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AN ANALYSIS ON PRODUCTION AND MARKETING OF TURMERIC AND CHILLI IN ERODE DISTRICT

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ABSTRACT

The study deals with the Production and marketing of Turmeric and Chilli and Chilli in Erode district. The Turmeric and Chilli growers suffering with problems on various aspects like monsoon failures, lacks of technology, storage problem, problems with private vendors and intermediaries. To study the factors influencing production and marketing of Turmeric and Chilli. Descriptive research is used for the study and sampling is done based on simple stratified random sampling. The data required for study is collected through questionnaire. The collected data is analytical by Chi-square test. Based on analysis and interpretation of the data, the findings, suggestions and conclusions are given for their improvement.

KEYWORDS

Turmeric, Chilli, Erode, Production, Marketing.

INTRODUCTION

ndia is famous for its spices (Turmeric and Chilli) that are widely used in industries like pharmaceutical, perfumery and cosmetics. Indian spices are one of the major suppliers of Turmeric and Chilli to a large number of countries. The Indian Turmeric and Chilli market has shown remarkable growth in Turmeric and Chilli exports. Indian Turmeric and Chilli producers are making substantial efforts to improve the quality of Turmeric and Chilli backed up by technological advancement in order to tap the international market.

STATEMENT OF THE PROBLEM

The Turmeric and Chilli growers suffering with problems on various aspects like monsoon failures, lacks of technology, storage problem, problems with private vendors and intermediaries. Generally the Turmeric and Chilli growers are cultivating varieties of Turmeric and Chilli depending on the soil conditions. Due to poor literacy, they are very weak in marketing their products. The majority of Turmeric and Chilli growers depend only on intermediaries to sell out their products.

OBJECTIVES

- 1. To study the socio economic factors influencing production and marketing of Turmeric and Chilli.
- 2. To study the ways and means to increase the productivity and effective marketing.

REVIEW OF LITERATURE

- 1. Sriraman and Balasubramanian (1969) in this report examined the production and marketing of Turmeric and Chilli in madras state in comparison with other states. Further they analysed the price behaviour of Turmeric and Chilli in the whole sale and retail markets of the state. They also evaluated the performance of imports and exports of Turmeric and Chilli. The report covered all the aspects of production and marketing including of marketing and processing.
- 2. Dr. I. Satya Sundaram (2000) Says that India Produces 63 varieties of Spices on Two million hectares with value exceeding Rs.42000 million (two million tonnes a year). However, only a small quantity is exported as the bulk of the produce is meant for domestic consumption our domestic market for spices is big total estimated production in 1997-98 was at 3.0 million tonnes with an annual growth rate of 10 percent and with limited scope for area expansion (2,359 million hectare). The world trade in spices by 2001 is projected to be 6,25,000 tonnes value at 83 billion. But, quantity wise. This is only 15.56 percent of the Indian production envisaged (4.018 million tonnes).

TABLE NO. 1: EDUCATION OF THE RESPONDENTS AND QUANTITY OF TURMERIC AND CHILLI PRODUCED

S.No	Education	No. of Respondent	%	Average	Range	9	S.D
					Min	Max	
1.	Illiterate	416	41.6%	1854.79	234	6986	1152.35
2.	S.S.L.C	249	24.9%	1771.06	231	6343	1032.69
3.	H.S.C	160	16.0%	1716.17	234	3754	830.16
4.	Graduate	175	17.5%	1598.71	123	5853	943.00
	Total	1000	100.0%				

It could be seen from the above table that the quantity of Turmeric and Chilli produced by illiterate respondents ranged between 234 and 6986 Kgs with and average of 1854.79 Kgs. The respondents who have acquired upto S.S.L.C level of education have produced the Turmeric and Chilli ranged between 231 and 6343 Kgs with an average of 1771.60 Kgs. The quantity of Turmeric and Chilli produced by the respondents, who have studied up to higher secondary level of education 234 and 3754 Kgs, with an average of 1716.17 Kgs. On the other hand the graduate category of respondents has produced the Turmeric and Chilli ranged between 123 and 5853 Kgs with an average of 1598.71 Kgs. From the analysis it is inferred that illiterate agriculturalist have produced maximum quantity of Turmeric and Chilli than the school level educated and collegiate level educated respondents.

