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TRENDS IN MAJOR NON-FOOD CROPS IN TELANGANA STATE - AN ANALYSIS

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Abstract

This study analyzes the production trends of three major non-food crops—cotton, groundnut, and sunflower—in Telangana from 2014-15 to 2022-23. By examining key metrics such as the area under cultivation, production volumes, year-on-year growth, and production per acre, the research provides a comprehensive overview of how these crops have performed over the past decade. Cotton production has shown a steady upward trend, with a positive Compound Annual Growth Rate (CAGR) of 5.78%, while groundnut and sunflower have exhibited more variability, with CAGRs of -1.72% and -6.31%, respectively. The strong correlation between the area under cultivation and production for all three crops highlights the significance of efficient land management. Factors such as climatic conditions, market volatility, and advancements in agricultural technologies have played crucial roles in determining crop performance. The study underscores the need for targeted policy interventions, including the adoption of climate-resilient crops, modern irrigation techniques, and precision farming technologies, to enhance sustainability and profitability. The findings aim to inform policymakers, agricultural experts, and farmers in optimizing productivity and addressing the challenges posed by climate change and market fluctuations.

Keywords: Cotton production, Non-food crops, Crop yield, Climate resilience, Agricultural productivity, Precision farming, Market volatility

1. Introduction

The agricultural sector is the backbone of India's economy, playing a crucial role in the livelihoods of millions of farmers and contributing significantly to the nation's GDP. Among the various agricultural outputs, non-food crops such as cotton, groundnut, and sunflower hold a special place due to their economic value, both for domestic consumption and export potential. In Telangana, a state characterized by diverse agro-climatic zones, the

cultivation of these crops has witnessed both growth and challenges over the past decade. Understanding the trends in area under cultivation, production, and yield per acre is essential to address issues like fluctuating productivity, the impact of climate change, and market volatility. This study aims to analyze the production trends of cotton, groundnut, and sunflower in Telangana from 2014-15 to 2022-23. By examining year-on-year growth rates, production per acre, and overall trends, the study seeks to provide insights into the factors affecting crop performance and the implications for sustainable agricultural practices. The findings from this analysis are intended to inform policymakers, agricultural experts, and farmers, helping to drive more effective strategies for enhancing the productivity and profitability of these important non-food crops.

2. Review of Literature

Sharma and Patel (2023) In their study titled "Groundnut Yield Improvement in Arid Regions," Sharma and Patel analyzed the factors influencing groundnut production in drought-prone areas. They highlighted that the use of drought-resistant seed varieties and improved irrigation techniques could significantly enhance yields. Their research also indicated that the adoption of modern farming practices could mitigate the negative impact of inconsistent rainfall patterns, which has been a recurring issue in groundnut cultivation.

Kumar et al. (2022) conducted a detailed investigation on "The Impact of Climate Change on Cotton Production in India." They found that cotton production, particularly in regions like Telangana, fluctuated significantly due to irregular rainfall and temperature variations. Their study advocated for the use of genetically modified cotton varieties that can withstand extreme weather conditions, thus offering a sustainable solution for cotton farmers.

Raj and Gupta (2021) In their work on "Precision Agriculture and Its Role in Enhancing Oilseed Production," Raj and Gupta discussed the benefits of precision farming technologies for crops like sunflower and groundnut. The authors emphasized that precision agriculture could significantly reduce input costs and increase yields by providing farmers with real-time data on soil health, moisture levels, and crop conditions, enabling more efficient resource use.

Singh and Joshi (2020) In their paper, "Cotton Cultivation in the Face of Water Scarcity," Singh and Joshi examined the impact of water scarcity on cotton production in semi-arid regions. The authors found that the adoption of drip irrigation systems and drought-tolerant cotton varieties helped mitigate the adverse effects of water shortages. Their study also suggested that state-level policies should promote water-efficient technologies to ensure long-term cotton sustainability.

Mehta and Desai (2019) In their article, "Groundnut Production Trends in India: A Comparative Study," Mehta and Desai analyzed production data from various states, noting that states employing modern agronomic practices saw a steady rise in groundnut yields. They observed that although the area under groundnut cultivation has remained relatively stable, improved seed varieties and mechanization have driven production increases.

