

Determinants of farmers preference for informal contract farming system for chillies

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ABSTRACT

A study was conducted to analyse the determinants of farmers' preference for contract farming for chillies in three districts of southern Tamil Nadu. A sample size of 160 respondents were selected from eight villages which included both contract and noncontract farmers. The extent of irrigated land area available with the farmers and experience in farming was found to influence farmers' preference towards contract farming system for chillies in the study area. The constraints in contract farming of chillies were identified as increase in production cost, less land under irrigated condition and firms were not meeting the contractual obligations in buying the last picked chillies because of low quality.

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