

The Importance of Agricultural Mechanization for Modern Farming

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Agricultural mechanization plays a critical role in increasing productivity, reducing labor dependency, and ensuring timely farm operations. From plowing and sowing to harvesting and post-harvest processing, modern machinery is transforming traditional farming practices.

The adoption of mechanization in India faces challenges such as small farm sizes, lack of awareness, and high costs. However, custom hiring centers (CHCs) are emerging as a solution, allowing small and marginal farmers to access machinery on a rental basis.

Technological advancements such as drones for crop monitoring, precision

planters, and automated irrigation systems are revolutionizing Indian agriculture. Government schemes like the Sub-Mission on Agricultural Mechanization (SMAM) are providing financial incentives to promote mechanization. The integration of modern equipment is vital for enhancing farm efficiency and ensuring food security.