

LAND USE PATTERN AND LAND HOLDINGS

Shahid Bhagat Singh Nagar district is one of the smaller districts of Punjab and is having geographical area of 1, 26,148 ha. Out of this 74 percent is net cultivated, 10 percent is under forest, 11 percent is under non-agricultural use, 2 percent is wasteland, and 3 percent is current fallows. The land of this district is fertile due to the presence of river Sutlej and is irrigated through tube wells and canals, except some part of the Balachaur sub-division falling in Kandi Area. The cropping intensity of the district is 187 %. Balachaur and Saroya blocks of the district fall in the Kandi area. The agriculture problems and cropping pattern of these regions are different from each other. Kandi belt is located at the foot of Shivalik Hills. The land of these areas is undulating and prone to soil erosion. The block wise area is given in Table 2.5.

Table: 2.5 Block wise Land Use (ha) Classification of District Shahid Bhagat Singh Nagar.

S. No	Block	Geographical Area (Ha)	Cultivated Area (Net) (Ha)	Current Fellow (Ha)	Forest (Ha)	Under Non-Agri. Use (Ha)	Barren & Uncultivable (Waste Land)
1	Nawanshahr	28402	21489	-	488	6377	47
2	Banga	26773	22758	-	222	3783	10
3	Aur	22604	18802	-	460	3342	-
4	Balachaur	31324	19132	527	8075	2548	1042
5	Saroya	17045	11773	306	2935	2153	503
	Total	126148	93954	833	12180	18203	1602

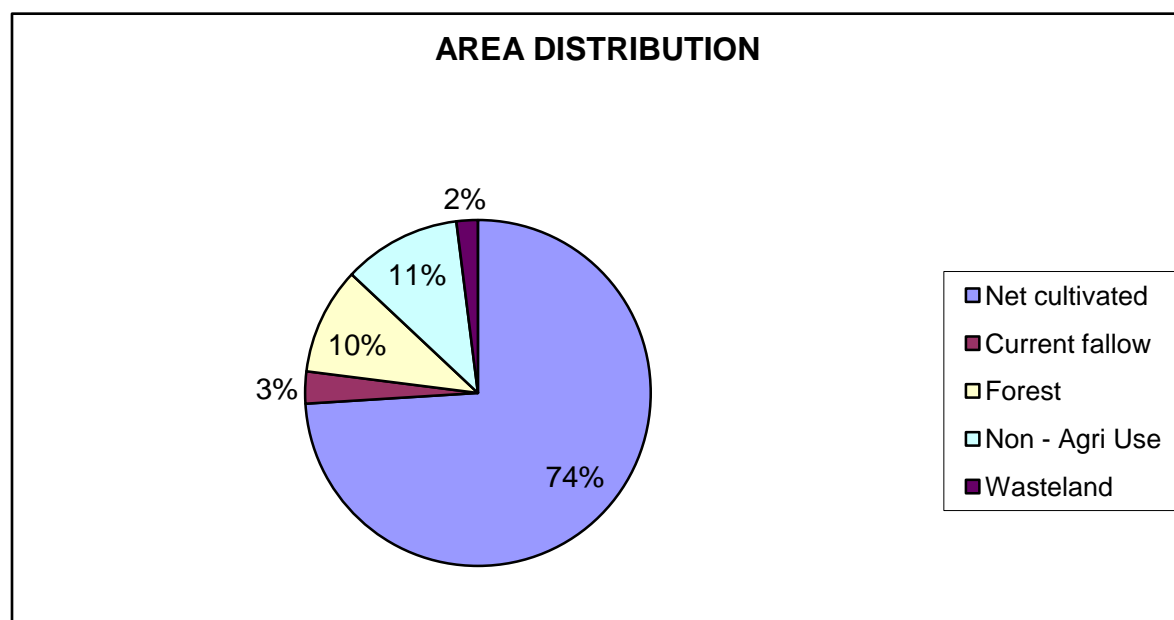


Fig 2.5: Area distribution of the district.

Table 2.6: Number and Area owned by Agricultural Holdings in the District (Holdings in numbers and area in ha)

Sub Division	Marginal Farmers		Small Farmers		Semi-med. Farmers		Medium Farmers		Large Farmers		Total	
	No.	Area	No.	Area	No.	Area	No.	Area	No.	Area	No.	Area
Nawanshahr	1105	1040	2955	4075	5194	13590	4597	25782	932	12373	14783	56860
Balachaur	3113	1837	3681	4931	3636	9405	1665	8617	130	1721	12225	26511

Note: <1 ha –marginal farmers, 1-2 ha- small farmers, 2-4- ha semi-med. Farmers, 4-10 ha- medium farmers and more than 10 ha-large farmers)