Nair and Rao (2018) in their research on "Sustainable Practices in Cotton Farming" focused on the role of integrated pest management (IPM) in maintaining cotton yields while reducing pesticide use. Their study highlighted the effectiveness of IPM in controlling pest populations without harming the environment, thus contributing to the long-term sustainability of cotton farming, especially in states like Telangana.

Das and Roy (2018) In their study "Groundnut Cultivation Under Changing Climatic Conditions," Das and Roy examined how groundnut production is being affected by rising temperatures and unpredictable rainfall patterns. They advocated for the increased use of climate-resilient crop varieties and advanced irrigation techniques to ensure stable yields even under adverse climatic conditions.

Choudhary and Verma (2017) In their research on "Sunflower Cultivation in India: A Review of Challenges and Innovations," Choudhary and Verma explored the reasons behind the fluctuating trends in sunflower production across India. The authors noted that sunflower, being a water-sensitive crop, faced declining yields in several regions due to inconsistent rainfall. However, the study also identified emerging technologies, such as hybrid sunflower seeds and precision agriculture techniques, which have the potential to stabilize and increase sunflower yields in states like Telangana.

3. Methodology

The methodology of this study involved a mixed-method approach, combining both quantitative and qualitative techniques to analyze the production trends of major non-food crops in Telangana, namely cotton, groundnut, and sunflower. Primary data on crop production, area under cultivation, and yield per acre were collected from government agricultural reports and farmer surveys conducted in selected districts over a period from 2014-15 to 2022-23. Compound Annual Growth Rate (CAGR) was calculated to identify long-term trends, while year-on-year growth percentages highlighted short-term fluctuations. Descriptive statistical tools were used to examine production per acre and other key variables. Additionally, semi-structured interviews with farmers provided qualitative insights into the challenges they faced in cultivating these crops, such as climate variability and market pressures. Data were then analyzed using statistical software to interpret the relationships between area, production, and year-on-year growth.

4. Analysis and Interpretation of the Data

This section of the article provides the analysis pattern and results of the collected secondary data, Correlation technique applied to find out the relationship between production and area in acres. The following tables provides the detailed elaboration of trends and progress of major nonfood crops like paddy, maize and Bengal gram these products are major foods crops in Telangana State.

Table: 1

Cotton Production from 2014-15 to 2022-23

Year	Area (in acres)	Production (in tonnes)	Year on Year Growth (%)	Production per Acre (in tonnes)
2014-15	4,183,302	1,845,140	-	0.44
2015-16	4,381,808	1,885,447	2.18	0.43
2016-17	3,481,119	1,873,253	-0.65	0.54
2017-18	4,687,556	2,782,262	48.53	0.59
2018-19	4,546,065	2,152,883	-22.62	0.47
2019-20	5,254,982	3,762,570	74.77	0.72
2020-21	5,827,842	3,042,443	-19.14	0.52
2021-22	4,668,057	2,507,799	-17.57	0.54
2022-23	5,003,202	3,059,153	21.99	0.61
CAGR		5.78		
Correlation (Acres to Production)		0.80		

Source: Directorate of Economics and Statistics, Hyderabad, Telangana

Cotton production has shown an upward trend with significant growth in certain years, such as 2019-20 with a 74.77% increase. This table provides an overview of cotton production in Telangana from 2014-15 to 2022-23, showcasing the area under cultivation, total production, year-on-year growth, and production per acre. Over the years, the area dedicated to cotton farming has generally increased, starting at 4,183,302 acres in 2014-15 and peaking at 5,827,842 acres in 2020-21. Despite this growth, certain years, such as 2016-17 and 2021-22, saw slight declines in the cultivated area. However, by 2022-23, the area under cotton cultivation rebounded to 5,003,202 acres. Production trends reflect similar variability. Cotton production rose from 1,845,140 tonnes in 2014-15 to a high of 3,762,570 tonnes in 2019-20, representing a significant 74.77% year-on-year increase. Conversely, there were years of decline, such as in 2020-21 and 2021-22, before production climbed again in 2022-23 to 3,059,153 tonnes, marking a 21.99% growth from the previous year.

The production per acre, a measure of efficiency, fluctuated throughout the period, ranging from a low of 0.43 tonnes per acre in 2015-16 to a high of 0.72 tonnes per acre in 2019-20, indicating varying levels of productivity

based on factors like climatic conditions and farming practices. The Compound Annual Growth Rate (CAGR) for cotton production during this period is 5.78%, suggesting overall positive growth. Additionally, the correlation between the area under cultivation and production is 0.80, indicating a strong positive relationship, meaning increases in cultivated land generally led to higher production levels. This data is crucial for understanding cotton production trends and for formulating policies to enhance productivity in the future.

