

Horticulture

8.13 Acreage under horticulture – which includes fruits, vegetables, spices, floriculture and plantations – is expected to be 20 million hectares in 2006-07 (Table 8.8). With production of 53 MT and 108 MT, respectively, in 2005-06, India was the second largest producer of both fruits and vegetables in the world. India occupies first position in the production of cauliflower, second in onion and third in cabbage. The National Horticulture Mission (NHM) aims at doubling horticultural production by 2012. Under the NHM, action plans for 18 States, 2 Union Territories and 10 national level agencies have been approved during 2006-07. An amount of Rs. 560.29 crore has been released up to December 11, 2006.

8.14 A Centrally Sponsored Scheme on Technology Mission for Integrated

Development of Horticulture in North Eastern region including Sikkim was approved with an outlay of Rs. 229.38 crore for the Ninth Five Year Plan period. The implementation of the scheme has been extended to the States of Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand during the Tenth Plan with an additional outlay of Rs. 260.00 crore. The scheme aims at establishing convergence and synergy among numerous ongoing governmental programmes through horizontal and vertical integration of these programmes, to ensure adequate, appropriate, timely and concurrent attention to all the links in the production, post-harvest and consumption chain. During 2006-07, an amount of Rs. 157.50 crore was released, out of which Rs. 81.86 crore was for NE States and Rs.75.63 crore for Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand.

Table 8.8 : Area and production of major horticultural crops

(Area-Million hectare, Production-Million tonnes)

Crops	2002-03		2003-04		2004-05*		2005-06*	
	Area	Production	Area	Production	Area	Production	Area	Production
Fruits	4.8	49.2	5.1	49.8	5.3	52.8	5.9	54.4
Vegetables	5.9	84.8	6.7	101.4	7.1	108.2	7.2	113.5
Spices	2.4	3.8	5.2	4	3.2	4.9	3.2	5.9
Plantation crops	3.1	13.1	3.3	9.4	3.1	10.4	3.2	9.8
Flowers	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.6	0.1	0.7	0.1	0.8
Others	0.09	0.9	0.1	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.5
Total	16.4	152.0	20.6	165.5	19.2	177.4	20.0	184.9

Source: National Horticultural Board * Estimates