India’s Agriculture Sector: Challenges and Opportunities

Macro Trends  |  Drill-Down Analysis  |  Policy Insights  |  Opportunities
IMA’s 2019 report on India’s Agriculture provides a detailed analysis of supply and production; yields and productivity; the input side; farming economics; the operating regime; and trends driving future risks and opportunities. It also offers a forward view on what to expect in terms of Government action and policy decisions.

The 135-page report provides:

- A wide-ranging analysis of all aspects of agriculture – crop farming, fishing, poultry, dairying, etc
- Drill-down insights, by crop and by state into key parameters such as yield, production, consumption, input usage, mechanisation, etc
- Analysis of the economics of farming – costs, credit, incomes and profitability
- Global benchmark comparisons on key parameters
- Assessment of the regulatory environment for the sector, and likely developments in the coming years
- Identification of emerging business opportunities and pockets of agricultural prosperity
- Comprehensive statistics and data
Other Highlights

- Farmers’ access to credit from the formal banking system grew 5-fold in the decade to 2017-18.
- Mechanisation is picking up quickly but varies across crops and stages of farm activity.
- The shift to higher value crops can improve the economic viability of farming.
- Land and policy reforms can dramatically raise agricultural and rural prosperity.

Average Indian yields for most crops are among the lowest in the world.

Conventional food crops have low profitability, prompting farmers to shift to higher value crops.

India is the world’s largest tractor market, growing at 7-8% rates per annum.

States have begun reforming their agricultural markets but many changes are only on paper.

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Global Mega Trends
• Agriculture’s share of GDP and employment, by region and country
• Patterns of food production, demand and trade
• Agricultural inputs: fertilisers, pesticides and water
• Farm mechanisation and technological change
• Agriculture 4.0: key trends

Output and Yield
• State- and crop-wise trends in output, yield and area
• State-wise milk production and decadal growth
• Meat and poultry production

The Input Side
• Land: Distribution of landholdings, by farmer type and state
• Policy context: Status of land reforms; state-wise variations
• Water: Output and rainfall, crop-wise analysis; irrigation coverage and investments; water productivity; micro-irrigation; policy actions
• Mechanisation: drivers of mechanisation in India; stage and crop level mechanisation; role of private sector; policy context
• Soil Health: region-wise soil health analysis; fertiliser usage, prices and subsidies; soil conservation efforts; Government action
• Crop protection: pesticides usage; policy issues; outlook
• Input costs: cost vs output value; profitability of crops at state level

Credit & Insurance
• Access to credit: borrowing sources; farmer indebtedness; loan waivers; policy action; Government efforts
• Insurance penetration: state-wise coverage; company-wise details; policy issues and Government intervention; global comparisons

Market Linkages
• Market regulations: factors impacting prices and margins; reforms status; e-Nam; Contract farming; policy outlook
• Prices: analysis of MSPs; crop-wise comparisons; policy action
• Cold chain: challenges; way forward

Looking Ahead
• Emerging business opportunities
• The policy agenda for Agriculture
• Fixing the input side issues
• Fostering competitive agriculture markets
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- The India Consumption Report 2016

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