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Training needs of cotton farmers on organic cotton production technologies in Andhra Pradesh

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SUMMARY : In recent years farmers are gradually sensitized and oriented to cultivate the cotton crop on organic mode realizing the adverse effects of conventional farming but the yields of organic is low. The reason of poor performance in yields of organic cotton could be lack of training and skills upgradation about the technology, looking to these facts, the present study was carried the general objective of this research is to identify the training needs of organic cotton farmers in Karimnagar district. The finding indicated that majority of organic cotton farmers have high (64.00%) training needs. The farmers expressed their training needs on features of conversion and certification requirements, followed by quality parameters, plant protection, sowing, land and soil health management, harvesting and post harvest management. Relational analysis revealed that education, farm size, annual income, herd size, organic inputs utilization pattern, training received, decision making behaviour were found positively and significantly correlated with training needs. Whereas, age, farming experience, extension contact were found not significant with training needs of organic cotton farmers.

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