

2(b). Crop production risks and their management (Dr.T.N. Balasubramanian)



Crop production is under the control of climate and weather, and both are beyond human control and hence crop production under open condition carries high risks

Crop Production Risks

Risk is defined as the quantum of physical and economical crop production losses with events of probability in occurrence

Type of crop production risks

- Inherited risks
- Transferable risks
- Risk that can be minimized through technology introduction

Inherited risk

| Name of inherited risk | Crop production loss(%) |
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| Soil related risk(saline,s odium,marginal etc.,) | 30 |
| Dry land agriculture risk | 40 |
| Conventional farming risk | 30 |

Transferable risks

| Name of the risks | Crop production loss(%) |
|---|-------------------------|
| Drought | 60 to 100 |
| Flood | 100 |
| Dry spell more than 15 days(based on crop stages) | 40 to 60 |
| Wet spell more than 15 days(based on crop stages) | 60 to 80 |
| Pest and disease out break | 30 to 40 |
| Cyclone | 80 to 100 |
| Hail storm | 60 to 80 |
| Abnormal wind speed for banana,sugarcane | 80 to 100 |

Risks can be Minimized by Technology Introduction

| Name of the risks | Crop production loss |
|--|----------------------|
| Non adoption of timely sowing(sowing window) | 30 |
| Poor weed control | 30 |
| Non adoption of plant protection | 30 |
| Unsustainable soil fertility management | 30 |

Management of crop production risks

| Name of the risks | Management Options |
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| Inherited risks | Land improvement |
| Transferable risks | Crop insurance and weather based farm decision |
| Risks can be minimized through technology introduction | Integrated crop Management(integrating sustainable technologies) and weather based farm decision |