

## Accelerated Fodder Development Programme

Pursuant to announcement in Union Budget, a scheme on 'Accelerated Fodder Development Programme (AFDP)' was launched in the year 2011-12 through a window of Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojna (RKVY). It aims at enhancing availability of green and dry fodder throughout the year and also to mitigate shortage of fodder caused by the natural calamities like droughts and floods. AFDP is conceptualized on a three pronged approach: Production of Quality Breeder and Foundation Seeds; Enhancement of Production of Fodder and Adoption of appropriate technologies for Post Harvest Management. Scheme is implemented on cluster approach with location specific interventions.

During 2011-12, AFDP was piloted in 12 states with an outlay of about Rs. 300 crore. The scheme is being continued for implementation during 2012-13 in 8 states namely Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Haryana, Maharashtra, Punjab, Rajasthan, Tamilnadu and Karnataka for boosting further production due to rainfall deficient as well as drought affected areas with an outlay of Rs. 200 crore.

By end of March, 2013, more than 2491 clusters were taken up under integrated farming / cropping system covering about 13.79 lakh ha. The year wise progress of the AFDP is as under:

Expenditure Incurred (Rs. In crore)		Area Covered (In ha.)	
2011-12	2012-13	2011-12	2012-13
<b>224.39</b>	<b>204.78</b>	<b>615842</b>	<b>763742</b>

The scheme is being continued for implementation during 2013-14 with an outlay of Rs. 100 crore in the States of Andhra Pradesh, Haryana, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh.