

DIFFICULTIES OF FARMERS PRACTICING ORGANIC FARMING IN KARNATAKA AND THEIR ACHIEVEMENT MOTIVATION (n-ACH)

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ABSTRACT

The study was conducted in the Eastern Dry Zone (EDZ) of Karnataka state during the year 2013 to know the achievement motivation of farmers practicing organic farming and to document their difficulties. The findings show that 43.12 percent of the respondents had high level of achievement motivation and 34.38 percent of respondents had medium level of achievement motivation. The major difficulties expressed by the farmers relating to organic farming were, recommended Bio-control practices are of high cost and not effective in controlling pests, scarcity of FYM and other organic manures, lack of market information and market access, non availability of recommended package of practice and laborious process involved in application of organic practices, difficulties in getting the organic manures compared to the chemical fertilizers, which can be bought easily, insufficient training, non-availability of skilled labours, lack of minimum support price for the organic products, non availability of required quantity of Neem seed kernel, farmers were not sure whether all the nutrients with the required quantities can be made available by the organic materials.

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