

Department	ECONOMICS	Class	I-M.A.		Semester	II
Course Title	Agricultural Economics	Hours	Credit	CIA	External	Total
Course Code	18P2VMC9	90	4	25	75	100

Objectives

1. To know the various issues in Indian agriculture
2. To make the students to understand the concepts in Agricultural Economics

Learning Outcome

Gained depth knowledge on agricultural economics

Unit – I Introduction to Agricultural Economics

(18 Hours)

Definition of Agricultural Economics – Nature and Scope of Agricultural Economics- Interdependence of Agriculture and Industry – Role of Agriculture in Indian Economy – Share of Agriculture in National Income and Employment - Agricultural Problems in India - Present Position of Indian Agriculture – New Thrust areas in Indian Agriculture.

Unit – II Cropping Pattern

(18 Hours)

Major Crops in India – Food Crops – Commercial crops – Cropping Pattern in India – Factors Influencing Cropping Pattern - Crop Rotation – Shifting and Jhumming Cultivation – Mixed Farming – Subsistence Agriculture; Commercial agriculture and Sustainable Agriculture – Objectives of Modern agriculture – Critical Appraisal of Green Revolution – Merits, Problems and Limitations – Irrigation – Types and defects.

Unit – III Agricultural Finance

(18 Hours)

Need for Agricultural Finance – Types of Credit – Sources of Credit – Money Lenders – Co-operative Credit Societies – Commercial Banks –State Bank of India – Reserve Bank of India – Regional Rural Banks –National Bank For Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD): Functions – Agricultural Finance Corporation – Micro Finance with special reference to Gram Bank and SHGs.

Unit – IV Agricultural Marketing and Agricultural Policies

(18 Hours)

Agricultural Marketing – Problems of Agricultural Marketing – Suggestions to Improve Agricultural Marketing - Agricultural Price Policy - Instruments of Agricultural Price Policy - National Seed Policy – National Agricultural Policy – National Policy for Farmers.

Unit – V Agricultural Policy and New Initiatives

(18 Hours)

The New Economic Policy and India Agriculture –Role of Multinationals in Indian agriculture – Nanotechnology and Agriculture – National Mission For Sustainable Agriculture (NMSA) - Rainfed Area Development Programme (RADP) – National Watershed Development Project for Rainfed Areas (NWDPR) – National Agriculture Market Scheme – Agricultural Policy Vision 2020.

Text Book

1. R. N. Soni, “**Leading Issues in Agricultural Economics**”, 2011, Vishal Publications, Jalandhar.

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2. S. Sankaran, “**Indian Economy**” 2018, Margham Publications, Chennai – 17.
3. Amarjit Singh, A.N.Sadhu and Jasbir Singh, “**Fundamentals of Agricultural Economics**”, 2013, Himalaya Publishing House, Mumbai.
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Website

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