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FOREWORD

In the era of globalization and phenomenal technological progress, Indian agriculture faces the twin challenges of meeting the rising demand for food of the increasing population in a sustainable manner and making the best use of the available resources and technology for enhancing the production and productivity of the agriculture sector. In such a scenario, it is important to throw light on diverse aspects of Indian agriculture sector through the prism of systematic organization and presentation of statistical data. The Publication "Agricultural Statistics at a Glance 2010" compiled by the Directorate of Economics and Statistics, Department of Agriculture and Cooperation presents a comprehensive picture of the progress made by the agriculture sector at the All- India level as well as across the States.

This publication provides statistical data on a wide range of agricultural commodities, details of land use, agricultural inputs both across states and overtime. I must put on record that this publication has been brought out in a record time. I am sure that it will be of immense utility to the policy makers, researchers and those who have interest in the agriculture sector.

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