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RESEARCH ARTICLE: Costs, returns and profitability of pomegranate production in Ahmednagar district

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Article Chronicle : Received : 11.07.2017; Accepted : 25.08.2017 **SUMMARY :** Present study was designed to measure input use cost, return and profitability in pomegranate production in Ahmednagar district of Maharashtra State. In present investigation the sample of 32 pomegranate growers were selected from study area which input-output data collected based in the year 2015-16. The results of study revealed that per hectare total cost with regards to pomegranate was Rs. 178936.92 while the contribution of cost-A was 31.38 per cent (Rs.56140) and cost-B was extending of 96.68 per cent (Rs. 172997.86). The different majors of farm income were also estimated at their respective costs, output-input ratio and per quintal cost of production. Gross return was Rs. 425010.94. Per hectare Farm business income, family labour income and net profit were Rs.368870.95, Rs.252013.08 and Rs.246074.02, respectively in pomegranate production. It was inferred that the pomegranate production was more profitable and input-output ratio was 2.37. Per quintal cost of production was Rs. 2459.61 of pomegranate production.

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