

Training Needs of Paddy Farmers in Guntur District of Andhra Pradesh

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ABSTRACT

The study was conducted in Guntur district of Andhra Pradesh to identify the training needs of the paddy farmers. A list of 14 major areas of training needs in relation to improved package of practices of paddy cultivation was prepared. Findings revealed that majority Direct sowing of paddy (2.73), Improved varieties of seeds and Plant protection measures (2.67), were the top most training needs and the least training need was identified in the subject related to nursery raising. With regard to days of training majority of the farmers (53.33 %) were willing for the short course of 1-3 days, followed by (33.33%) for 4-7 days, 7-15 days (10%) and a mere 3.33 per cent for more than 15 days. With respect to time of training maximum paddy farmers (66.67 %) opined for Kharif season for training followed by Rabi (33.33 %) season. As far as place of training is concerned 60.00 Per cent of farmers preferred in their own village for training, followed by agricultural college (40%).

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