

# India's Agriculture Sector: Challenges and Opportunities



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# A COMPREHENSIVE ASSESSMENT OF THE AGRICULTURE SECTOR IN INDIA

**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







Regional, country, state and crop-wise analysis

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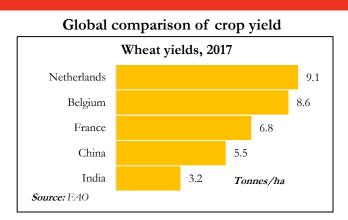
**Policy analysis** and likely developments



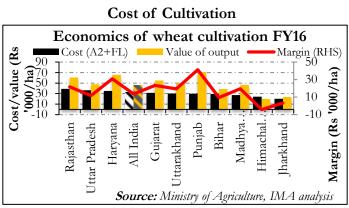
Business and market opportunities



# HIGHLIGHTS: DEEP-DIVE TO IDENTIFY TRENDS AND OPPORTUNITIES

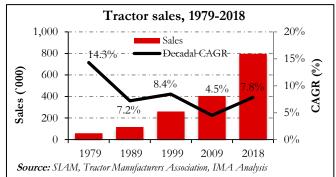


Average Indian yields for most crops are among the lowest in the world.

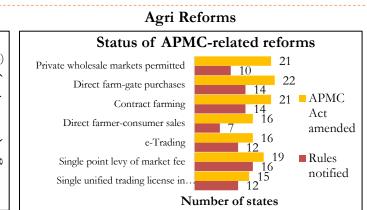


Conventional food crops have low profitability, prompting farmers to shift to higher value crops.

#### **Tractor sales**



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.

#### 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.

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