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Land use pattern and cropping pattern followed by co-operative credit borrowers

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ABST<u>RACT</u>

An empirical study was carried out with an objective to study the land utilization pattern and cropping pattern followed by the cooperative credit borrowers of District Central Co-operative Bank (DCCB) of Parbhani district. In analytical techniques and tabular analysis were carried out which included mean, percentage, frequency and ratio. It was revealed from the study that at overall average level, the total land holding of borrowers under marginal, small, medium and large farmers were 0.84, 1.67, 2.79 and 5.56 ha. for category I, 0.79, 1.71, 2.74 and 5.70 ha. for category II and 0.80, 1.69, 2.77 and 5.61 ha. for category III, respectively. In case of cropping pattern, it was also revealed that in category I, at overall average level wheat occupied the highest area (17.01 %) of the gross cropped area followed by soybean (15.98 %), cotton (13.93 %) and groundnut (12.50 %). On the contrary, in category II and III, soybean occupied highest area followed by wheat, cotton and groundnut.

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