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An economic analysis of cost and returns of coffee production in Kodagu district of Karnataka

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Received : 25.05.2017; Revised : 11.08.2017; Accepted : 18.08.2017 **ABSTRACT :** Kodagu district is the coffee cup of Karnataka. The present investigation was carried out to study the cost, returns and investment feasibility of coffee plantation in Kodagu district. All three talluks of Kodagu *viz.*, Madikeri, Virajpet and Somavarpet and one village from each talluk was selected. A sample of 60 farmers based on probability proportion to number of farmers available in each groups were selected for the study. The total establishment cost of coffee plantation was Rs. 464947.47 on small farmers, Rs. 442513.24 on large farmers. Maintenance cost of gestation period increased in each year with increase in age of coffee plants. Average yield reported in the study area was 1619.8kg/ha which was sold at an average price of 191.25 Rs./kg.

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