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# Costs, returns and profitability of summer groundnut in Hingoli district of Maharashtra

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**ABSTRACT :** Present study was conducted during 2011-12 in Hingoli district of Maharashtra. About 96 summer groundnut growers were randomly selected with area under groundnut. They were stratified into two groups like TAG-24 and SB-11 summer groundnut growers. Data were collected by personal interview method with the help of pretested schedule. Data were related to costs, returns and profitability of summer groundnut. The results revealed that per hectare groundnut required higher quantity of irrigation and hired human labour on both TAG-24 and SB-11 groundnut farms. Per hectare cost of cultivation of TAG-24 was Rs. 84818.47 while that of SB-11 was Rs. 83123.46. Gross returns from TAG-24 and SB-11 were Rs. 137411.83 and Rs. 99312.74, respectively. It was observed that, farm business income was Rs. 82098.70 and Rs. 43600.58 from TAG-24 and SB-11, respectively. Per quintal cost of groundnut production was higher as Rs. 3668.35 for SB-11 groundnut, while that was Rs. 2654.57 for TAG-24 groundnut. TAG-24 was higher profitable than SB-11. Output-input ratio of TAG-24 was 1.62 while that of SB-11 was 1.19.

**KEY WORDS :** Groundnut, Gross return, Profitability

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