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Cost of cultivation of *Kharif* groundnut in Sabarkantha district of Gujarat state

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ABSTRACT : A study was conducted on 108 farmers of Talod and Himatnagar talukas of Sabarkantha district of Gujarat state for estimating the cost of groundnut production. Multistage stratified random sampling technique was adopted to select the farmers. The requisite data were collected through personal interviews with the farmers with the help of pre-tested comprehensive schedules related to *Kharif* groundnut crop for the year 2012-13. Net income over cost-C₂ was the highest for large farmers followed by medium farmers and small farmers. The total cost and gross return over cost-A, cost-B, cost-C₁ and cost-C₂ of small farmers was highest and decreased with increase in the size of holding.

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