

Constraints Influencing Profitability of Agriculture by Tenant Farmers in Andhra Pradesh

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ABSTRACT

This paper examines the profitability and constraints influencing the profitability of agriculture by tenant farmers. Response Priority Index (RPI) is a tool utilized for analysing the responses which have been collected from the farmers and given ranks based on highest priority to the responses of constraints. The present study has been conducted in three districts of Andhra Pradesh viz., Srikakulam, West Godavari and Kurnool. Sorghum from field crops, chilli, cotton and tobacco from cash crops and maize + red gram intercropping were found more profitable than other crops in Andhra Pradesh. The main constraints of the farmers identified were escalation of input costs, non availability of labour, market facilities, lower price for produce, higher rental values, non availability of credit and insurance. Findings from the study suggested that cropping pattern with diversity and use of optimum quantity of inputs needed to improve the profitability. Inputs should be availed mostly with subsidy for the required quantity. Proper regulation in rental values is needed. Government should focus on improvement of market and financial facilities to surpass the distress sales and there is a need to establish a formal agreement between tenant farmer and owner of the land to overcome the problems in availing facilities of credit, insurance etc.

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