With a view to find the degree of association between educational qualification of the respondents and quantity of Turmeric and Chilli produced, a two way table was prepared and presented below.

TABLE NO. 2: EDUCATION AND QUANTITY OF TURMERIC AND CHILLI PRODUCED (TWO-WAY TABLE)

S.No	Education	Quantity of Tu	Total		
		Low Medium		High	
1.	Illiterate	185(38.86)	176(42.61)	55(49.54)	416
2.	S.S.L.C	120(25.21)	102(24.49)	27(24.32)	249
3.	H.S.C	70(14.71)	77(18.64)	13(11.71)	160
4.	Graduate	101(21.22)	58(14.09)	16(14.43)	175
	Total	476	413	111	1000

It is learned from the above table that the percentage of high quantity of Turmeric and Chilli produced was the highest of (49.54%) among the respondents illiterate category and the same was the lowest (11.71%) among the respondents have been higher secondary level of education. The percentage of medium level quantity of Turmeric and Chilli produced was the highest (42.61%) among the respondents illiterate category and the same was the lowest (14.06%) among the respondents have been collegiate level education. On the other hand, the percentage of low quantity of Turmeric and Chilli produced was the highest (38.86%) among the respondents of illiterate category and same was the lowest (14.71%) among the respondents have been higher secondary level of education.

In order to find the relationship between respondents educational qualification and the quantity of Turmeric and Chilli produced by them, a Chi-Square test was employed and the result is shown in the following table.

H_o: There is no significant relationship between educational qualification of the respondents and quantity of Turmeric and Chilli produced.

H₁: There is a significant relationship between educational qualification of the respondents and quantity of Turmeric and Chilli produced.

TABLE NO. 3: EDUCATION AND QUANTITY OF TURMERIC AND CHILLI PRODUCED (TWO-WAY TABLE)

Factor	Calculated Chi-Square value	Table Value	Table Value	Remarks
Education	13.447	12.592	6	Significant at 5% level

It is identified from the above table that the calculated Chi-Square value is greater than the table value and the result is significant at 5% level. Hence, the hypothesis, "respondents educational qualification and the quantity of Turmeric and Chilli produced" are associated, holds good. From this analysis it is concluded that there is a close relationship between respondents educational qualification and quantity of Turmeric and Chilli produced.

TABLE NO. 4: AREA OF LAND ALLOCATED FOR TURMERIC AND CHILLI CULTIVATION AND QUANTITY OF TURMERIC AND CHILLI PRODUCED

S.No	Land allocation	No. of Respondent	%	Average	Range		S.D
					Min	Max	
1.	Below 2.5-acres	773	77.3%	1342.21	123	4743	516.60
2.	2.5-5 acres	186	18.6%	2849.46	567	5676	605.24
3.	Above 5 acres	41	4.1%	4863.90	1634	6986	1264.91
	Total	1000	100.0%				

The above table reveals that the quantity of Turmeric and Chilli produced by the respondents who have allocated below 2.5 acres of land between 123 and 4743 Kg with an average of 1342.21 Kgs. Similarly the respondents who have allocated 2.5 to 5 acres land have produced the Turmeric and Chilli ranged between 567 and 5676 Kgs with an average of 2849.46 Kgs. On the other hand the respondents who have allocated above 5 acres of land of Turmeric and Chilli cultivation have produced the Turmeric and Chilli ranges between 1634 and 6986 Kgs with an average of 4839.90 Kgs. From the analysis, it is concluded that, the respondents who have allocated above 5 acres of land for cultivation of Turmeric and Chilli have produced maximum quantity of Turmeric and Chilli in the study area.

With a view to find the degree of association between area of land allocated for Turmeric and Chilli cultivation and quantity of Turmeric and Chilli produced, a two-way table was prepared and is shown in the following table.

