



# Revival of Minor Millets in Tamil Nadu

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# Millets in Tamil Nadu

- Major Millets

- Cholam
- Cumbu
- Ragi

- Minor Millets

- Varagu
- Samai
- Thinai
- Kuthirai vaali
- Pani varagu

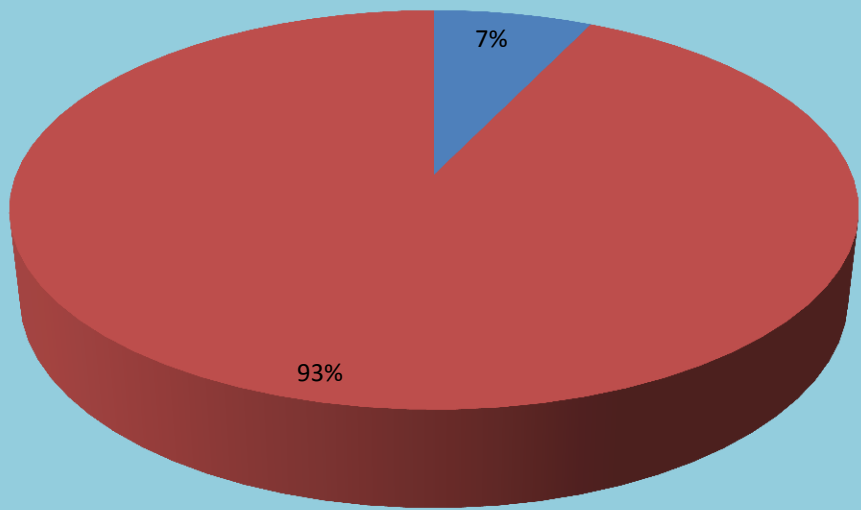
# Millets- Issues

- Dwindling area
- Changes in life style
- Increase in Per/Capita income
- Varietal erosion
- Drudgery in processing
- Low-shelf life
- Non-availability

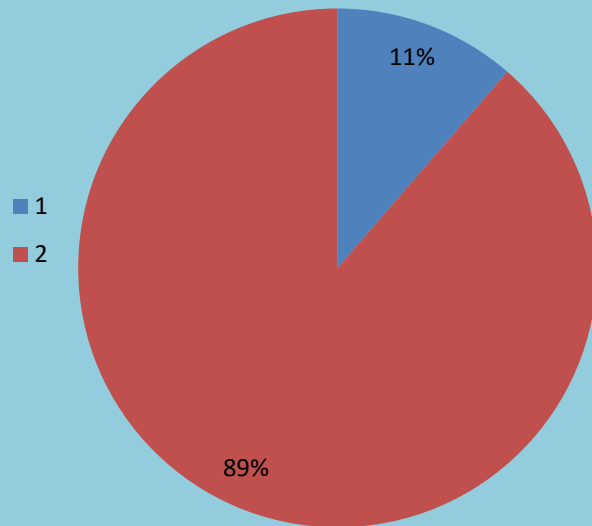
# Minor millets – Neglected crops

- Reduction in share - Minor Vs Major millets
- Area growth skewed towards Major millets
- Conspicuous fall in area
- Cumbersome processing
- Non naked millets – Need processing
- Low shelf life

