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FOREWORD

In Agriculture, timely and reliable statistics on crop production is of vital importance and significance. Crop production has two major components viz., Area sown and average yield rate. The primary responsibility for collection of statistics on these two aspects rests with States/Union Territory Governments. Accordingly, a detailed annual data on rainfall, classification of land use statistics, irrigation data production and yield particulars of all crops etc., are furnished in this Report for administrative, academic and Research users.

In this context, I am happy to note that Directorate of Economics and Statistics, Government of Puducherry is releasing 50th issue of its annual Publication “**Season and Crop Report**” pertaining to the Agricultural year 2011-12(July-June). I appreciate the efforts taken in bringing out this publication by Directorate of Economics and Statistics, Puducherry.

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