

Short communication

**ORGANIC FARMING IS THE NEW SUCCESS MANTRA FOR
SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE**

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Abstract

Organic farming avoid investment on costly chemicals and pesticides. Mrs. Neerukondasatyanarayana adopted organic farming from the year 2015-16. He attended various trainings organized by department of agriculture and krishivigyan Kendra, Venkataramannagudem. After that he prepared 14 types of organic inputs, bio fertilizers, bio pesticides on his farm. Banana, Papaya, Vegetables (Brinjal, Tomato, chilli and Spine gourd) and Black gram crops were cultivated in 10 acres area by using the organic inputs. He got net income of Rs.3 lakhs /ac from Vegetable cultivation from banana, 1.5 lakhs /ac net income in case of Black gram Rs. 35000/ac as net income and in papaya 1.5 lakhs

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Keywords: organic farming, organic inputs, management strategies, and economics

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Introduction

Chemical fertilizers and pesticides destroy soil health, farmers who rely on them need more and more every year to grow the same amount of crops and increase the cost of cultivation [1-3]. These rising costs can trap farmers in inescapable debt. Organic farming practices reduce pollution, conserve water, reduce soil erosion, increase soil fertility, and use less energy. Farming without pesticides is also better for nearby birds and animals as well as people who live close to farms also it gives quality of the fruits & vegetables. organic farming is a production system ,which avoids or largely excludes the use of synthetically compounded fertilizers, pesticides,growth regulators and livestock feed additives [4-6].to the maximum extent feasible, organic farming system rely on crop rotation,crop residues,animal manures,legumes,green manures,off-farm organic waste,and aspects of biological pest control to maintain soil productivity and tilth to supply plant nutrients and to control insects, weeds and other pests. According to the World of Organic Agriculture 2018 report India is home to 30 per cent of the total organic producers in the world, but accounts for just 2.59 per cent (1.5 million hectares) of the total organic cultivation area of 57.8 million hectares.

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Mrs. Neerukonda Satyanarayana was a successful organic farmer residing in Dommeru village of Kovvur Mandal, West Godavari District. He belongs to farming community and completed his Master of Science in Chemistry in 1986. After that he worked in private company for the period of ten years. He has not getting satisfaction from that job so he left the job & started farming from 1996. He gradually learned the advantages of organic farming and also known the disadvantages of in chemical farming. He believed organic farming reduce cost of cultivation, improve soil health and achieve sustainability in cultivation of various crops. Then he attended training programme on organic input preparation at Rythunestam foundation, Kornapadu, Vijayawada and Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Venkataramannagudem also participated in exhibitions, Kisan melas and Kisan Kalyan Karyasala organized by the Department of Agriculture [7-10]. He learned and gained knowledge on organic inputs preparation and organic cultivation with this experience he started organic farming in his 10 acres of land he grows Banana, Papaya, Vegetables (Brinjal, Tomato, chilli and Spine gourd) and Black gram crops since 2015-16 in organic methods. He having four cows, six buffalos and 130 poultry birds. During the year 2020 he attended Indian Science Congress held at UAS, Bengaluru with the support KVK, Venkataramannagudem.

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Table 1. Cultivation of crop

| S.No | Crop | Area (acres) |
|------|--|--------------|
| 1 | Banana (Grand nain, Karpura and Tellachakkarakeli) | 8 |
| 2 | Papaya (Red lady) | 1 |
| 3 | Vegetables (Brinjal, Tomato, chilli and Spine gourd) | 1 |
| 4 | Blackgram (PU -31) as an intercrop in papaya | - |
| | Total | 10 acres |

Success Point/Results:

Mrs. Neerukonda Satyanarayana has prepared 14 types of organic inputs (Beejamrutham, Ghanajivamrutham, Dravajivamrutham, panchagavya, Agniastam, Neemastram, vavilaku, Panchapatra, Dasaparni, Sontipala, Saptankurakasayam, Fish amino acids, Egg and lemon amino acids, Starch liquid) in the farm. He has prepared and use the biofertilizers like PSB, zinc and sulphur solubilising bacteria, *Azospirillum* and bio pesticides *Beauveria bassiana*, *Verticillium dactylophilum*, *Metarhiziumanisopliae*, *Trichoderma viride* and *Pseudomonas fluorescens*. Farm

waste converted into manure and applied in the field & Vermicompost produced by own. Crop residues (paddy straw, dry leaves of banana and black gram husk) are being used for mulching in Banana and Papaya followed drip Irrigation System in papaya, vegetables and banana applied organic inputs through fertigation. Followed Intercropping of Brinjal and chilli in banana.

