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Cropping Pattern and Land Degradation in Kasaragod, Kerala

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Abstract

The consequence of the Green Revolution and the continued impact of globalisation and economic reform policies, the agricultural sector in the Kasaragod district witnessed a paradigm shift. For a higher yield and high income the farmers apply fertilisers and pesticides without considering its impact on even the the minimum requirements. Similarly, the diversification of crops from food crops to non-food crops and from one non-food crop to yet another non-food crop also emerged. All these factors have caused challenges to the agricultural sector and created a conflict in the form of land degradation. This study shows that there is constant and continuous decline in both soil health and in soil fertility in general and also in the decline of P, K soil status and pH status in the rubber cropped areas as compared to other cropped areas in the district.

Keywords

cropping pattern; land degradation; soil fertility

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