

Economics of turmeric production under conventional and modern methods in Belgaum district of northern Karnataka

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ABSTRACT

Turmeric, with its brilliant yellow colour, has been used as a dye, medicine and flavoring. Turmeric has been used medicinally throughout Asia to treat stomach and liver ailments. It also was used externally, to heal sores and as a cosmetic. The present study is an attempt for comparative study of traditional and modern method of turmeric production with reference to cost and returns structure in Belgaum district of Karnataka state. The study revealed that, cost of cultivation on modern farmers was less than that of traditional farmers. The cost of human labour, rhizomes, chemical fertilizers and cost of plant protection chemicals on turmeric cultivation were the major factors in the cost. In the total cost, variable costs accounted for a major share. The proportion of variable cost was more on traditional as compared to modern farmers.

KEY WORDS : Turmeric, Modern cultivation, Cost, Returns, Conventional

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