TABLE NO. 5: AREA OF LAND ALLOCATED FOR TURMERIC AND CHILLI CULTIVATION AND QUANTITY OF TURMERIC AND CHILLI PRODUCED (TWO-WAY TABLE)

S.	Land allocation	Quantity of Tu	Total		
No		Low	Medium	High	
1.	Below 2.5 acres	469(98.53)	293(70.94)	11(9.91)	773
2.	2.5-5 acres	7(1.47)	118(28.57)	61(54.95)	186
3.	Above 5 acres		2(0.49)	39(35.14)	41
	Total	476	413	111	1000

It is highlighted from the above table that the percentage of high volume of Turmeric and Chilli produced was the highest (54.95%) among the respondents cultivating 2.5 to 5 acres and the same was the lowest (9.91%) among the respondents who have allocated below 2.5 acres for Turmeric and Chilli cultivation. The percentage of medium quantity of Turmeric and Chilli produced was the highest (70.94%) among the respondents who have allocated below 2.5 acres for Turmeric and Chilli cultivation and same was the lowest (0.49%) among the respondents who have allocated above 5 acres of land for Turmeric and Chilli cultivation. On the other hand, the percentage of low quantity of Turmeric and Chilli produced was the highest (98.53%) among the respondents who have allocated below 2.5 acres of land for Turmeric and Chilli cultivation and the same was the lowest among the respondents who have allocated above 5 acres of land.

In order to find the relationship between area of land allocated for Turmeric and Chilli cultivation and the quantity of Turmeric and Chilli produced, a Chi-Square test was used and the result of the test is shown in the following table.

Ho: There is no significant relationship between area of land allocated for Turmeric and Chilli cultivation and quantity of Turmeric and Chilli produced.

H₁: There is a significant relationship between area of land allocated for Turmeric and Chilli cultivation and quantity of Turmeric and Chilli produced.

TABLE NO. 6: AREA OF LAND ALLOCATED FOR TURMERIC AND CHILLI CULTIVATION AND QUANTITY OF TURMERIC AND CHILLI PRODUCED (CHI-SQUARE TEST)

Factor	Calculated Chi-Square value	Table Value	Table Value	Remarks
Land allocated	564.614	13.277	4	Significant at 1% level

It is noted from the above table that the calculated Chi-Square value is much greater than the table value and the result is significant at 1% level. Hence, the hypothesis "area of land allocated for Turmeric and Chilli cultivation and quantity of Turmeric and Chilli produced" are associated, holds good. From the analysis, it is inferred that, there is a close relationship between area of land allocated for Turmeric and Chilli cultivation and quantity of Turmeric and Chilli produced.

FINDINGS

1. Education wise analysis highlights that illiterate agriculturist have produced maximum quantity of Turmeric and Chilli than the school level and collegiate level education.

2. While analyzing the area of land allocated for Turmeric and Chilli cultivation, it is found that the respondents who have allocated above five acres of land for cultivation of Turmeric and Chilli have produced maximum quantity in the study area. The chi-square test also shows the relationship between area of land allocated exclusively for Turmeric and Chilli cultivation and quantity of Turmeric and Chilli produced.

SUGGESTIONS

- 1. A sound policy framework for the development of Turmeric and Chilli sector has to focus on two basic objectives (a) to enhance economic efficiency and reduce unit costs; (b) to promote social equity, by making products available to poorer sections at affordable prices. It has to utilize tools available by science and technology for enhancing farm yields and increasing processing efficiency. It should secure greater involvement of the private sector voluntary agencies NGOs in providing services to the farmer, the processor and to the trader. The import tariff policy should strike a sound balance between the promotion of efficient domestic production and the advantage of inexpensive imports. The interests of consumers in terms of reasonable price and quality, cannot be overlooked. In brief, the interests of the farmer, the processor, the trader, the consumer and the exchequer have to be delicately balanced to maximize satisfaction and to minimize costs to all stakeholders as a whole.
- 2. The basic fact of Indian agriculture is that more than three fourths of Indian farmers cultivate two hectares or less, with only one third of their land receiving irrigation and they are mostly risk averse at such margin of subsistence. An energetic farm support policy is called for if the production of any specific crops like Turmeric and Chilli has to be promoted with a judicious mixture of technology extension, input supply and price support for the output.

CONCLUSION

India's Turmeric and Chilli sector faces stiff challenges in increasing the efficiency in several of its sub-sectors: improving the technology in Turmeric and Chilli cultivation and processing, reforms in the marketing of Turmeric and Chilli and products domestically and internationally.

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