

Agriculture in India is livelihood for a majority of the population and can never be underestimated. Although its contribution in the gross domestic product (GDP) has reduced to less than 20 per cent and contribution of other sectors increased at a faster rate, agricultural production has grown. This has made us self-sufficient and taken us from being a begging bowl for food after independence to a net exporter of agriculture and allied products. He reforms towards privatization, liberalization and globalization affected inputs market at a faster pace. Agricultural marketing reforms after 2003 made changes in marketing of agricultural outputs by permitting private investment in developing markets, contract farming and futures trading, etc. Working conditions of agricultural workers, like industrial, are one of the burning issues in a developing region. It is related to agricultural activities of the workers and their socio-economic status. This book provides various information's on Agriculture and its various dimensions.

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DROUGHT READINESS AND ANXIETY OF NEW AND EXPERIENCED INDIAN FARMERS

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Abstract

Indian Farmers continue to suffer regularly from Droughts, as a frequent natural disaster and has profound effect individually and collectively. The mental health effects of natural disaster are well known however anxiety and readiness of likely Drought is less well understood. However, in addition to likely anxiety and readiness there is likelihood of revisiting feelings of loss, grief and hopelessness. This research investigates the experience of Drought anxiety and readiness on experienced Farmers and new Farmers, facing threat of Drought for the first time. Farmers took part in focus group discussions of the likely anxiety and readiness of Drought on themselves, their families and their community in districts of Valsad, Navsari, Surendranagar and Savar kundla, Gujarat, India. In addition to anxiety and readiness related to financial and workloads, Farmers reported experiencing significant anxiety and readiness from the emotional impact of environmental degradation, from loss of hope for the future, and from feelings of being isolated and financially weak. Sample of 60 farmers was selected out of 60, 30 were new farmers and 30 were experienced farmers. All the farmers were at least 20 years of age. It was observed that new and experienced farmers do not show significant difference in Drought anxiety and readiness to face Drought.

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