

UPSC Preparation

GS 3 Agriculture Questions (Year-Wise)

The tables below will provide Agriculture questions for UPSC Mains GS 3 from year 2013-2019. Candidates can refer to the detailed [GS 3 Structure, Syllabus and Strategy](#) in the linked article.

2019 - Agriculture Questions in UPSC Mains

1. How far is Integrated Farming System (IFS) helpful in sustaining agricultural production (Answer in 150 words) 10
2. Elaborate the impact of the National Watershed Project in increasing agricultural production from water-stressed areas. (Answer in 150 words) 10
3. How has India benefited from the contributions of Sir M. Visvesvaraya and Dr. M. S. Swaminathan in the fields of water engineering and agricultural science respectively? (Answer in 150 words) 10
4. What are the reformative steps taken by the Government to make the food grain distribution system more effective? (Answer in 250 words) 15
5. Elaborate the policy taken by the Government of India to meet the challenges of the food processing sector. (Answer in 250 words) 15

2018 - Agriculture Questions in UPSC Mains

1. What do you mean by Minimum Support Price (MSP)? How will MSP rescue the farmers from the low income trap? (150 Words, 10 Marks)
2. Examine the role of supermarkets in supply chain management of fruits, vegetables and food items. How do they eliminate the number of intermediaries? (150 Words, 10 Marks)
3. Assess the role of National Horticulture Mission (NHM) in boosting the production, productivity and income of horticulture farms. How far has it succeeded in increasing the income of farmers? (250 Words, 15 Marks)
4. How has the emphasis on certain crops brought about changes in cropping patterns in recent past? Elaborate the emphasis on millets production and consumption. (250 Words, 15 Marks)

2017 - Agriculture Questions in UPSC Mains

1. Explain various types of revolutions, took place in Agriculture after Independence in India. How these revolutions have helped in poverty alleviation and food security in India?
2. What are the reasons for poor acceptance of cost effective small processing units? How can the food processing unit be helpful to uplift the socio-economic status of poor farmers?
3. What are the major reasons for declining rice and wheat yield in the cropping system? How crop diversification is helpful to stabilize the yield of the crop in the system? (Answer in 250 words)

4. How do subsidies affect the cropping pattern, crop diversity and economy of farmers? What is the significance of crop insurance, minimum support price and food processing for small and marginal farmers?

2016 - Agriculture Questions in UPSC Mains

1. What is water-use efficiency? Describe the role of micro-irrigation in increasing the water-use efficiency.
2. Discuss the role of land reforms in agricultural development. Identify the factors that were responsible for the success of land reforms in India.
3. Given the vulnerability of Indian agriculture to vagaries of nature, discuss the need for crop insurance and bring out the salient features of the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY).

2015 - Agriculture Questions in UPSC Mains

1. Livestock rearing has a big potential for providing non-farm employment and income in rural areas. Discuss suggesting suitable examples.
2. In view of the declining average size of land holdings in India which has made agriculture non-viable for a majority of farmers, should contract farming and land leasing be promoted in agriculture? Critically evaluate the pros and cons.

2014 - Agriculture Questions in UPSC Mains

1. There is also a point of view that agriculture produce market committees (APMCs) set up under the state acts have not only impeded the development of agriculture but also have been the cause of food inflation in India. Critically examine.
2. "In the villages itself no form of credit organisation will be suitable except the cooperative society." – All Indian rural credit survey. Discuss this statement in the background of agriculture finance in India. What constraints and challenges do financial institutions supply agricultural finances? How can technology be used to better reach and serve rural clients?

2013 - Agriculture Questions in UPSC Mains

1. Food Security Bill is expected to eliminate hunger and malnutrition in India. Critically discuss various apprehensions in its effective implementation along with the concerns it has generated in WTO.
2. What are the different types of agriculture subsidies given to farmers at the national and at state levels? Critically analyse the agricultural subsidy regime with reference to the distortions created by it.
3. India needs to strengthen measures to promote the pink revolution in the food industry for ensuring better nutrition and health. Critically elucidate the statement.

4. Establish relationships between land reforms, agricultural productivity and elimination of poverty in the Indian economy. Discuss the difficulties in designing and implementation of agriculture – friendly land reforms in India.

