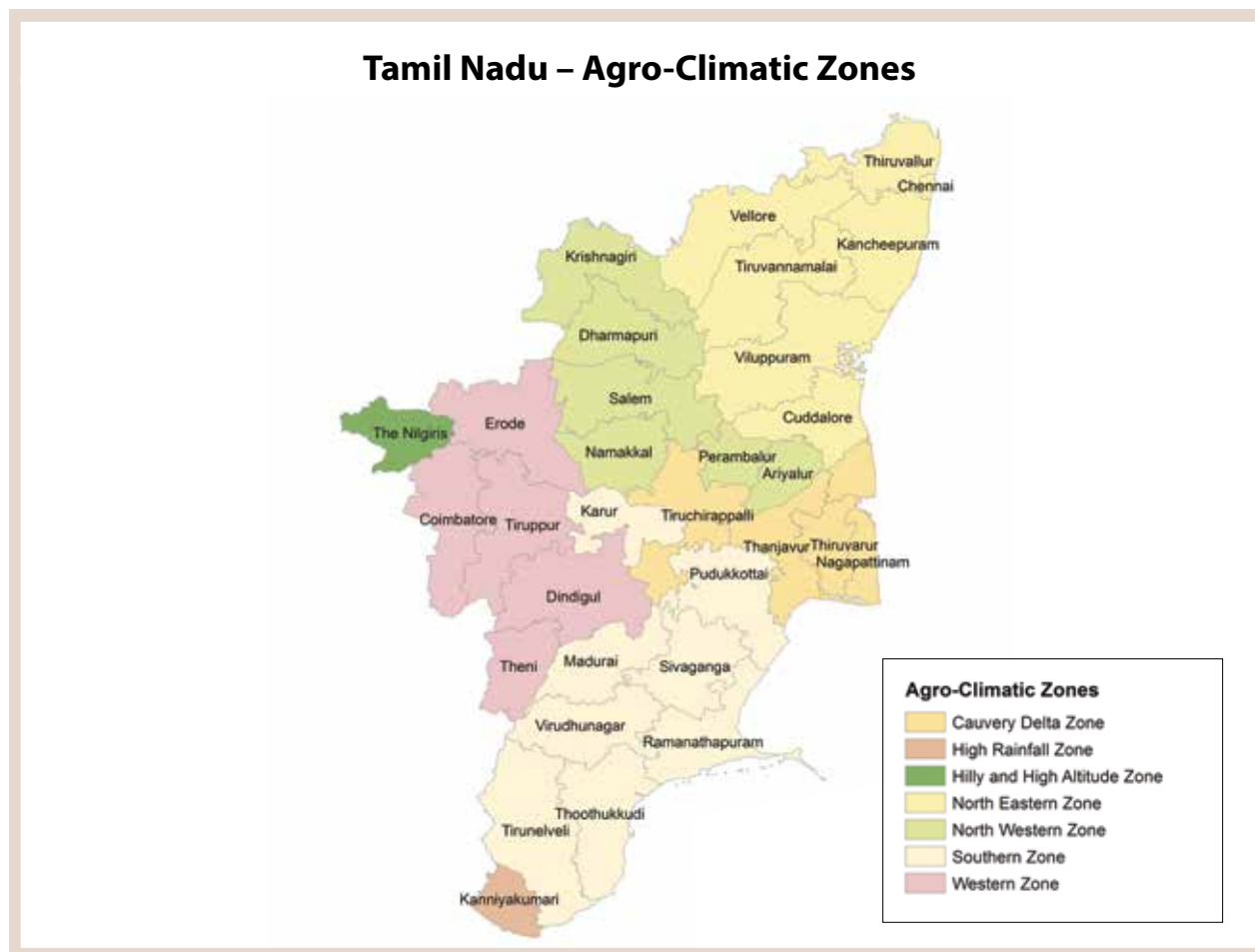




## VII.1. Agro-Climatic Zones



**TABLE VII.1.1: Details of Agro-Climatic Zones**

Agro-Climatic Zones	Districts Covered	Altitude (m)	Annual Average Rainfall (mm)	Area under Cultivation (%)	Irrigated Area to Cultivated Area (%)	Crops Grown	Major Rivers
<b>North Eastern Zone</b>	Kancheepuram, Thiruvallur, Vellore, Tiruvannamalai, Cuddalore, Viluppuram	100-200	1,109	50.5		Paddy, Jowar, Bajra, Ragi, Groundnut, Sugarcane and Cashewnut	Polar, Ponnar, Cheiyar, Vellar, Thenpennai, Manimuthar and Komugi
<b>North Western Zone</b>	Dharmapuri, Krishnagiri, Salem, Namakkal, Perambalur, Ariyalur	200-600	849	56.3	23	Paddy, Wheat, Maize, Ragi, Bajra, Sugarcane, Groundnut, Cotton, Sunflower	Cauvery, Thenpennai and Manimuthar



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<b>Western Zone</b>	Coimbatore, Erode, Tiruppur, Dindigul, Theni,	200-600	654	44.5	42.4	Jowar, paddy, Pulses, Maize, Banana, Sugarcane, Groundnut	Cauvery, Noiyal, Bhavani, Uppar, Sirvani and Amaravathi
<b>Cauvery Delta Zone</b>	Thanjavur, Thiruvarur, Nagapattinam, Tiruchirappalli	100-200	956	60.2	50.1	Paddy, Sugarcane, Cotton, Groundnut, Sunflower, Banana and Ginger	Cauvery, Vennaru, Kudamuruti, Paminiar, Arasalar and Kollidam
<b>Southern Zone</b>	Madurai, Ramanathapuram, Tirunelveli, Sivaganga, Virudhunagar, Thoothukkudi, Pudukkottai, Karur	100-600	816	45	44	Paddy, Jowar, Bajra, Ragi, Groundnut, Cotton, Banana and Tobacco	Vaigai, Sitrar, Thamraparani, Numbiar, Pachaiyar, Kludar, Arjunar, Kodumudiyaar, Manimuthar, Periyar and Vaigai
<b>High Rainfall Zone</b>	Kanniyakumari	100-2,000	1,456	63.1	47.4	Paddy, Coconut, Vegetables, Cashew nut, Banana and Rubber	Pazhaiyar, Kothair and Paraliyar
<b>Hilly and High Altitude Zone</b>	The Nilgiris	2,000	1857	28.9	0.84	Tea, Coffee, Vegetable, Paddy and Groundnut	

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