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ABSTRACT

Tropical fruit cultivation is concerned, about 59 districts of Nepal are cultivating it with view of commercial aspects, and Sindhuli districts climate is also found to be better for the tropical fruit cultivation in Nepal. Sindhuli district is very famous for its production. The main objectives of the study are to analyses the production and price trend of fruits, explore the socio-economic condition of farmers and assess the socio-economic impacts by fruit production on the farmers. In research methodology used different sampling procedure to get exact data. This study is designed in an explorative way. Primary and secondary data collected through various techniques and tools of social science are used to justify the objectives of the study.

Dadiguranse VDCs is one of the suitable areas of tropical fruit cultivation. In these VDCs, many households are related in tropical fruit cultivation. It is the most profitable and favorable types of production practices. It helps to improve the socio-economic condition of farmers, by increasing their real income. The sample households have earned more then Rs 3, 80, 00,000 in 2068 B.S. from fruit production. After fruit production farmers are able to save money for the food security. With their surplus money, they have become able to buy fixed assets seasonal clothes and other goods. They are able to send their children to the school, collage, improve housing condition. They have changed their previous occupation. Their drinking water, sanitation, health condition have been better than before and social and political awareness have been increased. The study that prove, if people are involve in fruit cultivation and production, they can easily improve their socio-economic condition.

The study suggested some recommendation for the concerned agencies for improve the socio-economic life of people and increasing the production of fruits. More over the results of the study suggest that there is suitable climate for tropical fruit production, but many difficult like low price, lack of systematic marketing system, knowledge, transportation and warehouse facility etc are the main problems for the fruit production. But also, this area for tropical fruit cultivation is highly potential area of Sindhuli district. As a result, the farmers employed in this sector are believed would benefit to the optimum extent.

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ACRONYMS

ADB	: Agriculture Development Bank
APROSC	: Agriculture Projects Service Centre
CBS	: Central Bureau of Statistics
DOA	: Department of Agriculture
DFAMS	: Department of Food, Agriculture and Market Service
FAO	: Food and Agriculture Organization
FY	: Fiscal Year
GPD	: Gross Domestic Product
HMG	: His Majesty's Government
INGO	: International Non Government Organization
JICA	: Japan International Co-operative Agency
J.T	: Junior Technician
JTA	: Junior Technician Assistant
KGs	: Kilograms
MOA	: Ministry of Agriculture
MDD	: Mandarin Development Department
NARC	: Nepal Agricultural Research Council
NGO	: Non Government Organization
NPC	: National Planning Commission
SINA	: Statistical Information on Nepalese Agriculture
SUNDP	: United Nations Development Project
VDC	: Village Development Committee
VITOF	: Village Tourism Forum