

# Handbook on Spices

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Ever since the commencement of civilization India has been the world's most preferred destination of spices. The variety and nature of spices available in India makes the country to stand out of the crowd in the international arena. Undoubtedly the country is one of the leading producers and exporters of spices in the world. Getting proper information on this sector of the economy is sure to benefit many budding entrepreneurs. Featured as one of the best sellers the Handbook on Spices is a book for all those thinking of penetrating into the sector and will act as an additional sources of information that are in this line of trade. The book has covered more than 55 spices produced in the country some of which are Black Pepper, Cardamoms, Ginger, Turmeric, Chillies, Vanilla, Tamarind, Coriander, Cumin seeds, Fenugreek, Dill, Garlic, and Onion etc. Along with the list of spices it also provides information on climatic conditions and soil type required for these spices, the planting requirements, the storage condition, composition, uses, the botanical aspect and the varieties of the product available. The chapter on spices will also provide you information about the Diseases and Pests from which the spices have to be protected, wherever required the basis of grading of the spice is also mentioned. The chapters also deal in the quality improvement in Spices by the Solar Drying, Quality Standards for Ajowan Seed and its Powder, Value added Exportable Products from Spice.

The spices demand have increased a lot in the world on account of fact that there has been increasing inhabitation of Indian community in developed countries and recently developed taste for Indian delicacies in the international forum. With different climates in different parts of country, India has the potential to produce a variety of spices. Thus the spice market is having a lot of future prospects. This book inculcates the wide-range of information on cultivation and processing of main spices and condiments of India which have been playing imperative role in the development and growth of national economies of several spices producing, importing and exporting countries. This book will be helpful for new entrepreneurs, spice growers, technologists and those who are already in the spice production and are looking to expand further in the present line.

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