

RESEARCH ARTICLE

Profile characteristics of farmers who availed the extension services of department of agriculture

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SUMMARY

This study examined the profile characteristics of farmers in availing the extension services of Department of Agriculture in Haveri district of Karnataka state during the year 2018-19 with a sample size of 210 farmers. The district was purposively selected for the study because of its popularity in agriculture and agriculture based enterprises. With respect to profile characteristics, findings of the study revealed that 44.76 per cent of farmers were middle aged, large majority (87.62%) of them were literate, more than one fourth (25.73 %) of the farmers completed high school education, nearly one fourth (24.76%) of the farmers were medium farmers, 39.05 per cent of farmers had medium farming experience, more than one third (39.52 % of the farmers had low extension participation, less than half (48.09 %) of farmers had medium extension contact, over one third (36.67 %) of the farmers belonged to high mass media exposure category, more than two fifth (45.72 %) of farmers had medium level of innovativeness, over two fifth (40.96 %) of farmers were grouped in medium scientific orientation category, nearly half percentage (46.19%) of the farmers had high level of economic motivation, more than one third (34.77 %) of the farmers belonged to medium social participation category, large majority (83.80 %) of farmers were cultivated maize in *Kharif* season and 84.76 per cent of farmers cultivated jowar in *Rabi* season.

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