# Reduction in share



2001-2015



1988-2001

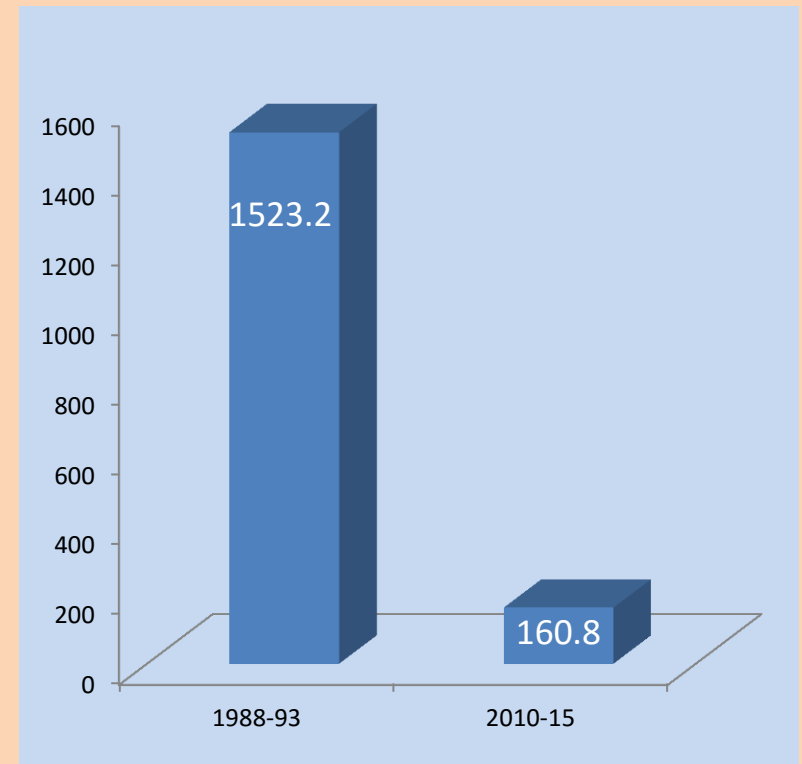
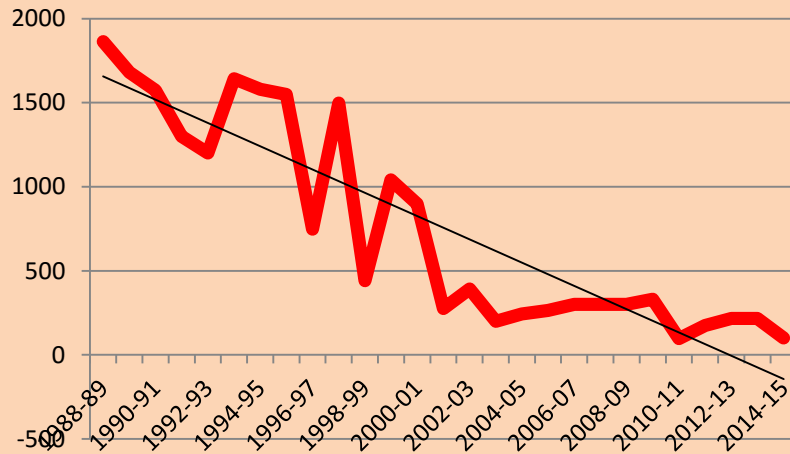
# Methodology

- Time Series data on area under Major and Minor millets
- Time period 1988-89 to 2014-15
- Percentage analysis
- Normalized mean analysis
- Graphical representation

# Pani Varagu

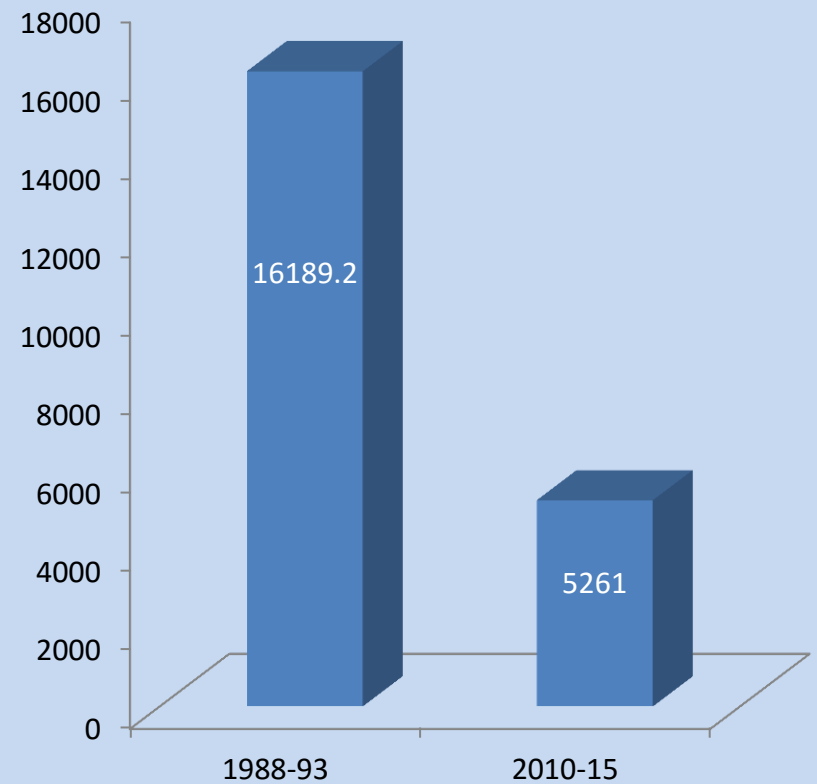
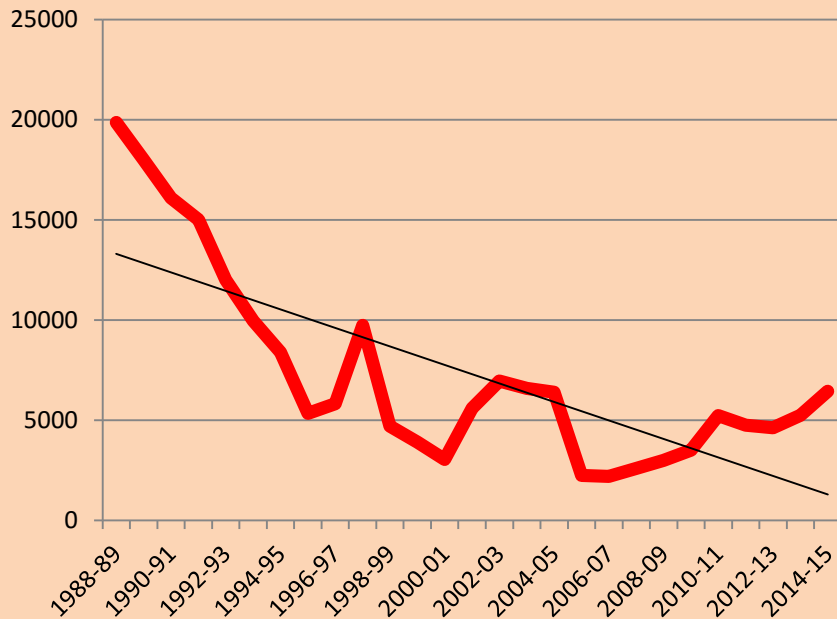


