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B.A. HONOURS IN ECONOMICS
THIRD YEAR HONOURS
Paper – X
AGRICULTURE ECONOMICS

Unit – I

Nature and Scope of Agricultural Economics, Peculiarities of Agriculture and their effects on Production, Employment and income, Role of Agriculture in Environmental Degradation.

Objectives and Scope of Farm Management, Principles of Farm Management, Merits and Demerits of Large-Scale and Small-Scale Farming.

Unit – II

Characteristics and Kinds of Production Function, Risk and Uncertainty in Agricultural Production, National Agriculture Insurance Scheme (NAIS).

Agricultural Development in India since Independence, Causes of low Productivity of Indian Agriculture and suggestions for improvement of Agricultural Productivity.

Unit – III

Agricultural Marketing – Definition, Scope, Functions and Types, Marketed and Marketable Surplus, Marketing Efficiency, Measures to improve Marketing Efficiency, Issues and suggestions, Forward Marketing and Co-operative Marketing.

Objectives, Fluctuations and Methods of Price Stabilization, Agricultural Prices and Price Policy, Agriculture Price and Cost Commission.

Unit – IV

Rural Credit and Rural Indebtness, Institutional Structure of Rural Credit, Agricultural Finance in India – Adequacy and Need. Sources – Co-operatives, Commercial Banks and NABARD.

Unit – V

New strategy of Agricultural Development and Technical Progress, Sustainable Agriculture, Indigenous Practices, Bio-technological practices and Growth Potential. Need for Second Green Revolution.

Trends in Agricultural Exports, WTO and Indian Agriculture.

Basic Reading List

1. Chaudhari, P. (1972) – Readings in Indian Agricultural Development, George Allen and Union, London.
2. Moore, J.R., Joshi, S.S. and Khusro, A.M. (1973) – Indian Foodgrains Marketing, Prentice Hall of India, New Delhi.
3. Kahlon, A.S. and Tyagi, D.S. (1983) – Agricultural Price Policy in India, Allied Publishers, New Delhi.
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5. Economic Survey Latest, Government of India.
6. Indian Economy (Extra Issues) Pratiyogita Darpan, Upkar Prakashan, Agra.
7. जय प्रकाश मिश्र – कृषि अर्थशास्त्र, साहित्य भवन पब्लिकेशन्स, आगरा।
8. अग्रवाल, एन.एल. – भारतीय कृषि का अर्थतंत्र, राजस्थान हिन्दी ग्रंथ अकादमी, जयपुर।
9. सोनी, आर.एन. – कृषि अर्थशास्त्र के मुख्य विषय, विकास पब्लिशिंग कम्पनी, जालंधर।

10. नाथुरामका, एल.एन. – भारतीय अर्थव्यवस्था, कॉलेज बुक हाऊस, जयपुर।