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# Socio-economic characteristics and suggestions of the women members of farmers- scientists forum in dairy farming

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**SUMMARY :** The Kolhapur district is one of the unique district of Maharashtra having fertile land and high potentialities for the dairy development. There are, five major co-operative milk unions working in the Kolhapur district having total milk collection are 15-lack lits/day. In this district, the efforts of women contribute a lot in the production of milk. Hence, it is imperative to study the dairy occupation run by women farmers. The study was undertaken in purposively selected Kolhapur district of the Maharashtra State in the year 2008-2009. All the 60 women members of the Farmers-Scientists Forum working under National Agricultural Research Project, Shenda Park, Kolhapur were treated as a sample of the study. More than half of the respondents (55.00 %) having age from 36 to 50 years and secondary education. Majority (61.67 %) of the respondents are having medium sized family. Majority (68.34% ) of the respondents are having milch animals up to 3. 26.67 per cent respondents are having H.F. breed of cow and 75.00 per cent of them had Pandharpuri breed of buffalo. A semen of Pandharpuri bull should be made available at village level (58.33 % ) is the major suggestion.

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