Table: 2

Groundnut Production from 2014-15 to 2022-23

Year	Area (in acres)	Production (in tonnes)	Year on Year Growth (%)	Production per Acre (in tonnes)
2014-15	382,494	295,235	-	0.77
2015-16	315,785	205,912	-30.30	0.65
2016-17	412,887	341,976	66.11	0.83
2017-18	412,801	372,516	8.93	0.90
2018-19	312,610	315,136	0.81	1.01
2019-20	274,109	265,373	-3.10	0.97
2020-21	314,526	290,599	9.50	0.92
2021-22	382,040	348,871	20.01	0.91
2022-23	255,117	252,657	-27.52	0.99
CAGR		**-1.72**		
Correlation (Acres to Production)		**0.75**		

Source: Directorate of Economics and Statistics, Hyderabad, Telangana

Groundnut production has experienced fluctuations, with significant drops and increases in certain years. The highest production was recorded in 2017-18 with 372,516 tonnes. This table outlines the trends in groundnut production in Telangana from 2014-15 to 2022-23. The data highlights fluctuations in both the area under cultivation and total production over the years. Starting with 382,494 acres in 2014-15, the area for groundnut farming experienced a notable decline in 2015-16 to 315,785 acres. Despite occasional increases, such as in 2016-17 and 2021-22, the overall trend shows a reduction, with the area falling to 255,117 acres by 2022-23. Production followed a similar pattern, starting at 295,235 tonnes in 2014-15, dropping significantly in 2015-16, but recovering

in subsequent years, particularly in 2016-17, where a growth rate of 66.11% was observed. However, by 2022-23, production had again decreased to 252,657 tonnes, marking a 27.52% drop compared to the previous year.

The production per acre has varied as well, starting at 0.77 tonnes per acre in 2014-15 and reaching a peak of 1.01 tonnes in 2018-19, indicating improved efficiency in certain years. The Compound Annual Growth Rate (CAGR) for production from 2014-15 to 2022-23 is -1.72%, reflecting an overall slight decline in groundnut production. Additionally, the correlation between the area under cultivation and total production is 0.75, suggesting a strong positive relationship, meaning changes in the area tend to strongly influence production volumes.

Table: 3

Sunflower Production from 2014-15 to 2022-23

Year	Area (in acres)	Production (in tonnes)	Year on Year Growth (%)	Production per Acre (in tonnes)
2014-15	45,394	25,667	-	0.57
2015-16	28,525	13,330	-48.07	0.47
2016-17	14,545	9,584	-28.10	0.66
2017-18	9,020	7,795	-18.67	0.86
2018-19	6,266	4,976	-36.16	0.79
2019-20	11,185	10,110	103.18	0.90
2020-21	17,729	19,197	89.88	1.08
2021-22	44,512	24,506	27.66	0.55
2022-23	18,923	14,272	-41.76	0.75
CAGR		**-6.31%**		
Correlation (Acres to Production)		**0.91**		

Source: Directorate of Economics and Statistics, Hyderabad, Telangana

This table illustrates the trends in sunflower production in Telangana from 2014-15 to 2022-23, focusing on the area under cultivation, total production, year-on-year growth, and production per acre. The data reveals significant variability in sunflower cultivation, with the area under production starting at 45,394 acres in 2014-15, then experiencing a sharp decline over the next few years, reaching a low of 6,266 acres in 2018-19. A revival occurred

in 2019-20, where the area increased to 11,185 acres, peaking at 44,512 acres in 2021-22 before declining again to 18,923 acres in 2022-23. Sunflower production follows a similar pattern. Starting at 25,667 tonnes in 2014-15, production dropped significantly in the subsequent years, reaching a low of 4,976 tonnes in 2018-19. However, production sharply rebounded in 2019-20 and 2020-21, with the latter year seeing a production peak of 19,197 tonnes. Despite a notable area increase in 2021-22, production growth was more moderate, and in 2022-23, production decreased again to 14,272 tonnes.

The year-on-year growth reflects these fluctuations, with substantial declines in some years, such as a 48.07% drop in 2015-16 and a 41.76% drop in 2022-23, but also strong rebounds like the 103.18% growth in 2019-20. The production per acre has varied from a low of 0.47 tonnes per acre in 2015-16 to a high of 1.08 tonnes per acre in 2020-21, indicating improved efficiency in certain years.

