

# **Economics of Rice Cultivation in West Godavari District of Andhra Pradesh**

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## **ABSTRACT**

The present study is based on economic analysis of paddy production with the objectives to work out the cost and returns of paddy and also constraints in production and marketing of rice in the study area. It was found that the total cost of cultivation per hectare has been increased with the increase in the size of the holdings from Rs. 72,200.22 for small farmers to Rs. 77,007 for large farmers. The gross returns obtained also increased with increase in farm size from Rs. 85,120 for small farmers to Rs.1,01,388 for large famers. The major constraints in production and marketing of rice were low price for produce followed by MSP after official and unofficial cut, marginal size of holding leading to lesser production and lack of drainage facilities.

**Key words:** *Costs and returns of rice, Production and marketing constraints.*