- Area under Pani Varagu



# Kudhiraivali

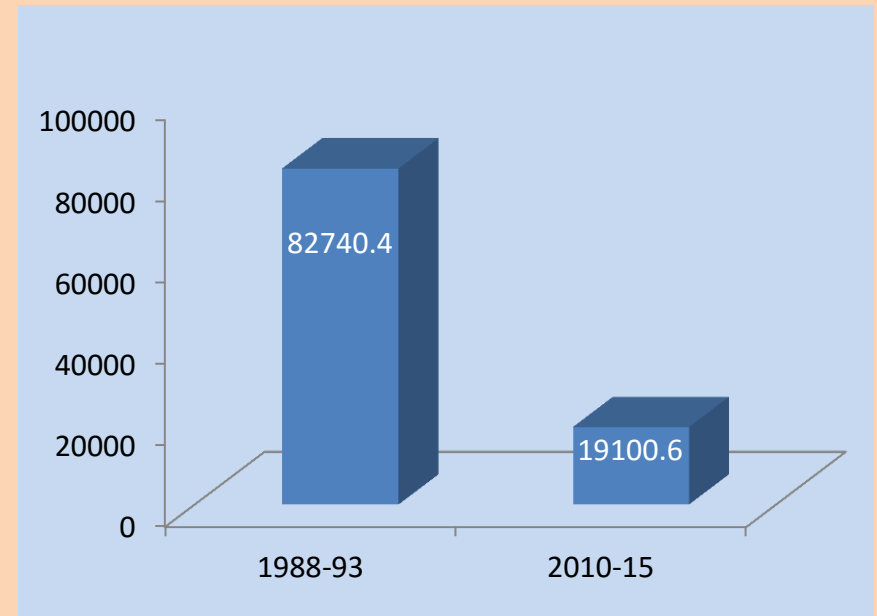
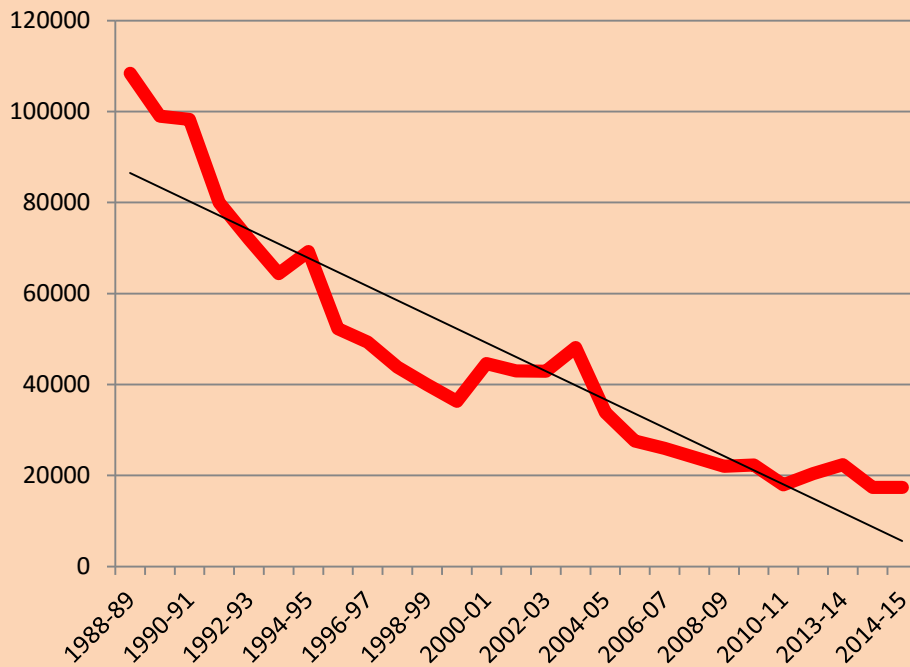
- Area under K. Vali





