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Source: PIB Backgrounder, June 5, 2026

The agriculture backgrounder tallies a decade of farm policy around three moves: digitise the farmer's identity, modernise the toolkit, and underwrite income.

THE DIGITAL IDENTITY LAYER

- **7.63 crore+ Farmer IDs** created (February 2026) under AgriStack, within the **Digital Agriculture Mission** (approved September 2024, Rs 2,817 crore)
- **~23.5 crore crop plots digitised**; the Farmer Registry, geo-referenced village maps and Crop Sown Registry together let subsidies, credit and insurance find the actual cultivator
- **National Pest Surveillance System** (August 2024): covers **66 crops and 432+ pest species** with real-time advisories

THE TOOLKIT AND THE TRANSFER

- **Namo Drone Didi:** Rs 1,261 crore (2023-24 to 2025-26), placing agri-drones with 15,000 women SHGs
- **PM-KISAN:** Rs 6,000/year per eligible farmer family in three DBT instalments (running since December 2018)

THE OUTPUT DECADE

INDICATOR	2013-14	LATEST
Foodgrain production	265.05 million tonnes	357.73 million tonnes (2024-25)
Agriculture department budget	Rs 27,663 crore	Rs 1,40,528.78 crore (2026-27) , a five-fold rise

Growth drivers: rice, wheat, maize, coarse cereals and millets.

MAINS ANGLE

The unresolved question: record output and a five-fold budget have not closed the farm-income gap; the spend is transfer-heavy (PM-KISAN, subsidies) while investment in irrigation efficiency, post-harvest infrastructure and market reform trails. **Way forward:** use Farmer IDs to consolidate overlapping subsidies into a single income-support ledger, route NPSS advisories into insurance triggers, and judge the decade ahead on farmer income data, not output tonnage.

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