

An analytical study on the selected profile characteristics of tenant farmers in Guntur district of Andhra Pradesh

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ABSTRACT

The present study was conducted during 2024–25 using an ex-post facto research design in Guntur district of Andhra Pradesh, with a purposive sample of 120 tenant farmers. The study aimed to analyze the profile characteristics of tenant farmers, including age, education, family type and size, leased landholding, farming experience, training received, tenancy duration, occupation, access to credit and financial services, annual income, extension contact, mass media exposure, social participation, scientific orientation, and risk orientation. The results revealed that majority of tenant farmers (56.67%) were middle-aged, while less than one-third (27.50%) had complete high school education. Most of the respondents (76.67%) belonged to nuclear families and cultivated small-size leased landholdings (50.00%). Nearly half of the farmers (46.67%) had medium farming experience and 61.67% had received 1–3 trainings. A significant proportion (62.50%) engaged in annual tenancy agreements. Agriculture was the primary occupation (50.00%) of the respondents. Moneylenders constituted the major source of credit (33.33%). The majority of tenant farmers had medium levels of annual income (67.50%), extension contact (54.16%), mass media exposure (55.84%), social participation (58.33%), scientific orientation (58.33%) risk orientation (45.84%).

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