

# **Economic Analysis of Post-Harvest Losses of Chickpea in Prakasam District of Andhra Pradesh.**

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## **ABSTRACT**

The post-harvest losses have been estimated at different stages in chickpea in prakasam district of Andhra Pradesh using the survey data collected from 80 farmers, 20 wholesalers and 20 retailers during 2016-17. Tabular analysis has been used to estimate the post-harvest losses at different stages, and multiple linear regression has been used to assess the influence of socio-economic factors on postharvest losses at the farm level. The postharvest losses at the farm level have been estimated to be 7.26 kg / q. The losses have been highest during harvesting. Weather, transportation and timely labour availability were the factors that influenced the post-harvest losses significantly at the farm level. Major constraints in post harvest management of chickpea were identified and some policy implications have been highlighted.

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