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TRAINING NEEDS ANALYSIS FOR CERTIFIED ORGANIC GROWERS IN TAMIL NADU ON ORGANIC AGRICULTURAL PRACTICES

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Abstract: To protect the health of soils, ecosystems, and people, organic agriculture is a production system that relies on biological processes, biodiversity, and cycles that are adapted to local conditions rather than requiring harmful chemical inputs. The purpose of this study was to identify the training needs of organic growers in Tamil Nadu on organic farming practices. The study took place in the Tamil Nadu districts of Coimbatore, Erode and Tiruppur. A total of 180 farmers were selected as a sample. The respondents were interviewed in person using a well-structured and pre-tested interview schedule. The data were evaluated using the statistical methods, cumulative frequency and descriptive statistics. A total of 17 variables were selected for the study. Most of the organic growers had a college education, had extensive experience in organic farming, medium to high number of livestock ownership, medium to high contacts to extension agency, and a positive perception of organic farming. Most of the organic farmers (65.00 percent) opted for training on value addition. Furthermore, the results show that a significant proportion of respondents in the study area require technical training in organic input preparation, marketing, plant protection, and the organic certification procedure. Scientists, development workers, planners, and policymakers all work in the best interests of organic farmers; organic farmers will undoubtedly recognize these services and employ the recommended training subject matter in organic farming practices.

Key words: Development, Organic farming, Training need, Value addition, Subject matter.

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