

## ECONOMIC ANALYSIS OF COST –NET RETURN AND COST BENEFIT RATION OF ONION IN RAJASTHAN

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**Abstract:** Onion is a multi-faced crop; it brings cheers to traders, fear to farmers and tears to consumers. Growing onion demands a set of learnt practices to establish crop. Amongst the states, comparatively farmers of southern states are well equipped with the knowledge base of production practices than the northern plain zone. Problems/ constraints are the challenges that pose threat to production, mostly uncertain. Costs are key driver to ascertain in net farm income. It looks quite small on an individual basis but at aggregate level they add up to total cost. In spite of the fact that onion farming incurs huge cost, the net income from onion cultivation is fairly well in all the states except during the time when there is a glut in market. Onion is an important vegetable crop. There is no kitchen in the world without onion. Taking this into account the study aims to assess and quantify the yield gaps, which is vital in determining the reason less returns, apart from price fluctuation. Much of the yield gap was evidenced in the states with highest production. This uneven production due to wider yield gap directly impacted on the wholesale and retail prices of onion. Thus, the study has been taken within the demarcated objectives and the elucidation of data from the respondents in Rajasthan. The policy measures thus, concluded are recommended based on the facts evidenced from the study.

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