

Effect of Master Trainer Training Programme on Chickpea Farmers' Knowledge and Adoption levels

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ABSTRACT

The study was conducted in Prakasam District of Andhra Pradesh during 2012. The investigation included 50 chickpea farmers trained under master trainers training programmes from three villages. The knowledge and adoption levels of the trainees were assessed before and after conducting training programmes. The study revealed that majority of the respondents (62.00%) had high knowledge in post knowledge training, whereas only 10.00 per cent of them had high knowledge in pre training knowledge test. More than fifty (52.00%) of the farmers were in high adoption group in post training compared to 6.00 per cent in pre training test. The major constraints expressed by chickpea farmers were non- availability of quality seed of improved cultivar (84.00%), high seed price (76.00%), high pest infestation (68.00%), High disease infestation (62.00%), low market price (56.00%), susceptibility to storage pests (52.00%) and high cost of cultivation (46.00%)

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