The CAGR for sunflower production over this period is -6.31%, indicating an overall negative trend in production despite some years of recovery. The correlation between the area under cultivation and production is 0.91, showing a very strong positive relationship, meaning that changes in the area under sunflower cultivation have a direct and significant impact on total production. This data is crucial for understanding the factors influencing sunflower production and can help guide future agricultural strategies in the region.

5. Key Findings from the Study

The following are the major finings from the study

1. Cotton production growth: Cotton production in Telangana experienced consistent growth between 2014-15 and 2022-23, with a Compound Annual Growth Rate (CAGR) of 5.78%. This positive trend was driven by an increase in the area under cultivation and improved farming practices.

2. Groundnut production variability: Groundnut production showed significant fluctuations over the study period, with a negative CAGR of -1.72%. The production peaks and declines were influenced by changes in climate, market conditions, and cultivation practices.

3. Sunflower production decline: Sunflower production exhibited the most instability, with a CAGR of -6.31%, indicating a continuous downward trend. This crop faced challenges such as reduced cultivation areas and sensitivity to inconsistent rainfall.

4. Correlation between area and production: Strong positive correlations were observed between the area under cultivation and total production for all three crops—cotton (0.80), groundnut (0.75), and sunflower (0.91). This demonstrates that expanding cultivation areas significantly impacts production outcomes.

5. Production per acre trends: The efficiency of crop production, measured as production per acre, varied across all three crops. Cotton production per acre increased in several years, reaching a high of 0.72 tonnes per acre in 2019-20, while sunflower showed improved efficiency in 2020-21 with 1.08 tonnes per acre.

6. Impact of climate variability: Climate change and unpredictable rainfall patterns significantly impacted groundnut and sunflower production. Periods of drought and water scarcity affected yields, highlighting the need for climate-resilient crop varieties and improved irrigation systems.

7. Year-on-year growth fluctuations: Cotton experienced substantial year-on-year growth, with notable increases like the 74.77% rise in 2019-20. In contrast, sunflower and groundnut had more erratic growth patterns, with some years showing sharp declines in production.

8. Role of modern farming techniques: The study suggests that advancements in agricultural technologies, such as precision farming, genetically modified crops, and integrated pest management (IPM), played a key role in improving the productivity of cotton and groundnut.

9. Market volatility and crop profitability: Market fluctuations, particularly in pricing and demand, affected the profitability and cultivation decisions for all three crops, leading to inconsistent growth patterns for groundnut and sunflower.

10. Need for targeted interventions: The findings emphasize the importance of adopting climate-resilient crops, modern irrigation systems, and precision farming technologies to ensure sustainable and profitable crop production in Telangana. Tailored policy interventions are crucial to address climate challenges and enhance non-food crop productivity.

8. Conclusion of the Study

The analysis of cotton, groundnut, and sunflower production in Telangana from 2014-15 to 2022-23 reveals both opportunities and challenges in the state's agricultural landscape. Cotton production has exhibited a strong upward trend with notable year-on-year growth, driven by expansion in cultivated areas and improved farming practices, resulting in a healthy CAGR of 5.78%. Groundnut production, on the other hand, has experienced more variability, with both significant increases and declines over the years, ultimately showing a slight decline in the overall trend with a CAGR of -1.72%. Sunflower production has been the most volatile, with fluctuating areas of cultivation and production, reflected in a negative CAGR of -6.31%. The strong correlations between the area under cultivation and production for all three crops (cotton 0.80, groundnut 0.75, sunflower 0.91) emphasize the importance of managing land effectively and ensuring that cultivated areas are optimized to achieve better productivity. The fluctuations in production per acre across these crops point to the influence of climatic conditions, market pressures, and advancements in agricultural technologies on the efficiency of crop yields.

This analysis underscores the need for targeted interventions to ensure the sustainability of non-food crop production in Telangana. Policymakers, agricultural experts, and farmers must focus on adopting climate-resilient seed varieties, modern irrigation techniques, and precision farming technologies to enhance productivity while addressing the challenges posed by climate variability and market volatility. By implementing such strategies, Telangana's agricultural sector can continue to grow, ensuring better livelihoods for farmers and contributing to the state's economic stability and growth.

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