# Samai

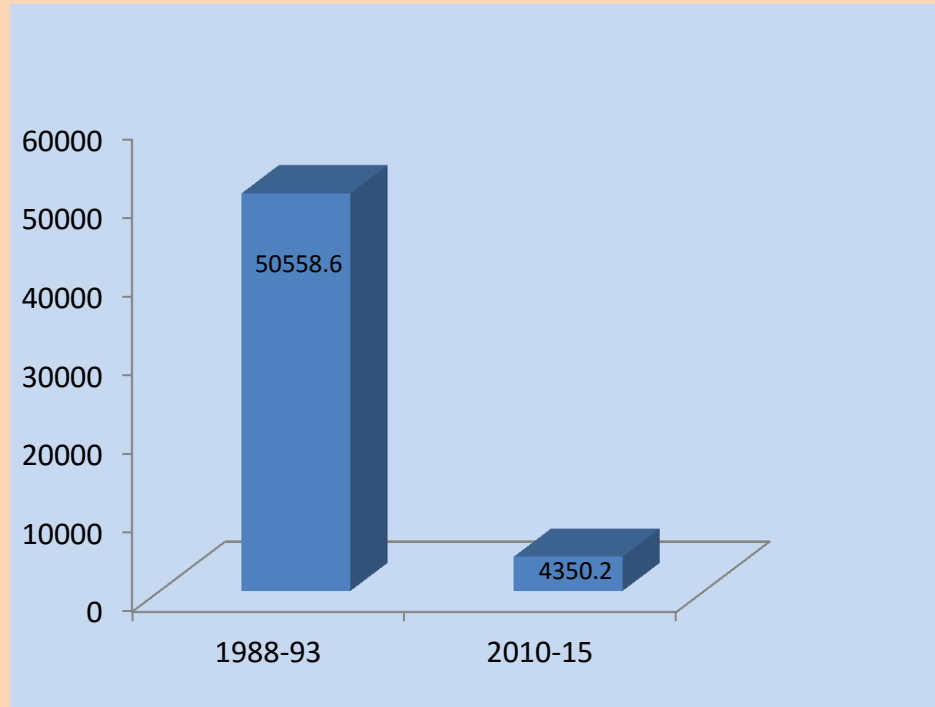
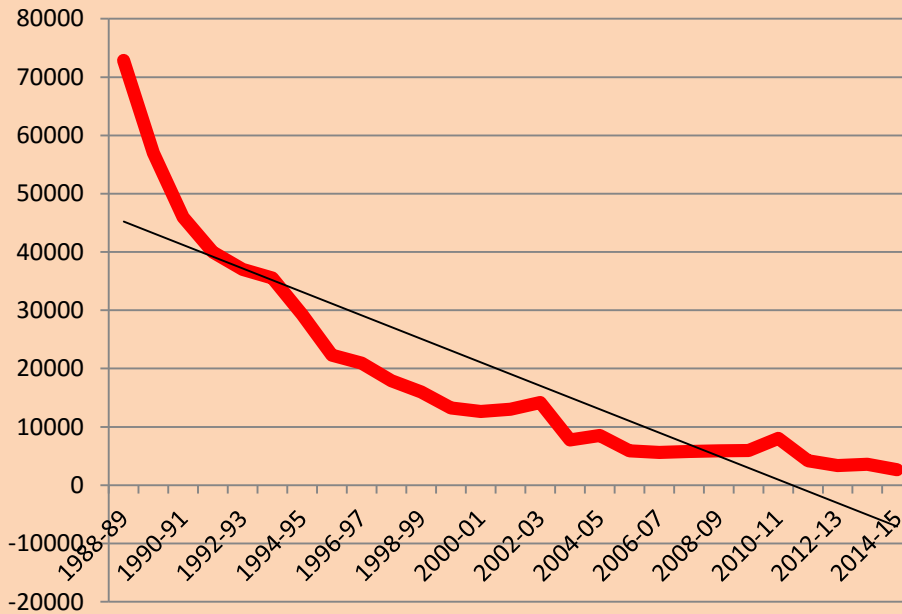
- Area under Samai



