



GROSS CROPPED AND DISTRIBUTION, SIZE OF RURAL SETTLEMENTS: A CASE STUDY OF NASHIK DISTRICT IN MAHARASHTRA

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INTRODUCTION:

Gross cropped area (GCA) is the total area sown more than once in a particular year. On the other hand, the net sown area is the area sown with crops but it is counted only once. Gross cropped area also known as the total cropped area. The table no.1 shows tehsilwise the gross cropped area and number of rural settlements.

The percentage of gross cropped area is Maximum where irrigation facilities are more developed than other parts of the study region. Niphad, Sinnar, Nashik and Yeola tehsils have possessed the maximum percentage of gross cropped in the study region. On the other hand, hilly and tribal tehsils have limited gross cropped area i.e. below 50 percent. The remaining tehsils have a moderate proportion of gross cropped area ranges from 60 to 100 percent. These areas particularly belong to the drought-prone region