

The National Food Security Mission (NFSM)

The National Food Security Mission (NFSM) offers several features and benefits for farmers aimed at boosting agricultural productivity and income. These include financial assistance for various inputs, access to new technologies and seeds, and support for sustainable farming practices.

Here's a more detailed breakdown:

1. Increased Crop Production and Productivity:

Demonstrations:

NFSM facilitates cluster demonstrations and frontline demonstrations to showcase high-yielding crop varieties and effective farming techniques.

Seed Distribution:

Farmers receive support for the production and distribution of quality certified seeds of newly released varieties and hybrids.

Technology Adoption:

The mission promotes the adoption of improved technologies, including Integrated Nutrient Management (INM) and Integrated Pest Management (IPM), along with efficient resource utilization.

2. Support for Sustainable Practices:

Balanced Fertilization:

NFSM encourages the use of balanced fertilization to improve soil health and crop yields.

Pest Management:

The mission promotes IPM practices to manage pests and diseases sustainably.

Water Management:

Farmers receive support for water-saving devices like sprinklers and water-carrying pipes, particularly in water-stressed areas.

3. Financial Assistance and Incentives:

Input Subsidies:

Farmers get subsidies on critical inputs like seeds, fertilizers, and farm machinery.

Farm Mechanization:

NFSM provides assistance for farm mechanization, including both hand-operated and power-driven agricultural machinery.

Value Addition:

Support is offered for post-harvest technologies like mini dal mills, de-stoning, and grading equipment to enhance value addition at the farm gate.

4. Capacity Building and Training:

Training Programs:

NFSM conducts training programs for farmers during the cropping season to equip them with the latest agricultural knowledge and skills.

Extension Services:

The mission strengthens extension services to provide farmers with timely and relevant information.

5. Inclusive Approach:

Focus on Low-Productivity Areas:

NFSM prioritizes low-productivity and high-potential districts, including rainfed areas.

Support for Marginal and Small Farmers:

The mission ensures that small and marginal farmers, as well as women farmers, benefit from its initiatives.

6. Monitoring and Evaluation:

Close Monitoring:

NFSM involves close monitoring of the flow of funds and the implementation of interventions.

Concurrent Evaluation:

Implementing agencies conduct concurrent evaluation to assess the impact of the interventions and ensure a results-oriented approach.

Required Documents:

- **Aadhaar Card:** Proof of identity.
- **Caste Certificate (if applicable):** For SC/ST farmers, this certificate is required.
- **Bank Details:** For direct benefit transfer (DBT) and other financial assistance.
- **B1 Khasra (Irrigation Certificate):** Some states may require this to verify land ownership and irrigation details.
- **Passport Photo:** For identification purposes.
- **Bank Passbook Photocopy:** For verification of bank account details.