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## **GROWTH AND INSTABILITY OF COTTON IN AMRAVATI DIVISION OF VIDARBHA**

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**ABSTRACT :** An attempt was made to study the growth rates of area, production and yield of cotton and instability of cotton production in Amravati division of Vidarbha. The study was based on secondary data collected from various, government publications and pertains to a period of 25 years i.e. from 1980-81 to 2004-05. The compound growth rate of area, production and yield of cotton were estimated for two sub-periods. The first period was 1980-81 to 1992-93 (Period I) and second period 1993-94 to 2004-05 (Period II). From this study it is concluded that, the instability in cotton was observed in all the districts of Amravati division which is a disturbing significant.

**Key Words :** Growth, instability, cotton.