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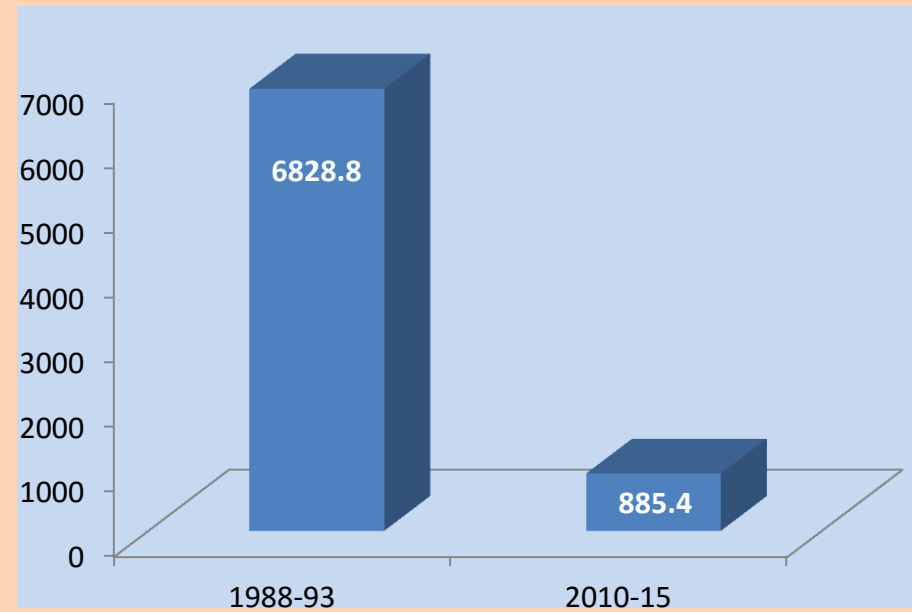
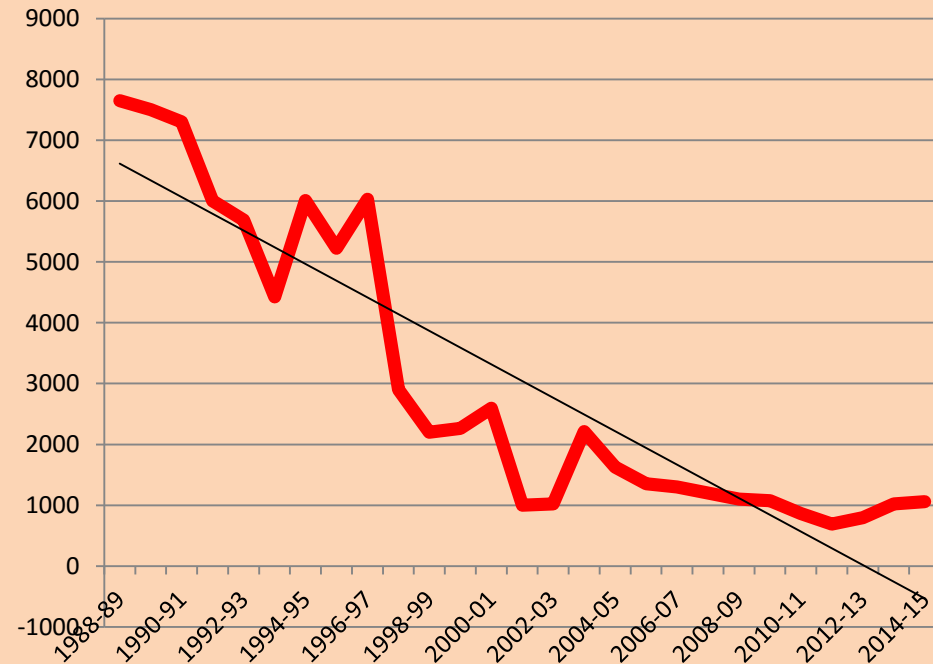


