

# Agri Census 2021-22

Note – Full document has not been released by the Ministry, we will cover when it is released in details

## Union Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare launches the 11th Agriculture Census in the country

### In news:

- The Eleventh Agricultural Census (**2021-22**) has been launched in the country by the Union Minister for Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Shri Narendra Singh Tomar.
- The agriculture Census is conducted every five years, and it is now being conducted after a five-year delay due to the corona pandemic.

### Key highlights:

- Entire Census operation is conducted in **three phases and operational holding** is taken as a statistical unit at micro level for data collection.
- Based on the agriculture census data **collected in three phases**, the Department brings out three detailed reports analyzing trends on various parameters at All India and States/UTs level.
- On the occasion, Tomar released the Handbook on **Census Operational Guidelines for States/UTs**, as well as the Data Collection Portal/App.

### About the Agricultural Census:

#### Back ground:

- Agriculture Census is organized by **Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Ministry of Agriculture** since 1970-71. **For this, 1970-71 was taken as reference year.**
- So far, **ten Agriculture Censuses have been conducted.** Last edition of Agriculture census was conducted in **2015-16.**

### How will the 11th Agriculture Census be conducted?

- The fieldwork of the 11th agricultural census will start in **August 2022.**
- This is **the first time that data collection for the agricultural census** will be conducted on smartphones and tablets so that data is available in time. This will help in the faster and more accurate enumeration.

### It includes

- Use of digital land records like land title records and survey reports

- Collection of data through app/software using smartphone/tablet
- Complete enumeration of all villages in states with non-land records during Phase-I as done in states having land records
- Real time monitoring of progress and processing

**Significance:** The majority of states have digitized their land records and surveys, **which will speed up the collection of agricultural census data.** The use of digitized land records and data collection via mobile apps will allow the creation of a database of operational holdings in the country.

#### **What do agricultural census reveal?**

- Agricultural Census is the main source of information on a variety of agricultural parameters at a relatively minute level, such as-
  - ✓ The number and area of operational holdings, their size,
  - ✓ Class-wise distribution,
  - ✓ Land use,
  - ✓ Tenancy and
  - ✓ Cropping pattern, etc.
- Information obtained through Agriculture Census is tabulated by-
  - ✓ Different size classes (marginal, small, semi-medium, medium and large) and
  - ✓ Social Groups including Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes

**Note:** The Agriculture Census Scheme was converted to **Central Sector Scheme, from a Centrally-Sponsored Scheme, in 2007-08.** Thus, **central government provides 100 percent financial assistance** to States or UTs for payment of salaries, honoraria, office expenses, and printing of schedules, etc.

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