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Procurement and processing management of ragi in Karnataka

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Abstract : Ragi is an important food crop which can be cultivated under adverse soil and climatic conditions. The present study was conducted on procurement and processing management of ragi in Karnataka. The study has been carried out based on primary data which were collected from the processors of ragi with the help of well-structured questionnaire and secondary data from the records of processing units. Growth rate analysis and budgeting technique was computed. The procurement in terms of quantity and value of raw materials of ragi increased at the growth rate of 3.94 per cent over the years and 11.17 per cent over the years, respectively. The capacity utilization of the ragi processing unit was 62.00 per cent with the annual quantity of ragi processed was 61.26 MT against the total annual installed capacity 98.80 MT. The results revealed that the net present value of the unit was found to be Rs.10.75 lakhs at the end of economic life of project. The total processing cost for the process of ragi was recorded as Rs. 34,461 per ton. Among total processing cost, the total variable cost was contributes a share of 85.35 per cent with worth of Rs. 29,412 per ton and fixed cost contributes a share of 14.65 per cent with worth of Rs. 5,049 per ton. The total cost incurred on value addition of ragi flour was Rs. 36,905 per ton. Out of 1000 kg of ragi, 980 kg of ragi flour was obtained and the value of the processed product was Rs. 55 per kg. The sales price of the ragi flour was Rs. 53,900 and the net profit obtained by selling the processed product was Rs.16,995.

Key Words : Procurement, Processing, Value addition, Contribution, Variable, Fixed cost

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