- Area under Varagu



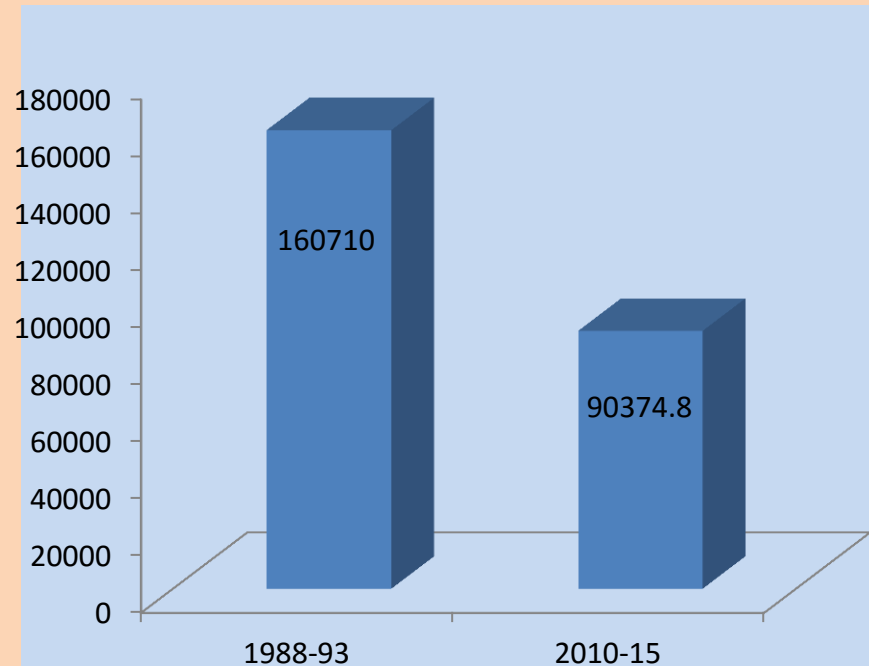
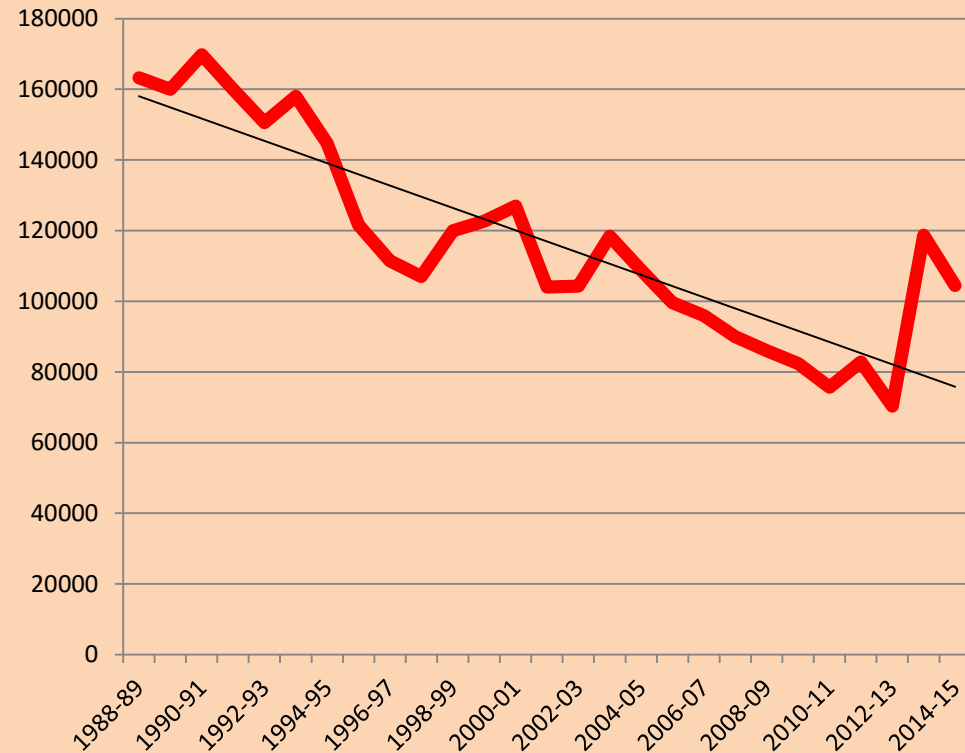
# Thinai

