

Constraints Faced by Farmers in Agriculture during COVID-19 Pandemic

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ABSTRACT

The present study determines the key constraints faced by the farmers during COVID-19 pandemic. In this context, the data was collected from a sample of 120 farmers was interviewed from Srikakulam district of Andhra Pradesh to analyze the various constraints faced by the farmers during COVID-19 pandemic. Constraints faced by the farmers were ranked on the basis of frequency and percentage. The findings revealed that production constraints like difficult to access farm machinery (95.83%), delayed harvest (95.83%), inadequate labour (95.00%), restricted availability and access to inputs (85.83%) as the major constraints. Difficulty in selling crop produce in the market (97.50%), harvested the crop but could not market it (68.33%), surge in input cost (72.50%), delayed payments for the produce sold (59.17%), inaccessible institutional credit (45.00%) were the major marketing and financial constraints faced by the farmers.

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