

CONSUMPTION OF FERTILIZERS

Balanced and judicious use of fertilizers is essential for increasing the agricultural production. As a result of extensive training and promotion programmes launched by the Department of Agriculture, consumption of fertilizers in the State has increased many folds over the year and now the per unit area consumption in the State is highest in the country. The consumption of fertilizers in the State from 2005-06 to 2009-10 is given as under:-

CONSUMPTION (NUTRIENT IN '000' TONNES)

Year	N	P	K	Total
2005-06	1255	369	63	1687
2006-07	1299	354	39	1692
2007-08	1316	344	38	1698
2008-09	1332	379	57	1768
2009-10	1358	433	74	1865

However, to reduce the use of chemical fertilizers, organic farming and bio-fertilizers are being encouraged in the state.