Constraints faced by farm women in dairy farming

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The present study on constraints faced by farm women in dairy farming was undertaken in Kalmeshwar Tahsil of Nagpur district of Vidarbha region of Maharashtra state with sample size of 100 dairy farm women from 15 villages. The exploratory research design of social research was used in the present investigation. Dairying is one of the important enterprises, which supports the rural households by providing gainful employment and steady income. Development of dairy through the application of modern science and training technology will greatly contribute to improving socio-economic conditions of rural masses by making dairy farming more productive and remunerative. In India, women's involvement in livestock management is a longstanding tradition and dairy farming has been an integral part of homestead farming system. Although much of the work related to livestock farming is carried out by women, so that it is important to find out the constraints faced by the farm women in dairy activities livelihood of the farmers. Constraints are the circumstances or the causes which prohibit the dairy farmers from adopting the improved management practices.

The constraints faced by farm women while dairy farming were; high cost of quality concentrate feeds (98.00%) and high cost needed for purchasing crossbred animals and veterinary medicine (95.00%), followed by decline in performance of exotic animals due to the high temperature (94.00%) and low water profile and lack of irrigation facilities (85.00%), inadequacy of green fodder round the year (82.00%) and non remunerative price for milk (80.00%). Based on the assumption that the dairy farmers in Kalmeshwar Tahsil of Nagpur district were facing the crucial hindrance in the adoption of the scientific dairying, the present research was taken to get an insight into the constraints and the gravity of these factors affecting the dairy farmers of this region.