

Cropping Systems for Water Saving in Hot Arid Region



Over-exploitation of groundwater for irrigation has led to many ecological and environmental problems and posing serious threat to sustainable crop production in north-western hot arid region of India. Clusterbean-wheat is an important cropping systems in groundwater irrigated regions of NW hot arid India. Replacing high water requiring crops with crops having low water requirement is an effective option to save the irrigation water and thus to reduce the pressure on groundwater resource.

Saves 28-37%

water

Provides
49-112%
higher economic
water
productivity

Substitution of wheat by Indian mustard or isabgol in clusterbean-wheat system

Provides 7-31% higher return

Saves 17-46% chemical fertilizer





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