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10th Agriculture Census

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Background

- First census was conducted with reference year- 1970-71
- Previous census was conducted in 2010-11
- Latest report was released in October, 2018
- Current census which is under process- 11th Agriculture Census, 2022
- Total phases in which census is conducted- 3 (*One primary subjects like number and total area of operational holdings, then land use, irrigation status, particulars of tenancy and finally on pattern of input use.*)
- Central sector scheme
- Conducted at a gap of 5 years, current census delayed due to Covid 19

Important Highlights

- The percentage of female operational land holders increased from 12.79% in 2010-11 to **13.9%** in 2015-16.
- Total operated area in 2010-11 was 159.59 million ha but it decreased to **157.14 million ha** in latest census.
- In terms of operated area, participation of women increased from 10.3% to **11.5%**.
- Number of people tilling the land- Highest in **UP**, Bihar and Maharashtra. 16% or 23.82 million farmers are there in UP, 16.41 million in Bihar and 14,71 in Maharashtra.
- Total operated area is highest in **Rajasthan** then Maharashtra and Uttar Pradesh.
- The total operational holdings aggregate to over **146 million ha** with an increase of 5.33 percent from 2010-11.
- Highest increase in number of operational holdings is seen in **MP**, followed by Andhra Pradesh, Rajasthan and Kerala.
- 88.08% of operational holdings are concentrated in **14 states** of India.
- **86.21%** of India's cultivated and uncultivated land is under the ownership of *small and marginal farmers* holding less than 2 ha of land.
- Farmers holding more than 10-hectare land is just **0.57%** and had share of 9.04% of operated area.
- *Semi medium and medium farmers* are **13.2%** of all the farmers, holding 43.61 percent of operated area. Small and marginal farmers- 86.08%.
- Average size of agricultural landholding is decreased to **1.15 hectare**.
- **Nagaland** tops in term of largest average size of farm holding (5.06 ha) and it is lowest in **Kerala** (0.18 ha).
- Maximum fall in operational holding is seen in **Goa**.