



**Research Paper**

## Costs, returns and profitability of cashewnut in South- Goa district of Goa state

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**ABSTRACT :** Investigation was carried out during the year 2014-15. In all 48 cashewnut growers were randomly selected from sixteen villages of two tehsils in South-Goa district of Goa State. Cross sectional data were collected from cashewnut growers with the help of pretested schedule by personal interview method. Data were related to cashewnut output and inputs like machine labour, manure, fertilizers, irrigation and family human labour as resources. Cost concepts function was fitted to the data. The result revealed that, Cost-C was Rs. 106258.22 in cashewnut production. Among the various items of expenditure, the proportionate share of rental value of land was predominant as 31.01 per cent followed by family human labour (14.04%), hired human labour (13.34%), manure (8.00%) and amortized cost (6.80%), respectively. It was observed that gross return was obtained Rs. 197806.98 and net profit was Rs. 91548.76 in cashewnut production. Output- input ratio found to be 1.86 that means when 1 rupee spent on cashewnut production it would lead to give return of Rs. 1.86. It inferred that cashewnut production was profitable enterprise in Goa state.

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