ABSTRACT
The study was undertaken in Kashmir valley of Jammu and Kashmir state, to investigate the economics of saffron production. Results revealed that the gross expenditure of crop during 5 years planting cycle of saffron was Rs: 4,31,185 per hectare of land because of high establishment cost in first year and the gross returns in the planting cycle of 5 years were Rs: 23,66,000. The net profit per annum was calculate Rs: 3,86,963/ha if saffron is sold @ Rs: 230/gram and average net profit per year per kanal of land was Rs: 19,348.15 including seed corms which were obtained after completion of 5 years were projected for Kashmiri saffron.

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