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Economics of production of banana in Kolhapur district of Maharashtra

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ABSTRACT : The area under Banana in Kolhapur district is increasing day by day due to congenial good soil and climatic condition for banana cultivation and more water availability of banana. The present study is undertaken with following specific objectives. The data was collected for the year 2012-13. The ACGR for area, production and productivity of banana in the Kolhapur district for the period from 2003-04 to 2012-13 were estimated to 7.72, 6.08 and -1.29 per cent per annum, respectively. At the overall level, the per hectare use of human labour and manure were 249.82 man days and 261.17 qtls., respectively. The per hectare cost of cultivation was Rs. 2,72,876.10. The major items of cost were rental value of owned land (34.39 %), seedlings (17.42 %) and human labour (9.18 %), and interest on fixed capital (0.21 %). The percentage of cost A and cost B in the total cost of cultivation were 63.10 and 97.71 per cent, respectively. The benefit cost ratio was 2.07 indicating profitability of crop.

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