

Farm Mechanisation

8.55 During the past seven years (1993-94 to 1999-2000), over 1.47 million tractors were sold in the country. The number of power tillers sold was over 85 thousand in the same period. The use of agricultural machinery, particularly tractors was earlier seen mostly in northern

States of Punjab, Haryana and Western U.P. But of late there has been increasing demand for tractors and even power tillers in predominantly rice growing States. In 1999-2000, 2.73 lakh tractors were sold, U.P. leading with 69665; and 16.8 thousand power tillers were sold, West Bengal leading with 5270 (Table 8.22).

TABLE 8.22
Sale of Tractors and Power Tillers

(In Numbers)

Tractors			Power Tillers		
States	Sale* in 1999-2000	Cumulative* Sale 1993-94 to 1999-2000	States	Sale* in 1999-2000	Cumulative* Sale 1993-94 to 1999-2000
Uttar Pradesh	69665	314644	West Bengal	5270	23734
Madhya Pradesh	28815	173886	Tamil Nadu	2644	13768
Punjab	27679	170589	Karnataka	1649	10850
Haryana	21100	140753	Assam	1506	8993
Gujarat	17747	123031	Kerala	1536	6902
Rajasthan	26664	108651	Andhra Pradesh	1142	4716
Maharashtra	18742	96838	Maharashtra	477	2925
Bihar	13230	86258	Orissa	970	2627
Andhra Pradesh	16911	76672	Tripura	289	2160
Tamil Nadu	9554	66024	Gujarat	290	1794
Other States & Export	23075	120786	Other States & Export	1064	6752
Total	273182	1478132	Total	16837	85221
* Provisional					