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## Economics of buffalo milk production in Parbhani district of Maharashtra state

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The data on selected economic aspects was collected by interviewing the respondent farmers in the year 2012-2013. The total cost of maintenance of a buffalo was worked out to Rs. 38841.87 of which (89.0 per cent) was variable cost and (10.90 per cent) was fixed cost. While gross return worked out to Rs. 60602.85 of which (96.89 Per cent) offered form milk and (1.82 per cent) form dung and (1.29 per cent) was value of heifers. The net profit obtained was Rs. 21760.98. It is observed that, output-input ratio in buffalo milk production was 1.56 which indicated that by investing Rs.1 in buffalo milk production, a net returns of Rs 0.56 were earned by sample farmers. Hence the buffalo milk production was profitable venture on sample farms. The other constraints faced by the farmers in buffalo milk production were inadequate knowledge about balanced feeding, non availability of green fodder around the year, high cost of concentrates, and lack of availability of dry fodder.

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