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Costs, returns and profitability of wheat in Latur district of Maharashtra

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ABSTRACT : The present study was conducted during 2011-12 in Latur district of Maharashtra. About 96 wheat growers were randomly selected with area under wheat was stratified into three groups like small (<0.40 ha), medium (>0.40 to <0.80ha) and large (>0.80ha). Data were collected by personal interview method with the help of pretested schedule. Data were related to costs, returns and profitability of wheat. The results revealed that per hectare cost of cultivation of wheat was the highest as Rs. 42626.83 on the medium followed that of the large farm (Rs. 40693.89) and the small farm (Rs. 37850.03). At overall level, cost-C was Rs. 40390.25. Gross return was Rs. 50428.51 on the medium farm followed by Rs. 46817.86 and Rs. 45706.42 on the large and the small farms, respectively. At overall level, gross return was Rs. 47650.93 on wheat farm. It was observed that, farm business income on the small farm was Rs. 24007.76 followed by Rs. 21561.43 on the medium farm and Rs. 16774.94 on the large farm. Net profit was also decreasing with an increasing the farm size. Per quintal cost of production was the lowest as Rs. 1291.46 on the small farm followed by Rs. 1327.36 and Rs. 1372.60 on the medium and the large farms, respectively. At overall level, per quintal cost of production was Rs. 1330.47. At overall level, net profit was Rs. 7260.68 per hectare. Output-input ratio was 1.18 at overall level.

KEY WORDS : Wheat, Per hectare, Cost, Gross return, Net profit

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