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Economics of maize production in Haveri district

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ABSTRACT

The present study was conducted in Haveri district of Karnataka state. The required primary data was collected from sample farmers through personal interview method with the help of pre-tested and well structured schedule. The study attempted to examine the cost and returns structure in major maize hybrids. A sample of 120 farmers from Haveri district was selected through multistage stage random sampling technique. Per hectare cost of cultivation was slightly more in NK-6240 (Rs. 37,494) compared to CP-818 (Rs. 34,369) and Sunny (Rs. 36,120) with a respective benefit cost ratio of 1.88, 1.79 and 1.83. In the study area cultivation of CP-818 was found to be profitable than other two hybrids. In *Kharif* season, per hectare cost of maize (Rs. 35,716) was high (Rs. 35,716) compared to *Rabi* (Rs. 30,157) but the benefit cost ratio was more in *Rabi* (2.28) than in *Kharif* (1.80).

KEY WORDS : Maize hybrids, Cost of cultivation, Season wise

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