

Preface

Horticulture has a special significance for the economic development. Most of the people, though hard working and face the calamities of nature and live in harsh conditions, yet produce lot of fruits, vegetables and other flowering and ornamental plants including the medicinal and aromatic plants. In order to increase the productivity of horticultural crops growers must take the advantage of the expertise of scientists. Keeping this idea in focus, the present work has been compiled which contains experiences of the experts and related people. The volumes cover advances in strategies, production, plant protection, value addition and other important areas of horticulture development.

The Encyclopaedia provides practical information on production technologies of tropical and subtropical fruits as well as plantation crops and horticultural nursery. Post-harvest management, marketing and export trends have been furnished for guidance. It also presents most realistic cost estimates and returns from cultivation of such crops. The volumes aim at viewing commercial prospects for horticulture. It has been carefully designed to meet the queries of intending investors, financial institutes, creditors, traders and growers engaged in dealing with horticultural crops. Further it will serve the purpose reference books to students, academicians and related people.

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