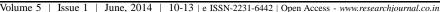
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Economics of production of buffalo milk in vicinity of Parbhani city

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ABSTRACT : The data on selected economic aspects was collected by interviewing the respondent farmers in the year 2012-2013. The total cost of maintenance of a buffalo was worked out to Rs. 38841.87 of which (89.0%) was variable cost and (10.90%) was fixed cost. While gross return worked out to Rs. 60602.85 of which (96.89 %) offered form milk and (1.82%) form dung and (1.29%) was value of heifers. The net profit obtained was Rs. 21760.98. It is observed that, output-input ratio in buffalo milk production was 1.56 which indicated that by investing Rs.1 in buffalo milk production, a net returns of Rs. 0.56 were earned by sample farmers. Hence, the buffalo milk production was profitable venture on sample farms. The other constraints faced by the farmers in buffalo milk production were inadequate knowledge about balanced feeding, non-availability of green fodder around the year, high cost of concentrates, and lack of availability of dry fodder.

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