

Economic Analysis and Production Constraints of Rice Fallow Maize in Guntur District of Andhra Pradesh

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ABSTRACT

Maize, the queen of the coarse cereals, cultivation has been steadily increasing in many parts of Andhra Pradesh, particularly as a rice fallow crop. The study reveals that human labour cost followed by fertilizers and irrigation are the major cost in maize production. The farm income measures proved that the medium and large farms are more viable than small farms. The Kendall's coefficient showed that high cost of fertilizers and pesticides, non-availability of credit in time and the forced sales for debt payment were the major constraints.

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