

Small and Marginal Farmers

The staple of Indian Agriculture

14%

Agriculture's contribution to India's GDP (2011)

For more than 50% of the population Agriculture is the principal source of livelihood

Majority of these are small and marginal farmers.

Out of their production



44.5% consumption



13.5% village



3.5% in stock



38.5% market surplus moves outside village

Marginal farmers

Up to 2.5 Acres



Small farmers

between 1 hectare and 2 hectares

Small and Marginal Farmers



84.7% landholdings



34% cultivable land

Larger contribution when **compared to the landholding.**



49% of rice



40% of wheat



Over 50% of fruits and vegetables

They are more productive!

Their productivity is 44% more in rice

18% more in wheat

47% more in fruits and vegetables

They are growing in numbers!

Average landholding size declined

3.03 Acres in 2005-06



2.86 Acres in 2010-11



Increase in total number of landholdings

138 Mn. in 2010-11



129 Mn. in 2005-06