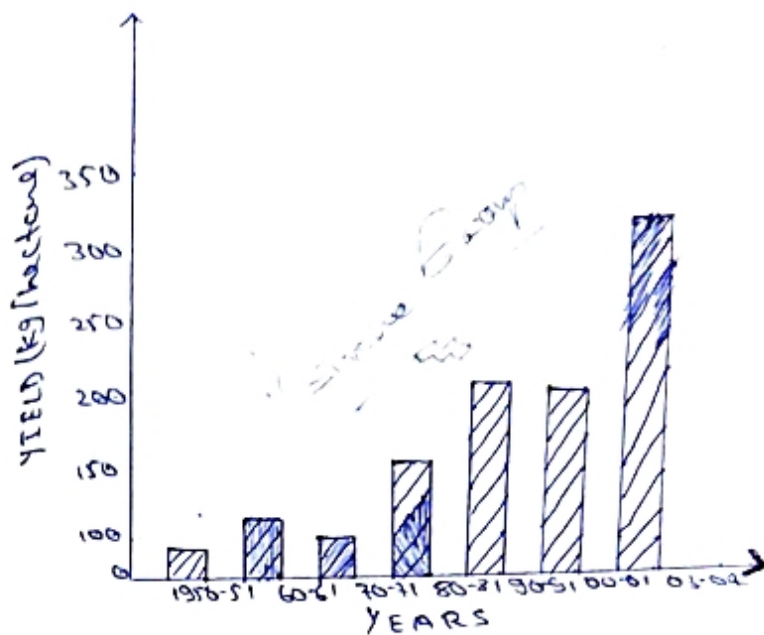
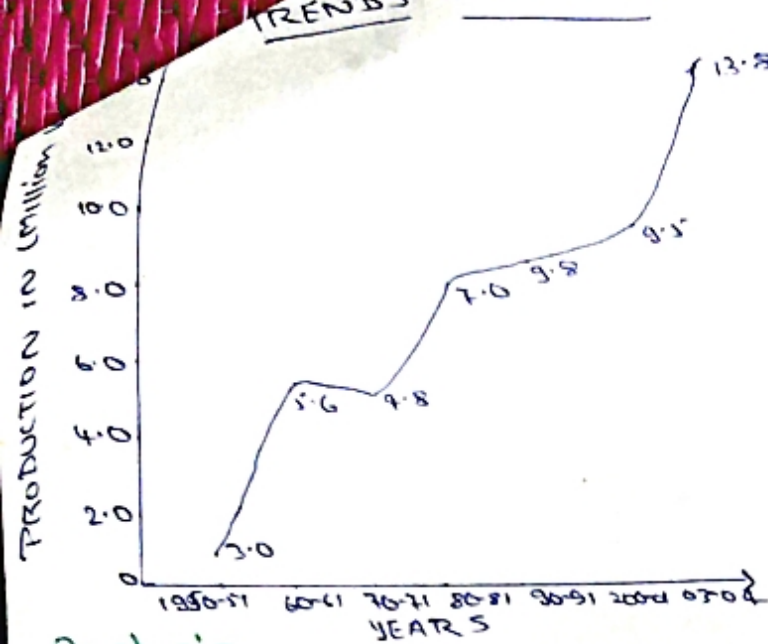


PRODUCTION OF COTTON IN INDIA

TRENDS IN PRODUCTION



Analysis

India has the largest area under cotton cultivation in the world and she is the world's ^{2nd} largest producer of cotton after China and the USA. Currently grown over 6% of net sown area. It is very much clear from above curve that there has been four & a half-fold increase in production and three and a half-fold increase in yield bet. 1950-51 & 2003-04. It clearly depicts the success in efforts to increase in production and productivity. ~~without any~~ It is due to large scale commercial cultivation of high yielding hybrid varieties in long & extra long staple.

=> Statewise - Production of cotton in India

1. Maharashtra	29.78%
2. Gujarat	19.33
3. A.P.	12.96
4. Punjab	12.92
5. Haryana	11.91
6. MP	4.35
7. Karnataka	4.22
8. Rajasthan	2.89
9. T.N.	1.76

Analysis

It clearly states that Maharashtra is the largest producer of cotton in India due to the presence of lava soil of Deccan pl. world renowned for cotton production. Gujarat, Andhra Pradesh, Punjab, Haryana are other imp. cotton producing states. MP, Karnataka, Rajasthan & T.N. are the minor cotton producing states.

=> TRADE

India is a exporter as well as importer of cotton. India exports inferior quality ^{short staple} cotton mainly to U.K. & Japan. India is a big importer of superior quality long staple cotton mainly from USA, Russia, UAR, Sudan & Kenya.