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# HISTORY OF INDIAN AGRICULTURE

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## Abstract

Indian agriculture has long, old and beyond memory history which begins the Indus valley civilization. One of the oldest waters regulating structure in the world is Grand Anicut dam on river Kaveri (1st-2nd Century CE). Indian agriculture began by 9000 BCE as a result of early cultivation of plants, and domestication of crops and animals. Settled life soon followed with implements and techniques being developed for agriculture. Double monsoons led to two harvests being reaped in one year. Indian products soon reached the world via existing trading networks and foreign crops were introduced to India. Plants and animals—considered essential to the survival by the Indians—came to be worshiped and venerated. The Middle Ages saw irrigation channels reach a new level of sophistication in India and Indian crop affecting the economies of other regions of the world under Islamic patronage. Land and water management systems were developed with an aim of providing uniform growth. Despite some stagnation during the later modern era the independent Republic of India was able to develop a comprehensive agricultural program.

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## INTRODUCTION

Wheat, barley and jujube were domesticated in the Indian subcontinent by 9000 B. Domestication of sheep and goat soon followed. This period also saw the domestication of the elephant. Barley and wheat cultivation—along with the