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Quality of life of young awardee farm women of University of Agricultural Sciences, Dharwad

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KEY WORDS: Quality of life, Farm women, Yuva shresta krishi mahile SUMMARY: Indian economy is predominantly rural and agriculture oriented supporting 50 per cent of its population. Increasing population and declining trend in the average size of land holding poses a serious problem to the Indian farmers for maintaining a decent quality of life. Quality of life is the degree to which a person enjoys the important possibilities of his/her life. The ultimate aim of an individual is to lead a happy life. A happy life is one in which the basic needs are met with at least some comforts. The present study deals with the quality of life of young awardee farm women. This study was conducted in Dharwad, Gadag and Haveri districts of Karnataka. The woman who had received Yuva Shresta Krishi Mahile award during 2014-2017 was purposively selected. A total of 60 young awardee farm women were selected as a sample for the study from 17 talukas conferred by the UAS Dharwad. Prestructured interview schedule was used to collect the data. Suitable statistical tools like frequency, percentage and indices were used for analysis of the data. The important findings of the study revealed that, cent per cent of the awardee farm women belonged to young age group (< 35 years) had high school education and from big family size (43.33 %) belonged to joint family (51.67 %), had medium farming experience (60.00%) and had big land holding (38.33%). Around 72.00 per cent of the respondents had high quality of life, 28.33 per cent had medium quality of life and none of the respondents belonged to low quality of life.

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