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Performance of migratory apiary units in Sri Muktsar Sahib district of Punjab

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SUMMARY : The study was conducted during the year 2013-14 and 2014-15 in Sri Muktsar Sahib district of Punjab state. Objective of the study was to study the economic performance of migratory apiary units. Total 45 respondents were selected for the purpose of the study. The analysis of the personal characteristics of the respondents revealed that migratory apiary units were adopted by unemployed rural youth from all the sections of the rural society. Bee keepers from the district migrate to adjoining Haryana and Rajasthan states during the dearth of flora in district Sri Muktsar Sahib of Punjab. The study revealed that mainly three routes were followed by beekeepers of Sri Muktsar Sahib district Punjab. The average number of honey harvests varied from 8.5-11.0 year^{-1} with average honey production of 29-45kg hive^{-1}. It was maximum in case of bee keepers migrating to Kota district of Rajasthan (Group II) in winter period. The average number of honey harvests was 9 year^{-1} with average honey production of 35 kg hive^{-1} in case of bee keepers migrating to Ganga Nagar district of Rajasthan (Group I) in winter period. Total income per hive was maximum in Group II (Rs. 3812.8) followed by Group I (2946.2) and Group III (2406.8).

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