Economics of production of \textit{kharif} potato in Satara, India

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ABSTRACT
Potato (\textit{Solanum tuberosum}) is one of the most important tuber crops in India. A study was conducted in Satara district of Western Maharashtra. Two tahsils \textit{viz.}, Khatav and Koregaon in Satara district were selected for the study. For selection of the sample cultivators, a list of \textit{kharif} potato growers along with their operational holdings for each of the selected villages was prepared. For each village, the potato growers were categorised into three predetermined classes as, small (0.01 to 2 ha), medium (2.01 to 4.0 ha) and large (above 4 ha.). Eighteen potato growers \textit{i.e.} six for each of the above three predetermined classes were selected randomly from each selected village. Thus the total sample consisted of 90 \textit{kharif} potato growers and 30 potato growers of each small, medium and large size classes of holdings spread over five villages of two tahsils.

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