

5. IRRIGATION

5.1. SOURCES OF IRRIGATION IN TAMIL NADU

Sl. No.	Source	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06
I	Canals :						
A.	Number of Canals -						
i	Government	2284	2284	2284	2293	2389	2393
ii	Private	2	2	2	2	2	2
	Total (i +ii)	2286	2286	2286	2295	2391	2395
B.	Length of Canals (Km.)						
i	Government	9622	9622	9622	9633	9736	9736
ii	Private	11	11	11	11	11	11
	Total (i +ii)	9633	9633	9633	9644	9747	9747
II	Tanks						
i	Number of Tanks with an Ayacut of 40 Hectares or more	7529	7529	7529	7529	7933	7933
ii	Number of Tanks with an Ayacut of less than 40 Hectares	31837	31837	31837	31837	32386	32386
	Total (i +ii)	39366	39366	39366	39366	40319	40319
III	Wells						
1	Ordinary wells						
a)	Government						
i	Masonry	1646	1649	1660	627	585	575
ii	Non-Masonry	344	338	334	83	85	95
	Total (i +ii)	1990	1987	1994	710	670	670
b)	Private						
i	Masonry	1390919	1384863	1382830	1341011	1350336	1352404
ii	Non-Masonry	273634	265158	267200	256817	257518	268301
	Total (i +ii)	1664553	1650021	1650030	1597828	1607854	1620705
2	Tube wells						
a)	Government	1936	1933	1938	1201	1169	1181
b)	Private	164826	170220	190097	216695	250684	289430
	Total (a+b)	166762	172153	192035	217896	251853	290611

* - The decline is due to the revisions made in the length of canals of the Cuddalore district

Source : Directorate of Economics and Statistics, Chennai-6.