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**Consortium of Indian Farmers
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Benefits Perculation to Women Farmers - Dalits – Tribals – Nomads – Tenant Farmers –

Small Farmers

COMPLEXITIES OF INDIAN – AGRICULTURE - FARMERS

<u>S.No</u>	<u>Details</u>
<u>1</u>	Total Number of people living in 06.00 million villages -700 million.
<u>2</u>	Total dependent on agriculture 600 million.
<u>3</u>	Classification –(86%) Small Farmers– (7%)Tribals – (12%) Dalits - Nomads – Fishermen – (50%)Women.
<u>4</u>	Crops – Cereals – Pulses – Oil Seeds – Spices – Horticulture – Plantation.
<u>5</u>	Animal Husbandry – Cow –Buffalo – Sheep – Goat – Camel – Donkey -
<u>6</u>	Aqua – Fresh water Fish – Fresh water prawn – Sea Fish – Sea Prawn
<u>7</u>	Religions – Hindus (500 sub division) – Muslims – Christians – Sikhs – Jains – Buddhists.
<u>8</u>	Cultivation Conditions – Rain fed (56%)- River – Tube Wells – Lift Irrigation – Tanks – open wells – PODU (Shifting) Cultivation.
<u>9</u>	Back Ground – (60%) illiterate – (70%)manual –(Animal Power)–

Lobbying for Policy Changes and Administrative Reforms.

1. Price fixation CACP and MSP.
2. Financial accessibility, Increasing credit access, reduced interest rates for small farmers.
3. Accessing remote sensing to small farmers.
4. Parliament Members Farmers Forum.
5. Working with Planning Commission.
6. Interacting with FAO and World Bank.
7. Farmers Demands Awareness During Election.
8. Lobbying for Reports Implementation (National Commission on Farmers).
9. International Farmers Organizations (FOs) Connectivity.

Marketing Policies

- Commodity Trading.
- Contract Farming.
- APMC reforms.
- Working with Input and Processing.
industries - IFCCO- Insecticides India Ltd.
- Direct Fertilizer Subsidy.
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Policy Studies

- Weaker sections Ignored! Why?
- Indian Farmers on the Horns of Dilemma.
- Unstable policies of GOI thrown the sugarcane prices into crises.
- Its poor agriculture research that ails India's Agriculture Growth.
- India's TURDAL production and research.
- Peeper Production and Trade. India's Glorious Past and Inglorious present.
- Linking of Rivers.
- World Development Reports (WDRs), 2008 Implementation.
- Curtailing Spurious Pesticides.
- Tax Concessions.
- Bio technology Propagation.

Dissemination

- ❖ Publication of Agri-Policy Advocacy Monthly Magazine
- ❖ Website www.indianfarmers.org
- ❖ Scanning of Reports.
- ❖ Articles
- ❖ Documentary
- ❖ GROUP SMS Services
- ❖ EMAIL
- ❖ TV Interviews