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Relationship between Profile of Mango Growers with Level of Awareness and Extent of Adoption about Value Added Techniques

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ABSTRACT

Horticulture crop production has moved from rural confines to commercial ventures and has attracted youth since it has proved to be intellectually satisfying and economically rewarding. Intensifying horticulture has been boosted up by the diversification. In the present days, the food processing sectors play the significant role in diversification of horticultural produce. The present study was conducted in Navsari district of Gujarat in order to ascertain the relationship between selected profile of mango growers with awareness and adoption about value added techniques. A total of 100 mango growers were selected as respondents from ten selected villages of two talukas of Navsari district. The findings of this study reveal that the variable like education, farming experience, social participation, extension contact, market orientation, and scientific orientation of mango growers were found positive and significant association with the level of awareness about value added techniques. While, the variable like education, annual income, social participation, extension contact and economic motivation of mango growers were found positive and significant association with the level of adoption about value added techniques.

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Introduction

The changing scenario encourages private investment, to go for hi-tech horticulture with micro-propagation, protected cultivation, drip irrigation, fertigation, and integrated nutrient and pest management, besides making use of latest post-harvest measures particularly in the case of perishable commodities. As a result, horticulture crop production has moved from rural confines to commercial ventures and has

attracted youth since it has proved to be intellectually satisfying and economically rewarding. For economically benefits, horticultural commodities must be competitive both in quality and price.

To study a relationship between selected characteristics and level of awareness and extent of adoption of mango growers regarding value added techniques.

Materials and Methods

An ex-post-facto research design was used in the present investigation. The study was conducted during April-May 2018 in Navsari district of Gujarat state. The main focus of the investigation is on awareness and adoption of farmers towards value added techniques. Navsari district has six talukas. Out of six talukas, two talukas Navsari and Vansda were selected purposively considering highest number of mango cultivation. Five villages were purposively selected from each selected taluka considering highest number of mango growers. Thus, the total number of villages for the study was ten. Ten farmers were selected randomly from each village and thus, the 100 farmers were selected as respondents. Twelve independent variables of the fruit

growers were measured through respective scales with due modification.

Results and Discussion

The table 1 indicates that the variable like education, farming experience, social participation, extension contact, market orientation, and scientific orientation of mango growers were found positive and significant association with the level of awareness about value added techniques. But age, size of family, land holding, area under mango crop, annual income and economic motivation had not found any relationship. This indicate that there was significant influence of education on awareness of mango growers regarding value added techniques.

Table.1 Relationship between selected characteristics and level of awareness and extent of adoption of mango growers

(n=100)

Sr. No.	Personal characteristics	Correlation coefficient (<i>r</i>)	
		Awareness	Adoption
1	Age	0.240	-0.009
2	Education	0.371**	0.200*
3	Size of family	0.217	0.239
4	Farming experience	0.289**	0.196
5	Land holding	0.392	0.225
6	Area under mango crop	0.272	0.200
7	Annual income	0.201	0.232*
8	Social participation	0.196*	0.243*
9	Extension contact	0.199*	0.302**
10	Market orientation	0.201*	0.207
11	Economic motivation	0.185	0.278**
12	Scientific orientation	0.224*	0.038

* Significant at 5%, ** Significant at 1%

The table indicate that the variable like education, annual income, social participation, extension contact and economic motivation of mango growers were found

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orientation and scientific orientation had not found any relationship. This indicates that there was significant influence of education on adoption of mango growers regarding value added techniques.

In conclusion, the findings of this study reveal that the variable like education, farming experience, social participation, extension contact, market orientation, and scientific orientation of mango growers were found positive and significant association with the level of awareness about value added techniques. While, the variable like education, annual income, social participation, extension contact and economic motivation of mango growers were found positive and significant association with the level of adoption about value added techniques.

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