



ORGANIC AGRO-FARMING IN SIKKIM - A compilation of field survey and reference compendium

on 21 Crops for farmers

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Biotechnology Division, Sikkim State Council of Science & Technology, Vigyan Bhawan Deorali, Gangtok, Sikkim has released a compendium on "Organic Agro-Farming in Sikkim-A compilation of Field Survey and Reference Compendium on 21 Crops for Farmers" to provide an overview of the economically important crops of Sikkim. The compendium was released on the occasion of Independence day by Hon'ble Chief Minister of Sikkim Shri. Pawan Chamling.

The aim of this compendium is to reach the farmers and to provide an overview of the economically important crops and vegetables of Sikkim including their crop economics, their total yield etc. It is also aimed to determined traditional and scientific agro technique in different crops and provides brief information about the diseases and its integrated management. Growth pattern, climatic requirements, the status of crops grown in different areas and possibilities of crop improvement using different organic Technique is also highlighted.

Initially desktop research was conducted to identify the different economically important crops grown in different parts of Sikkim. During the course of collection of secondary data various books and journal articles were referred. 70 farmers form each district were interviewed on different crops with their expertise and experiences based on Agro- technique, traditional methods of diseases Management, Major Crops growing in their area, Economics evaluation of Crops, Markets, Related Problems etc. Further, face to face interaction with Vegetables vendors and wholesalers located at different places of Sikkim were also conducted.

It is anticipated that the information provided in the Compendium would help local farmers to gather some knowledge and apply in filed as well. Also, information presented should be use as guide only as it is provided based upon the accuracy of data collected from the farmers. Furthermore, the data only represents a portion of vegetables vendors and wholesalers as some respondents didn't answer all question with precision, therefore, there are variable response rates for the survey questions.



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