

A Study on Viability of Tenant Farming in Rayalaseema Region of Andhra Pradesh

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ABSTRACT

The study was conducted in Kurnool district of Andhra Pradesh. The total cost of cultivation per hectare for *kharif* paddy, *kharif* sorghum, *rabi* paddy and *rabi* bengal gram was Rs 85,609.00, Rs 40,068.28, Rs 65,295.90 and Rs 46,401.32 on owned farms respectively and it was Rs 81,216.11, Rs 37,452.97, Rs 63,423.36 and Rs 44,184.07 on the tenant farms for the corresponding crops. The proportion of working costs in the total cost ranged from 56.14 per cent to 65.86 per cent on owned farms and 57.36 to 66.48 per cent on tenant farms for the crops under study. The returns per rupee of investment were estimated. They stood at Rs 0.25, Rs 0.26, Rs 0.39 and Rs 0.22 on owned farms and Rs 0.32, Rs 0.36, Rs 0.46 and Rs 0.30 on tenant farms for the above crops.

Key words : Cost of cultivation, Returns, Tenant farms, Owned farms.