

## RESEARCH ARTICLE:

## Prospects for doubling of milk production in Kolhapur district

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**SUMMARY:** In the present paper an attempt is made to assess the prospect ansd doubling of milk production in Kolhapur district. For present investigation secondary data is obtained from Department of agriculture Kolhapur district, Socio-economic review and district statistical abstract of the Kolhapur District. Kolhapur district is leading in milk production in Maharashtra state. There is a strong Dairy cooperative structure, with a well-built infrastructure in the form of more than 4446 Co-Operative Dairy Societies with 3.77 lakh Members of Co-operative dairy societies and 4 Dudh sangh spread throughout the district total milk production and Milk collection of the Kolhapur district is 399101and 312927 thousand liters, respectively. Highest milk production is mainly concentrated in the central and eastern part of the district, the area of Karveer, Radhanagri, Panhala Bhudargad and Kagal tahsils where climatic condition is suitable and agricultural development is more than other tahsils of the district. Karveer (18.57 %), (Hatkanangle (16.15 %), (Ghadhinglaj (9.88 %) and (less contribution of the Ajara (3.65 %), (Shahuwadi (4.54 %) and (Bhudargad (4.54 %), (respectively. Besides the efforts made by innovative farmers in the region, favorable climatic condition, efficient and reliable marketing organizations are also some of the other contributing factors responsible like Proper management and maintains, Supply of input in chip rate because of high cost of feed (85-90%), Availability of veterinary doctor in each village, Supply of artificial insemination daily in each village for wides preadand growth milk production of the region. For increasing the milk percow with the help of proper management and proper feed to the animal in the Kolhapur district.

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