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Preface

Agronomy plays a fundamental role in ensuring sustainable agricultural productivity and food security for the growing global population. The book *Essential Agronomic Practices* has been prepared with the objective of providing a clear and comprehensive understanding of the basic and advanced agronomic principles that are crucial for efficient crop production. It highlights scientifically proven practices that improve crop growth, enhance soil health, and promote sustainable resource management.

This book covers important aspects of agronomy including crop establishment, soil and nutrient management, water management, weed control, cropping systems, and modern agronomic innovations. Emphasis has been placed on practical approaches and field-oriented strategies that can be easily adopted by farmers, researchers, students, and agricultural professionals.

Agriculture today faces multiple challenges such as climate change, soil degradation, declining water resources, and increasing demand for food. Therefore, adopting appropriate agronomic practices is essential for improving productivity while maintaining ecological balance. This book attempts to bridge the gap between theoretical knowledge and practical application by presenting concepts in a simple and systematic manner.

The contents of this book will be valuable for undergraduate and postgraduate students of agriculture, extension workers, scientists, and progressive farmers who wish to understand and implement effective crop management techniques. Each chapter has been designed to provide useful insights into modern agronomic practices and emerging technologies that support sustainable agriculture.

It is hoped that this book will serve as a useful resource for enhancing knowledge and promoting better agronomic decision-making for improved crop production and long-term agricultural sustainability.

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