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## A brief analysis of agricultural development in Maharashtra

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**ABSTRACT :** This study examines the level of agricultural development in Maharashtra state for the period of 20 years, *i.e.* 1990-91 to 2009-10. In Analytical techniques, tabular analysis and functional analysis such as linear and compound growth rate has been applied to analyze the data. In general, positive growth rate was observed in terms of area, production and productivity of majority of important crops. This indicated that agricultural development was taking place in desired direction. It was also observed that the inequalities existed among the districts in Maharashtra. It can be suggested from the study that there is a lot of prospectus for horticultural development in the state, which can be possibly done by bringing cultivable waste land under horticultural crops. Government should undertake social forestry programme on large scale in order to increase the forest in Maharashtra state.

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