

## Programme & Schedules of Agriculture Census:

### **Scheme of Agriculture Census Division**

Title	<b>Agriculture Census</b>
Type	Central Sector Plan Scheme with 100 percent financial assistance to the States/UTs.
Objectives	To conduct quinquennial Agriculture Censuses in the country for collection of data on structure of operational holdings and related characteristics by different size classes, social group and gender.
Salient features	<p>Agriculture Census is the largest countrywide statistical operation undertaken by Ministry of Agriculture, Govt. of India. Primary and secondary data on structure of Indian agriculture are collected under this operation using the machinery of the State governments. The first Agriculture Census in the country was conducted with reference year 1970-71. So far eight Agriculture Censuses have been completed at five yearly intervals and the ninth one is in operation in the country.</p> <p>The Census is carried out in three Phases. During Phase-I, a list of all the holdings with data on primary characteristics like area, gender and social group of the holder and its location code etc. are prepared. During Phase-II detailed data on irrigation status, tenancy particulars, cropping pattern, number of crops taken etc. are collected. Phase-III, popularly known as Input Survey, relates to collection of data on pattern of input use across various crops, regions and size groups of holdings.</p>
Pattern of assistance	Government of India meets all the expenses concerning the scheme
Eligibility	Grants are paid to the States/UTs to meet the expenses related to the schemes.
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Date of start	Since 1970-71
Implementation status	Currently ninth Agriculture Census with reference year 2010-11 is in progress. The results of Agriculture Censuses 1995-96, 2000-01 & 2005-06, Input Survey 1996-97, 2001-02 & 2006-07 and various reports of Census are available on website of the Department at <a href="http://agcensus.nic.in">http://agcensus.nic.in</a> .