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# A comparative cost of cultivation of major crops grown in South Gujarat for KCCs and Non – KCCs farmers

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**ABSTRACT :** This study was undertaken to determine on a comparative cost of cultivation of major crops grown in South Gujarat for KCCs and non –KCCs farmers 2016-17. The study was based on the information obtained from 80 KCC holders and 80 Non-KCC holders selected from two districts viz., Navsari and Surat of South Gujarat. The results revealed that per hectare cost of cultivation of KCC farmers for paddy, sugarcane, sorghum and chilli was found to be Rs. 52880 /ha, Rs. 189212 /ha, Rs. 31377 /ha and Rs. 55239 /ha, respectively. The cost of cultivation for non- KCC farmers for paddy, sugarcane, sorghum and chilli was found to be Rs. 50900 /ha, Rs. 182980 /ha, Rs. 29581 /ha and Rs. 51680 /ha, respectively. The cost of cultivation is more for KCC farmers as against Non-KCC farmers. The net returns obtained by KCC farmers for paddy, sugarcane, sorghum and chilli was found to be Rs. 10908 /ha, Rs. 60046 /ha, Rs. 6577 /ha and Rs. 23923 /ha, respectively. The net returns obtained by Non-KCC farmers for paddy, sugarcane, sorghum and chilli was found to be Rs. 8790 /ha, Rs. 55420 /ha, Rs. 6062 /ha and Rs. 21304 /ha, respectively. The net returns are more for KCC farmers as against Non-KCC farmers.

**KEY WORDS:** KCCs, Cost of cultivation, Paddy, Sugarcane, Sorghum, Chilli

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