

Suggestions of organic cotton farming as perceived by the both organic and conventional cotton farmers

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The study brought to surface the valid, reliable and pertinent suggestions expressed by both the organic and conventional cotton farmers on organic cotton farming. The state of Andhra Pradesh and the Telangana region were selected purposively for the study. The district Karimnagar of Telangana region was selected randomly. Ex-post facto research design was followed. A sample of 60 organic and 60 conventional cotton practicing farmers from six villages of two mandals of the district were selected randomly. Farmers were asked to elicit their suggestions under five categories identified for the study. These five categories are- technological, socio-economical, supply, service and marketing, transfer of technology and situational constraints. All the suggestions were ranked based on the percentage of farmers under respective suggestion. The major suggestions offered by organic cotton respondents to overcome the listed problems were more financial credit may be lended to the organic cotton farmers with reasonable interest followed organic inputs should be available in time for effective management of pest population and sufficient number of training programmes should be organised on rouging, weed control, post harvest handling etc. and other market related aspects to build the confidence of farmers on organic farming in cotton crop.

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