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Socio- economic characteristics/status of farm community in district Prayagraj of Eastern Uttar Pradesh

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Abstract : This study is an attempt to understand the socio-economic characteristics of farmers and relationship between education and farming experience in Prayagraj district of Eastern-Uttar Pradesh. For, the present study primary data were collected on various parameters by using personal interview/enquiry method for the period of 2019-2020 from the selected 12 villages and 240 respondents spread over two blocks Jasra (Jamunapar) and Soraon (Gangapar) of Prayagraj district by survey method using interview schedule. Also chi square test has been applied to see the relationship between education and farming experience as dependent and independent variables in the study area. The result of the research study indicated thatmore than half of the respondents (57.08%) were in middle age groups (36 to 50 years), which shows that they are in their productive and economically active age and capable of producing major crops, which increases their growth. Majority of 92.08 per cent of the respondents surveyed were found married, 41.66 per cent of the respondents had high school level of education. Whereas, 47.50 per cent households belongs to other backward caste, 58.75 per cent of the respondents had more than 15 to 30 years of farming experiences, 21.20 per cent of farmers doing Farming+ Animal husbandry as their occupation, less than half of the respondents (43.33%) was found in medium size family (6-8 members), more than half of the respondents (57.91%) living in nuclear family, majority of farmers 79.58 per cent have pucca houses, more than half of the respondents (57.91%) holding marginal land holding (< 1 hectare) and there is significant relationship between the education of farmers and farming experience.

Key Words : Socio-economic, Characteristics, Social status, Prayagraj farmer, Agriculture

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