

Interactive Voice Response System

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About Arecanut:

- The arecanut palm is the source of common chewing nut, popularly known as **betel nut or supari**.
- It is one of the important **commercial crops** grown in India.
- **Required climatic condition**
 - The cultivation of arecanut is mostly confined to 28° north and south of the equator.
 - **Temperature:** It grows well within the temperature range of **14°C and 36°C**.
 - **Soil:** The largest area under the crop is found in **gravelly laterite soils of red clay type**. It can also be grown on fertile clay loam soils. Sticky clay, sandy, alluvial, brackish and **calcareous soils** are **not suitable** for arecanut cultivation.
 - **Rain:** It can be grown in areas receiving annual **rainfall of 750 mm**.
 - **Altitude:** It can be cultivated upto an altitude of 1000 m from mean sea level.
- **India is the largest producer** of arecanut and at the same time largest consumer also.

Major states cultivating this crop are **Karnataka** (40%), **Kerala** (25%), **Assam** (20%), Tamil Nadu, **Meghalaya** and **West Bengal**.

Q1: What is Loam soil?

It is a type of soil that is a mixture of sand, silt, and clay. Loam soil holds nutrients and has a texture that retains water long enough for plant roots to access it.

Source: Tirthahalli areca emerges best variety among nuts grown in Karnataka

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