

## Selected resources of interest

***Disease management in arid land crops.*** By Satish Lodha, Ritu Mawar, and B.S. Rathore. 2008. Jodhpur: Scientific Publishers (India). ISBN: 978-81-7233-517-5. Available from:

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India's hot drylands extend through parts of western Rajasthan, Gujarat, Punjab, Haryana, Maharashtra and Andhra Pradesh. Inhabitants of these deserts have identified and developed many specific crops that do well in the region, but plant diseases are still a problem. Increasing irrigation has also led to new diseases becoming a problem. The current work provides information on the occurrence of major diseases on principal cereals, legumes, oilseeds, spices, horticultural crops, trees, and medicinal plants; factors influencing their development; and practical methods for reducing crop losses. It will be of use to researchers, teachers and extension personnel, development workers, researchers, and drylands policy planners.

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***Rainwater harvesting for drylands and beyond. Volume 2: Water-harvesting earthworks.*** By Brad Lancaster. 2008. Tucson, Ariz.: Rainsource Press. ISBN: 978-0-9772464-1-0. Available from:

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This second volume in Mr. Lancaster's trilogy of works on rainwater harvesting builds on the information in Volume 1 and comprises a how-to guide on creating water harvesting earthworks: simple, inexpensive strategies and landforms for passively harvesting rainwater and storing it in the soil. The harvested water can then support vegetation that in turn provides a variety of benefits such as food, shelter, passive heating and cooling, wildlife habitat, erosion control, and increased soil fertility. An abundance of illustrations, tables, how-to guides and success stories makes the extensive information in this well-organized book both readily accessible and a pleasure to read. Highly recommended.

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