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Socio-economic study about recommended package of practices of summer groundnut

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SUMMARY : Groundnut oil is an edible oil. It finds extensive use as a cooking medium both as refined oil and vanaspati *Ghee*. It is used in soap making and in manufacturing cosmetics and lubricants, olein, stearin and the raw, roasted or sweetened kernels are also consumed. It is expected that the study provide a feedback to the concerned scientist working in Agricultural Universities, extension functionaries and policy makers of development departments associated with rural development programmes. The present study will also help to extension workers those who are working with the summer groundnut growers in general and plan and transfer of messages about sustainable cultivation. Present study was carried out in 12 villages of Rahuri, Sangamner, Akole, Rahata, Newasa and Shirampur Tahasils of Ahmednagar. The list of summer groundnut growing villages was obtained from Taluka Krishi Adhikari. Two villages from each tehsil that is 12 villages were selected for the study on the basis of area under summer groundnut crop. A total of 10 summer groundnut growers from each village were selected randomly on the basis of area under summer groundnut crop. Hence, in 6 tehsils, 12 villages and 120 respondents were selected for the present study. A majority of the summer groundnut growers were in medium knowledge level about recommended cultivation practices and medium adoption about recommended package of practices. Farmers have lack of knowledge about plant protection (68.33 %). So need based training programme should be arranged by Agriculture Department, Agricultural Universities and NGO's for the summer groundnut to improve their knowledge and skill.

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