

Training cum interaction meeting held on Soil –site suitability criteria of Crops organized by ICAR-NBSS& LUP, regional centre, Bangalore

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A training cum interaction meeting was held on Soil–Site Suitability Criteria of Crops organized by ICAR-NBSS & LUP, regional centre, Bangalore to modify the existing soil suitability criteria of crops and developing suitability criteria for several new crops e.g., cereals, pulses, oilseed, fiber crops, horticultural crops e.g., fruits, vegetables, flowers, spices, plantation, commercial and medicinal crops as well as several fodder and forest plants. The event was organized with the purpose of getting constructive inputs from retired scientists, peoples of state agricultural universities and REWARD partner institutes and finalizing the soil suitability criteria for crops. Participants from various institutes such as PJTASU, Hyderabad, ANGRAU, Guntur, UAS Bangalore, UAS Dharwad, UAS Raichur, UAHS Shimoga, UHS Bagalkot, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, Kerala Agricultural University, KSRSAC and retired scientists of NBSS&LUP and several farmers from Karnataka and Tamil Nadu participated in the meeting. Dr. N. G. Patil, Director, ICAR- NBSS& LUP was the chief guest of this event. He highlighted how soil sustainability is neglected for selection of crops and also pointed how socio-economic factors influence farmers for selection of crops. Dr. V. Ramamurthy, Head, Regional Centre, Bangalore made a presentation on the criteria selected to assess the suitability of 20 crops under the category of cereals, pulses, oil seeds, cash crops, plantations, fruit crops, flower crops, medicinal, aromatic, tree crops with history of land evaluation.

