The Evaluation Wing under the Directorate of Agriculture:

The Evaluation Wing, erstwhile Socio Economic and Evaluation Branch is headed by the Additional Director of Agriculture (Evaluation), West Bengal. It is a vital Wing under the Directorate of Agriculture, West Bengal and is entrusted with the responsibilities of generation of all relevant data on Agriculture Statistics in West Bengal.

There are 17 (seventeen) offices headed by Assistant Evaluation Officers in the District Set Up and another 9 (Nine) offices headed by Assistant Director of Agriculture (Socio Economic & Evaluation) in the Regional Set Up. Above all, there is Headquarter Set Up located in Kolkata.

The Wing is entrusted with implementation of the following major programmes viz.

1. Estimation of Area, Productivity and Production of all Major agricultural crops grown in the State at block, district and State level.
2. Estimation of Area, Productivity and Production of all Minor agricultural crops grown in the State at district and State Level
3. Estimation of yield rate of Potato at GP level and at block level for notified areas for crop Insurance.
4. Implementation of Agriculture Census Scheme.
5. Generation of cost of cultivation data under Farm Management Study Scheme.
6. Preparation of District level Harvest Prices of all Major crops.
7. Generation of Agriculture Labour Wages at District level.
8. Generation of Nine-fold Land Use Statistics (LUS) data.
9. Implementation of Forecasting Agricultural Output using Space, Agro Meteorology and Land based Observations (FASAL) project under Mahalanobis National Crop Forecasting Centre (MNCFC), Govt. of India.

Apart from these the wing is highly associated with

1. Crop Insurance Scheme viz. Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yogana (PMFBY)/ Bangla Fasal Bima Yojana (BFBY)
2. Kisan Credit Card and Crop Loan

The Evaluation Wing has a total sanctioned strength of 718 officers and staffs.

The publications made by the Wing are:

1. “Estimates of Area and Production of Principal Crops in West Bengal” – Annual Publication
2. Cost of Production of Principal Crops in West Bengal – Annual Publication
3. Agriculture Census, - Phase I- Published on quinquennial basis
4. Agriculture Census, - Phase II- Published on quinquennial basis
5. Agriculture Census- Phase III- Published on quinquennial basis
6. Evaluation Study-Occasional