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Extent of participation of rural youths in farming: A study in Jorhat district of Assam

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SUMMARY : The study entitled "Extent of participation of rural youths in farming: A study in Jorhat district of Assam" was carried out in Jorhat district of Assam, following Ex-Post-Facto research design. A total of 200 respondents were selected by using multistage purposive cum random sampling technique. The data were collected by means of personal interview schedule during 25th Feb, 2016 - 3rd April, 2016. The findings revealed that majority (49.50%) belonged to the age group of 25-29 years and educated up to middle school level (26.50%) with single type of family (72.00%) and most of them (47.50%) had marginal operational land holding. The main occupation of majority (56.00%) of the respondents' families was farming and annual income for highest percentage of respondents (35.50) ranged between Rs. 160001 - Rs. 260000. The majority of respondents (57.50%) received one day training related to agriculture and majority (94.50%) of respondents had more favourable attitude towards farming and the majority (68.00%) of respondents had medium level of mass media exposure. It was found that majority (52.00%, 49.50% and 49.50%) of respondents had medium level of participation in farm operations, management activities and decision making, respectively.

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