

Millets in Tripura

1. Millets in Tripura: Out of the nine varieties of millets viz. Pearl millet (Bajra), Sorghum (Jowar), Finger millet (Ragi), Foxtail millet, Proso millet, Kodo millet, Little millet and Barnyard Millet, mostly Foxtail Millet is grown in all the eight districts of Tripura. Locally it is known as Kaon. In few places of the State, Sorghum (Jowar) and Finger Millet (Ragi) are also cultivated sporadically. These crops are mainly consumed by the tribal community.



Finger Millet Cultivation in Tripura



Foxtail Millet Cultivation in Tripura



Sorghum Cultivation in Tripura

2. Area under cultivation, Production, Productivity: Year wise area, production and productivity of small millets (mainly Foxtail Millet) in Tripura is depicted below: -

Sl No.	Year	Season	Area (in Ha.)	Production (in MT)	Productivity (in Kg/Ha)
1	2016-17	Kharif	352	282	801
2	2017-18	Kharif	493	386	783
3	2018-19	Kharif	583	466	799
4	2019-20	Kharif	458	380	829
5	2020-21	Kharif	1119	873	780
6		Rabi	498	423	849

Earlier, millets were mainly cultivated in Kharif season, however, since FY 2020-21, farmers have been engaged in growing millets in Rabi season with sustainable practices of water management.

2. Millet promotion in Tripura: In Tripura the scheme of cluster demonstration on millets under ‘National Food Security Mission – Nutri Cereals’ is being implemented for last few years with financial support of Rs. 6,000/- per ha to the farmers for cultivation of millets.

Further, Value Chain on Millet is being developed under Mission Organic Value Chain Development for North Eastern Region (MOVCDNER).

3. NABARD’s initiative in Tripura:

a) Initiatives taken during 2022-23

i) An awareness programme on Millet Cultivation in Tripura was conducted on 9th January 2023 in association with College of Agriculture to sensitize farmers about Millet cultivation.



Publication of Manual on Millet Cultivation during the Seminar

ii) A manual on millet cultivation was published in English and local vernaculars to disseminate technology among the farmers community.

iii) A meeting of the Regional Advisory Group for farm and farmers constituted by NABARD as a forum for stakeholders was organized with the theme “Enhancing Millet Cultivation in Tripura” on 22nd March 2023 to develop a roadmap for promotion of millet cultivation in Tripura.



iv) In the coming days, NABARD, Tripura intends to enhance the engagement with Millets through Seminars, FPO centric pilot project on millet value chain, skill development, etc.