

**ZONAL AGRICULTURAL AND HORTICULTURAL RESEARCH STATION, HIRIYUR  
(CENTRAL DRY ZONE-4)**



Agricultural Research Station was established during the year 1916 at Babbur Farm, Hiriyr by Dr. L. G. Coleman, the Director of Agriculture, Government of Madras with an objective of providing suitable production technologies on major crops of the region. The Research Station is located between 13<sup>0</sup> 57' 32" N and 70<sup>0</sup> 37' 38" E with an elevation of 606.1 MSL, and it is 5 km away from Hiriyr town and 45 km away from Chitradurga District head quarters on Hiriyr-Alur Road. The paddy and sugarcane crops were grown on large scale in this region and it was felt to need to conduct research on these two crops to improve the productivity and livelihood of the farmers of this region.

**Land Resource available for the station:**

Particulars	Area (In ha)
Total Area of the station	81.50
Total Cultivable Area	68.45
Area under Irrigation	39.55
Area under Rainfed	28.52
Area under cultivable waste	Nil
Area under uncultivable waste (Ponds, streams, valleys and rocky area)	0.38
Area under buildings and roads	13.05

**Research Mandates**

The mandate crops for the station are coconut, pomegranate, guava, mango, grapes, mandarin, fig, onion, bhendi, oilseeds, pulses, millets, dry land agriculture and mechanization.