

UTILIZATION OF ICT TOOLS FOR AGRICULTURAL INFORMATION'S BY THE FARMERS IN BANKA DISTRICT OF BIHAR

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ABSTRACT

The study was conducted in Banka District of Bihar to measure the extent of utilization of ICT tools for agricultural information by the farmers in Banka district of Bihar. A total number of 120 respondents were selected purposively from five villages under Barahat block based on the maximum number of ICT users in the district. The data were collected by personnel interview method by using pre structured interview schedule and later appropriate statistical analysis was done to draw logical conclusion. The study revealed that majority 48.3 per cent of the respondent belonged to middle aged group. All the 10 independent variables i.e., age, education, annual income, land holding, family size, occupation, economic motivation, extension contact, risk bearing capacity, progressiveness, were positively and significantly correlated with overall extent of utilization of ICT tools for agricultural information by the farmers. All the independent variables included in the study revealed that majority 46.6 per cent of respondents had low level of utilization of ICT for agricultural information, followed by 33.4 per cent and 20 per cent of respondents with medium and high level of utilization respectively.

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