatti)**

### **Rainwater Management**

### **Crops and Cropping Systems**

For the vertisol belt of this region, cotton+blackgram (Kovi 29)  
Sorghum+Blackgram/ Cowpea (Kovi 12,18,21,27,47,61,63)  
Pre-monsoon sowing of Cotton MCU.10 + black gram CO.5 intercropping system receiving 750 kg/ha FYM  
Fertilizer DAP as seed treatment material for rainfed cotton. Both linted and lelinted cotton seeds soaked with 2% DAP increased seed cotton yield.

### **Soil and Nutrient Management**

The basal application of 40N and 20 P kg/ha was recommended for cotton crop under rainfed vertisol situations. (Kovi 5)

### **Alternate Land Use System**

### **Implements**

## **Cotton based Production System (Akola)**

### **Rainwater Management**

#### **Land treatment**

On slopy land contour cultivation along vegetative hedge of Vetiver or Leucaena at 0.5 m V.I. in sorghum and cotton crops.  
BBF and opening of furrow after two crop rows in pigeonpea.

	<p><b>Slope length</b> From the toposequence study of micro-watershed, on a slopy field instead of growing cotton crop on entire field, it is profitable to take cotton on upper toposequence (80 % area) and soybean- chickpea crop sequence on lower topo sequence (20 % area).</p> <p><b>Supplemental irrigation</b> Sorghum can be grown without irrigation Cotton crop needs life saving irrigation during deficit period</p>
<b>Crops and Cropping Systems</b>	<p><b>Crops</b> Cotton, sorghum and pigeonpea recorded highest yield on class II soils, followed by class III and lowest yield was found on class IV soils. Sorghum crop recorded response to fertilizers on all three classes of soil, whereas cotton and pigeonpea registered response on class II and class III soils. Sorghum (CS -3541) and sesamum crops grown on shallow soils without much reduction in yield as compared to the yields on medium deep soils. Cotton (AKH 081), a early variety of <i>hirsutum</i> cotton is suitable on shallow soils. Cotton, pigeonpea and hybrid sorghum are not suitable on shallow soils.</p> <p><b>Intercropping</b> Sorghum + greengram (2:1 or 1:1) and cotton + greengram (1:1) i Greengram-safflower crop sequence Sorghum - chickpea If rains occur in <i>October</i> and November</p> <p><b>Plant protection</b> Critical crop-weed competition period in hybrid sorghum and cotton was from sowing to 40 days and 55 days, respectively.</p> <p><b>Contingency plans</b> Under situation of resowing or delayed sowing in <i>kharif</i> season, sunflower, pearl millet, pigeonpea, maize and castor crops recorded satisfactory yields.</p>
<b>Soil and Nutrient Management</b>	<p><b>Inorganics</b> Application of 20 kg P/ha was found optimum for pigeonpea and cotton, while 10 kg P/ha was optimum for sorghum crop. Application of 80 kg P/ha to pigeonpea for continuous three years recorded residual effect on sorghum. Zinc application @ 5 kg Zn / ha (25 kg Zn SO 4/ ha) to sorghum.</p> <p><b>Integration</b> In cotton + greengram, half dose of nitrogen through FYM and half through inorganic fertilizers In alley cropping (9 m width), incorporation of <i>Leucaena</i> loppings in cotton or sorghum crops, recorded 25 to 50 % economy in fermer use Continuons use of <i>Leucaena</i> lopping was found to replace <i>full</i> recommended dose of nitrogen.</p>
<b>Alternate Land Use System</b>	<p><b>Horticulture</b> <i>Ber</i> agro-horticulture system (<i>Ber</i> + short duration legume crop) was found more remunerative than anola and custard apple horticulture system.</p> <p><b>Pastures</b> Stylo sole and stylo-marvel pastural system recorded higher green fodder yield than sole or combination of grasses.</p>
<b>Implements</b>	<p>Out of eight ferti-seed drills tested, Shivaji, Solapur, CIAE and Malviya ferti-seed drills proved better on the basis of Overall Performance Index (OPI), but seeding with CIAE ferti-seed drill recorded higher yield of greengram and safflower recorded higher yield of greengram and safflower.</p>

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