

Cashew Crop

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About Cashew Crop

- It is native to Brazil in Latin America and was introduced to India by the Portuguese in the 16th century (1570).
- Climatic condition
 - Soil and climate: Well-drained deep sandy loam soils are the best for growing cashew. In general, all soils from sandy to laterite are well suited for this crop.
 - It is very well adapted to Indian coastal area under hot humid conditions
 - Temperature: In the range of 20 to 38 °C, relative humidity in the range of 60 to 95%.
 - Rainfall: Annual precipitation in the range of 2000 to 3500 mm.
 - Extreme low temperature and frost are not conducive to raise cashew plantations.
 - The cultivation of this crop is being extended to non-traditional areas in the plains of Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Chattisgarh and some parts of North East hill region.
- India, holds the second-largest share in the world's cashew nut production and export
- The country's top export destinations include the UAE, the Netherlands, Japan, and Saudi Arabia.

Key facts about Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA)

- It was established by the Government of India under the Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority Act of 1985.
 - It works under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry.
 - Objective: To develop and promote the export of scheduled products.
 - The products specified under the APEDA ACT are called scheduled products, and exporters of such scheduled products are required to register under APEDA.
 - It provides financial assistance, information, and guidelines for the development of scheduled products.
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Q1) What Is Sandy Loam Soil?

It is a type of soil that is made up of sand, silt, and clay. The sand comprises the largest amount, followed by silt, with a smaller part of clay. Sand particles are generally more solid and larger than other types of soil particles, and this allows water to move through them more freely. Silt and clay retain water long enough for the plants to receive nutrients.

Source: [APEDA gears up to bring back India's glory in cashew export](#)

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