- Area under Thinai



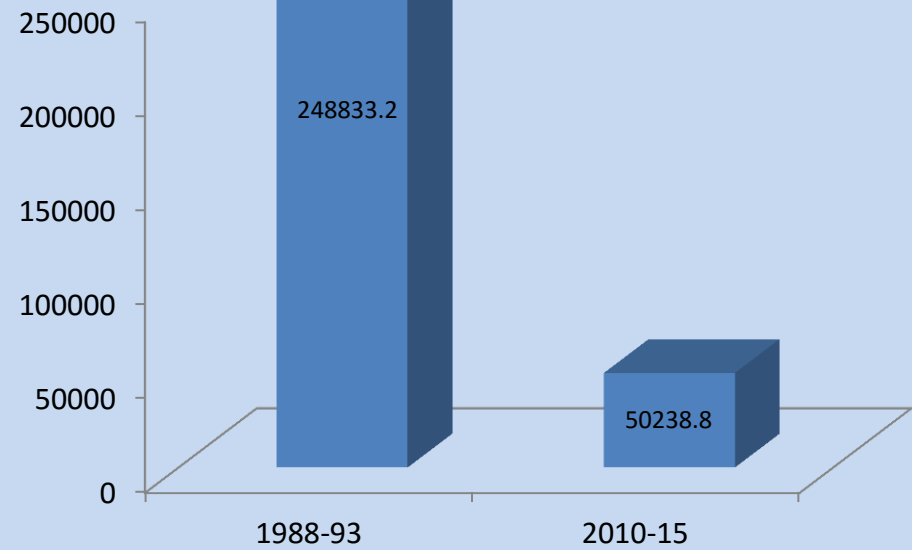
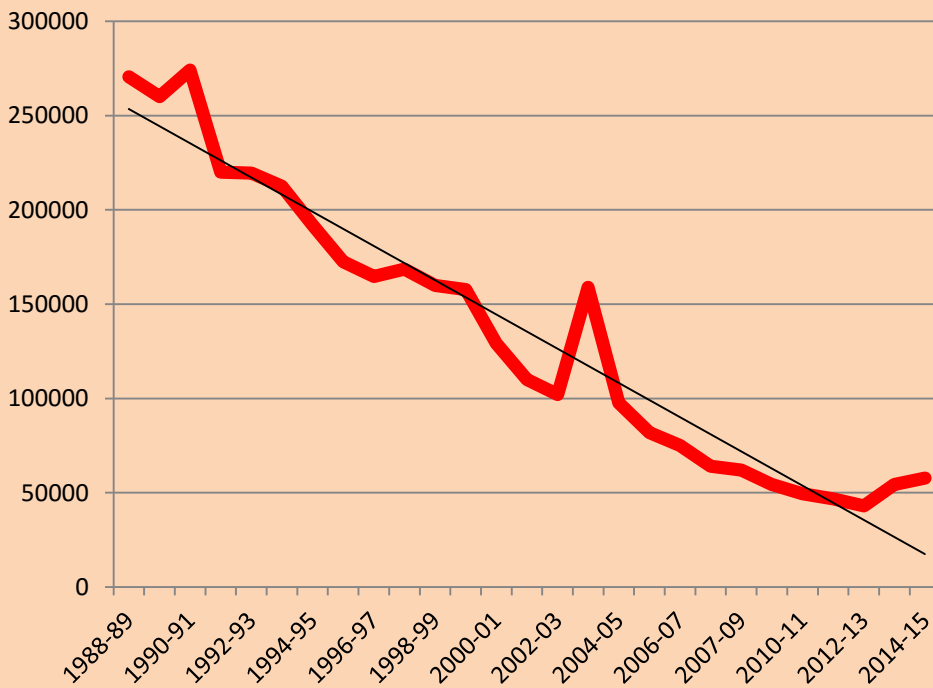
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# Cumbu

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# Jowar

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