Economics of production of papaya in Maharashtra, India

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ABSTRACT
Papaya (Carica papaya L) is not only a source of food but has many use in industry and medicine. A survey was conducted in Hingoli district of Maharashtra in the year 2004-05 to study economics of production of papaya in Maharashtra. Data were collected from 60 papaya growers. Most of the papaya growers were in middle age group (45.6 per cent) and their main occupation was agriculture. The highest expensive item of expenditure was rental value of land (31.28 per cent) followed by human labour (14.45 per cent), followed by bullock labour (9.04 per cent), interest on working capital (6.85 per cent), irrigation (5.72 per cent) and family labour (5.79 per cent) the per hactore cost of cultivation of cost ‘C’ was Rs.147787.63. The net profit was Rs.129754.77. Papaya cultivation was profitable venture in the state. Per quintal cost of production of papaya fruit was found to be Rs.140.16

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