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Reasons for shifting over to organic farming and problems faced by paddy growers under organic farming in Tungabhadra command area of Karnataka

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ABSTRACT : Rice is one of the important food crops, 60 per cent of the world population and 80 per cent of Asian population depend on rice as their staple food. Organic farming is practiced in India since thousands of years. The great Indian civilization thrived on organic farming and was one of the most prosperous countries in the world, till the British ruled it. In traditional India, the entire agriculture was practiced using organic techniques, where the fertilizers, pesticides etc. were obtained from plant and animal products. In this regard, the present study is an attempt for problems faced by paddy growers under organic farming in Tungabhadra Command Area in Karnataka state. The study revealed that, it was observed that majority of the sample farmers expressed non-availability of labour as the major problem, followed by problem of non-availability of information on organic farming, non-availability of organic manures, non-availability of biopesticides, limited and irregular power supply, non-availability of seed material, incidence of pests and diseases and non-availability of water for irrigation as the major problems in production of paddy organically.

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