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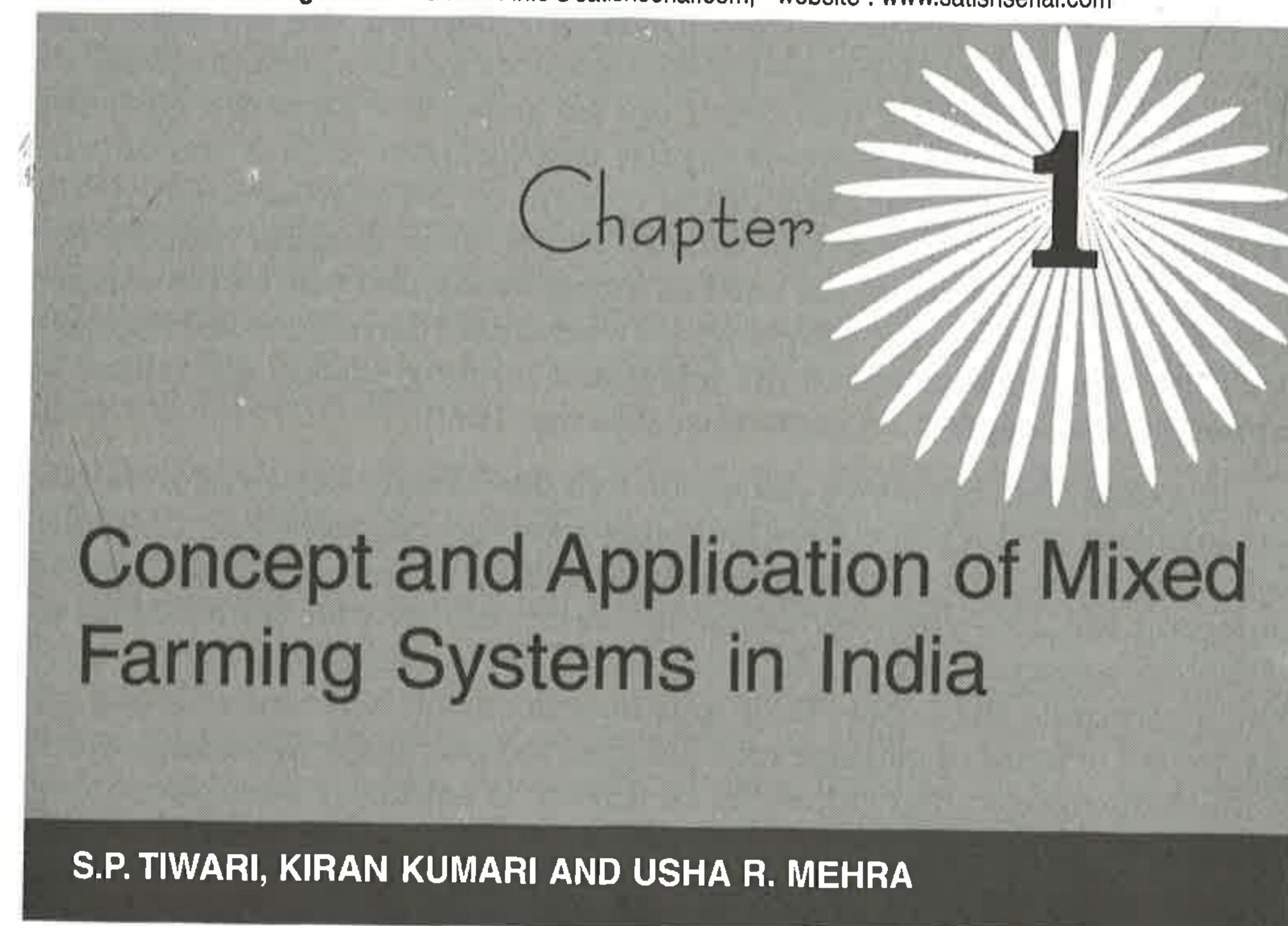
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The concepts associated with integrated farming systems (IFS) are practiced by numerous farmers throughout the globe. A common characteristic of these systems is that they invariably have a combination of crop and livestock enterprises and in some cases may include combinations of aquaculture and trees. The definition of IFS is varied and dependent on the context. Agbonlabor *et al.* (2003) defined the concept as a type of mixed farming system that combines crop and livestock enterprises in a supplementary and/or complementary manner. Okigbo (1995) defines these systems as a mixed farming system that consists of at least two separate but logically interdependent parts of a crop and livestock enterprises. Contrasting these definitions Radhammani *et al.* (2003) describes IFS's as a component of farming systems which takes into account the concepts of minimizing risk, increasing production and profits whilst improving the utilization of organic wastes and crop residues. Jayanthi *et al.* (2000) based on experiences from Tamil Nadu, India, described these systems as a mixed animal crop system where the animal component is often raised on agricultural waste products while the animal is used to cultivate the soil and provide manure to be used as



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The rapid changes in the scientific know how of the science of Animal Nutrition have taken place in last two decades. There is a much felt need for a text book of advanced animal nutrition for students from Asian and other developing countries. This book is written in a very simple illustrative and coherent manner with all updated information so that students, scientists/researchers and academicians, at national and international level will be benefitted.

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This book attempts at providing a clear, thorough and up-dated information fundamentals to animal nutrition, as well as its application, each topic is discussed from a multidisciplinary angle to aid and assist understanding, and not merely as a routine to fulfill the requirement of syllabi. Many chapters are devoted to special topics in changing scenario of Animal Nutrition, some recent topics like global warming due to methane emission by livestock, environmental issues in livestock rearing and polices, quality assurance for livestock production and prospects of feed from genetically modified plants in livestock feeding *etc.* have been introduced. In editors opinion, this book will be extremely useful to all persons at national and international level who are directly involved with the science of Animal Nutrition.



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