



Decision Making of Maize Growing Farmers in Punjab State

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Abstract: The study entitled socio-economic characteristics and decision making statements of maize growers in Punjab state with the objectives to study socio-economic characteristics and decision making of maize growers. Five districts from five agro-climatic zones namely Gurdaspur, Rupnagar, Jalandhar, Firozpur and Muktsar were selected, four blocks from each district and further one village from each block was selected randomly. From each village, ten farmers having experience of fifteen year in maize cultivation were selected randomly. Thus, a total of 200 farmers were selected for this study. The data was collected through personal interview method through structured interview schedule. Statistical tools like frequency and percentage, rank and correlation were used to interpret the data. More than half of the respondents were in age group of 30-46 years and half of the respondents used zero tillage sowing method for maize sowing. All the respondents adopted conventional type of farming. More than ¾ of the respondents had their own tractors and farming done on independent decision. Age and farming experience, age and type of farming, operational land holding and source of irrigation, farming experience and practice followed as compared to other farmers.

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