

FOREWORD

Vegetable oil is an important commodity obtained from myriad sources of plant species for consumption and industrial applications that impacts global trade and economy. The information on trends and up to date statistics of oilseeds and vegetable oils is essential for better planning and forecast for achieving sustainable oilseeds economy. Many individuals, industries and organizations are involved in different aspects of vegetable oils starting from growing of oilseed crops as per the agro-ecological situation to processing and trade. Further oilseed economy is governed by the government policies and global trade situations. Each enterprise and entity will have its own data contribution and requirement in the supply and value chain of vegetable oils. Thus no single source can provide holistic information on 'push – pull' factors for taking informed decisions on oilseeds production and trade.

ICAR-Indian Institute of Oilseeds Research embarks on maintaining a repository of information on all aspects of oilseeds and vegetable oils in the country and this publication, '**Oilseeds Statistics: A Compendium 2015**' is being brought out as the eighth in the series compiled and updated up to 2015 from several respective sources.

This compendium provides a multi-year data presented in an easy to follow the trend for improved readability classified under distinct related aspects. Global status and perspective is provided in the opening with all India oilseeds production statistics presented for the last four and half decades (1971-2015) and state wise/district –wise statistics presented for the last 14 years (2001-2015). Trade statistics are comprehended to give a picture of various products exported/imported and its trend. From the perspective of researchers and students, the compendium include information on released varieties and hybrids, their pedigree, year of release and notification, releasing centre, yield, duration, recommended states/ regions/ situations for cultivation, yield, oil content, special features, etc. Other general information like germplasm resources and maintaining units, related websites, addresses of oilseeds related industries etc. were also updated. Conduct of state wise FLDs and year wise exploitable yield gaps for each crop was updated. Thus it is a ready source of multi-year quantitative data to understand the trends and direction for undertaking necessary policy decisions. The compendium provides an overall global perspective and detailed national status up to district level data of nine annual oilseed crops viz., groundnut, rapeseed and mustard, soybean, sunflower, linseed, sesame, niger, castor and safflower compiled from authentic official sources, beyond the source of Department of Agriculture and Directorate of Economics and Statistics (DES).

Specifically, the compendium has 29 chapters with 14 chapters devoted to production statistics from the inception of official statistics on the crop up to 2014-15. Other chapters include secondary sources of vegetable oils, industries, trade, imports and exports, MSPs, germplasm resources, released varieties and hybrids, major addresses and websites related to oilseeds and vegetable oils, FLDs and status and provisions of NMOOP in the country. The data/information presented in this compendium is compiled from the secondary data primarily from the publications/ websites brought out by FAO, DES, Department of Agriculture, Cooperation and Farmers Welfare, Ministry of Agriculture; Directorate of Oilseeds Development, DGCI&S, SEA etc. Databases include FAOSTAT, CMIE, India Harvest, Indiaagristat, etc. Besides these, number of other authentic

resources including Oil World and other periodicals, annual reports of public and private agencies etc, were consulted and relevant data compiled. We place on record due acknowledgements to all the sources/authors, organisations and publishers.

This compendium is largely updated from the previous 2010 edition and is expanded to include few more aspects of relevance to oilseed stakeholders. We faced challenges in harmonising the latest data on all aspects for uniformity as the latest available data point varied for different categories/sources. Overall all the available latest data has been incorporated up to 2015-16. Despite the exhaustive efforts and care in the preparation of this compendium, we are open and appreciate receiving critical and constructive suggestions in reaching this compendium to all the stakeholders for taking informed decisions. The CD ROM version of the compendium would provide easy access of choice search.

Cooperation and support from many individuals and organizations in running up to compilation of this magnitude is possible with an overall driving force and all-out support and guidance from Dr B.B. Singh, ADG (Oilseeds and Pulses) and Dr J. S. Sandhu, Deputy Director General (Crop Science). The continued and unstinted support from ICAR, inspiration and motivation provided by Dr Trilochan Mohapatra, Secretary, DARE and Director General, Indian Council of Agricultural Research, New Delhi is behind our every effort including this publication.

We earnestly hope the compendium will be very useful for policy makers, entrepreneurs, students, progressive farmers, research workers, extension and development personnel and other stakeholders who are involved directly or indirectly in oilseeds research and development. We wish that this compendium serves as a ready reckoner and a reference manual for data on oilseeds.

Authors

Hyderabad

31-5-2016