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Study the knowledge of post-harvest practices followed by vegetable growers and the problems faced by vegetable growers

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Abstract : Vegetable development depends not only on production but also on post-harvest management and marketing system. Vegetable cultivation being labour intensive can substantially increase employment avenues too. Large number of researches are done particularly in extension education is in the area of pomology and agronomical crops. Among 14 tahsils of Ahmednagar district Akole tahsil was selected according to maximum tribal area. Out of 191 villages of Akole tahsil 10 villages were selected for present study. A total of 12 vegetable growers from each village with minimum 1 acre area under major vegetable were selected randomly. Hence, in all 10 villages and 120 respondents were selected for the present study. majority of vegetable growers faced the problem of non-availability of fertilizers at reasonable price and lack of knowledge about calculation of fertilizer dose requirement (80.83%). Followed by non-availability of fertilizers at reasonable price and lack of knowledge about calculation of fertilizer dose requirement problem of market price fluctuation and unassured prices (77.50%), non-availability of quality seeds and planting material (75.83%), lack of proper knowledge about plant protection (70.83%).

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