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Costs, returns and profitability of dryland farming system as a whole in Nanded of Maharashtra

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ABSTRACT

Investigation regarding dryland farming system was carried out during the year 2013-2014. About 48 dryland farms were randomly selected from sixteen villages of two tehsils of Nanded district of Maharashtra. Data were collected by personal interview method by using pretested schedule. Data were related to all crops and livestocks on dryland farming system. The result revealed that area under all crops was 4.41 hectares in which shares of cotton crop was 24.94 per cent. Net profit from all crops was Rs. 66610.02 in which the share of cotton was 37.10 per cent. Net profit all livestocks was Rs. 42308.51 in which shares of crossbred cow was found to be 47.56 per cent. Thus, in relation to dryland farm business as a whole, net profit was found to be Rs. 108918.53. Regarding per hectare efficiency, soybean crop showed the highest output input ratio as compared to other crops in dryland farming system.

KEY WORDS: Dryland, Per field, Per hectare, Cost-C, Gross return, Net profit

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