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**AGRICULTURAL LAND USE AND CROP PRODUCTION IN
SOEGAON TALUKA, DIST. AURANGABAD (MS), INDIA:
A GEOGRAPHICAL STUDY**



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Abstract

Soegaon is a hilly Taluka in Aurangabad district completely situated in the lap of the range of Ajintha valleys. There is no city or any industrial area in this taluka. It has hundred percent rural population. Many of the people here have Agriculture as a main occupation. The total geographical area of this taluka is 61694 hector. Out of this, the area occupied by the forest is 12511 hector whereas the area under cultivation is 44747 hector. While comparing it with the total geographical area, 20.38 percent Area comes under forest and 72.53 percept area under cultivation.

In the cultivation area, the main crops yielded are cereals crops like *wheat*, *jawar*, *bajara*, and *maize*. Among Pulses crops, *mug*, *udid*, *tur*, *gram* etc are yielded. In *oil seeds*, *Groundnut*, *sunflower*, *soybean* crops are taken. The main Cash crop in Soegaon taluka is cotton, which is

cultivated in more than half area of the total area of cultivation. The second number crop in Taluka is maize whereas the third one is Soybean.

Keywords

Land use, Agricultural production, Cereals, Pulses, Oil seeds, Cropping pattern.