The subject of crop-pattern can be studied both at individual and aggregate level. In fact, it should be studied on both the levels by a two pronged approach. In India, however, the subject has been studied more on the macro-level, neglecting the micro side of it. Many of the studies of crop-pattern, therefore, are lop-sided and have yielded conflicting results--some putting forth that the Indian farmer is highly responsive to price, while the others revealing just the opposite. The role of price as a factor, can be better examined at the micro-level by studying how it affects the individual cultivator's cropping decisions. In the present study, therefore, I have made a modest attempt to analyse in detail the problem of cropping pattern at the micro-level to bring out the basic factors which influence the cropping decisions of individual cultivators.

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