

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 (IIOR) embarks on maintaining a repository of information on all aspects of oilseeds and vegetable oils in the country and this publication, 'Oilseeds: A Statistical Compendium 2021' is being brought out as an update to the eighth in the series updated up to 2021 from several respective sources.

The compendium of 2015 along with this update up to 2021, provides a multi-year data presented in an easy to follow trend for improved readability classified under distinct related aspects. Global status and perspective along with all India oilseeds production statistics presented for the last five decades (1971-2020) and state wise/district –wise statistics presented for the last 19 years (2001- 2020). 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 are presented.

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 available official sources, beyond the source of Department of Agriculture and Directorate of Economics and Statistics (DES).

Specifically, this update to compendium 2015 has 27 chapters with 14 chapters devoted to production statistics from the inception of official statistics on the crop up to 2019-20. 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 and NMEOP 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