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1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 About AESA

Agriculture and Environmental Science Academy (AESA) is registered under the societies registration act XXI of 1860 (E) with its head office in Haridwar (Uttarakhand), India. AESA is a not-for-profit organization and is an interdisciplinary research organization and it’s dedicated for issues in the field of social, environment and agriculture development. It was established with sole aim to providing a wide range of social activities, environmental awareness, sustainable agriculture, educational work in the field of pollution, health, sanitation, forest, wildlife, land and water use, scientific research and various aspects of the environment conservation and development and agriculture management.

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- Dairy science
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- Environmental impacts
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