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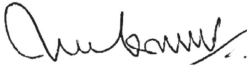
ICAR-Indian Institute of Oilseeds Research is mandated to be a repository of information on all aspects of oilseeds and vegetable oil and has been maintaining and updating the database by compilation from various scattered sources on statistics related to area, production, yield, processing and trade of oilseeds including annual, perennial and non-traditional sources of vegetable oils. This document "Oilseeds Statistics: A Compendium 2015" is the 8<sup>th</sup> in the series, updated up to 2015 as per the available final estimates from the respective published sources. This Compendium provides an exhaustive data presented in an easy and comfortable reading with trend perspective. The wide range of topics covered include spatio-temporal production statistics at the global; crop-wise statistics of India encompassing districts and states; trade in terms of imports, export and pricing, detailed state profiles, coconut, oil palm, minor oilseeds, irrigation coverage, seed production, recommended varieties and hybrids, growth rates and achievements in oilseeds sector including NMOOP, and other sources of information on oilseeds. The compendium will be very useful for students, progressive farmers, research workers, extension and development personnel, policy makers, entrepreneurs and other stake holders who are involved directly or indirectly in oilseeds research and development. This compendium serves as a ready reckoner and a reference manual for data on oilseeds for suitable policy decisions on oilseeds and vegetable oils by the planners.

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