Table 2. Organic inputs prepared and used in farm

| S.No | Name of the organic input used | Ingredients | Used for | Observations |
|------|--------------------------------|--|--|---|
| 1 | Beejamrutham | Cow urine -2 L Cow dung 5 kgs White lime 50 grams Water 20 L | Seed treatment for black gram, vegetables and banana | Good germination and vigour Controlled seed born diseases. |
| 2 | Ghanajivamrutham | 100 kg desi dung manure 10 Lof cow urine Jaggery 2kg any pulse flour 2kgs Handful fertile soil from the farm. | Soil application (1 tonne/acre) | Soil fertility and water absorption capacity is increased. Earth worms (jeevanagali) number increased. |
| 3 | Dravajivamrutham | Water 200 L Desi cow dung 10kgs Desi cow urine 10 L Jaggery 2 kg Any pulse flour 2kgs Handful fertile soil from the farm,200 L plastic drum | Spraying(25%,50%,75%,100%) and soil application (4000 L/ac) at every 15 days interval. | Plant growth enhanced |
| 4 | Panchagavyam | Cow dung - 5 kg, Cow ghee – 1/2 kg, Cow Urine - 5 L Cow milk - 2 L, Cow curd - 2 L Tender coconut water - 3 L, Jaggery - 1 kg Well ripened poovan banana – 12 nos. Kallu -3 L ,white gourd 1kg | Spraying (30 ml/L) at 20 days interval 2-3 times of the crop. | Corrected the micro nutrient disorders |
| 5 | Neemastram | 10kg neem leaves,2kg cow dung, 5 kg cow urine in 100 | Spraying (100 L /acre) | Prevented insect pest egg hatching |

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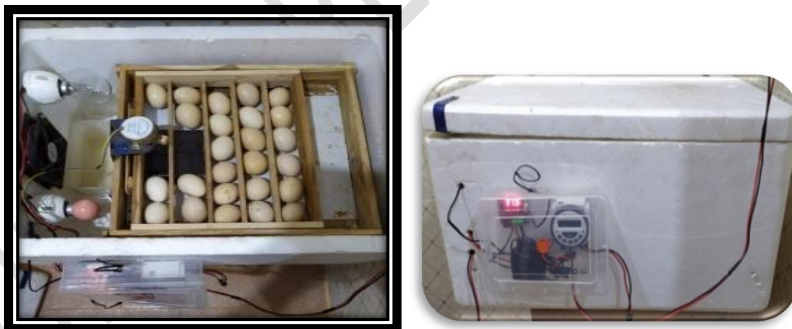
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| | | L of water | | |
| 6 | Panchapatrakashayam | Neem leaves 2kg Custard apple leaves 2 kg ummetha leaves - 2kgs Vavilakulu -2kg Jilledu 2kgs 5 L cow urine in 100 L of water | Spaying (100liters/acre) | Controlled Sucking pests and corrected the calcium, iron and boron |
| 7 | Dasaparni kashayam | 2 kg Leaves of each of the following plants Neem, tutikada, maredu, castor, pongamia, Papaya, teak, attakodaluaku, Custard apple-, <i>ummetha</i> 5 liters cow urine Water 100 liters | Spaying (100liters/acre) | Controlled insect pests Improved quality |
| 8 | Controlled insect pests Improved quality | 5kg neem leaves 1/2kg Garlic 1kg tobacco powder 1kg chilli 15 L cow urine | Spraying (250ml/16 L of water) | Controlled Spodoptera pests. |
| 9 | Sontipalakasayam | Sonti 200 gram Cow milk 2 L 100 L water | Spraying (100 L /acre) | Controlled viral diseases in chilli papaya and brinjal |
| 10 | Fish amino acids | Waste fish material 1kg Jaggery 1kg 10 L of water Prepared in ceramic container (5 L) | Spraying (10 L /100 L of water) | Growth promoter and controlled the viral diseases in vegetables and papaya |
| 11 | Egg and lemon amino acids | Eggs -10 Lemon -150 no. Plastic container -5 liters 250 gram jaggery | Spraying (50ml/16liters) | corrected the calcium & iron deficiencies Improves the pollination of crops. Growth promoter and immunity power is also |

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| | | | | increased . |
| 12 | Starch liquid | Rice flour 1 kg, 250 grams inguva (asafoetida) 500 gram soap nut Water 5 L | Spaying (10liters/100 liters of water) | Controlled the mealy bug in papaya |
| 13 | Saptankurakasaya m | 2kgs Powders of following material Groundnut ,sesamum, mustard, red gram, cow pea, green gram, maize | Spaying (2 kg/32 L of water) | Increased the yields |
| 14 | Waste decomposer solution | Jaggery -2kg, Waste decomposer -1 bottle Water 200 L | Soil application (4000 L/acre) | Soil fertility and earth worms increased. |

Special Innovation(s) :

- He developed low cost semiautomatic poultry egg Hatcher unit Used for the incubation of eggs into chicks in 21 days and Incubator capacity is 50 eggs .it cost around 4000 rupees |

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- Fig 1. semiautomatic poultry egg Hatcher
- Maintenance & Cultivation of 14 Desi varieties of vegetables under department of agriculture (cauliflower, tomato, red amaranthus, purple carrot, cabbage, onion, green long chilli, kasi tomato, red bhendi, byadagi chilli, pumpkin and sorrel)



Fig 2. Seeds of Desi varieties

Economics

Table 3. Economic details prior to organic farming

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| Crop | Yield/ac | Cost of cultivation (Rs/ac) | Gross income (Rs/ac) | Net income (Rs/ac) |
| Banana | 25 tonnes | 80,000 | 2,00,000 | 120000 |
| Spine gourd | 4 tonnes | 50,000 | 1,50,000 | 1,00,000 |
| Buffalos | 250 L/month | 30000 | 40,000 | 10,000 |
| Poultry | 130 birds | 10000/year | 1,20,000+4,000 (1,24,000) | 1,14,000 |

| Economics with organic farming | | | | |
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| Crop | Yield/ac | Cost of cultivation (Rs/ac) | Gross income (Rs/ac) | Net income (Rs/ac) |
| Banana | 25 tonnes | 60,000 | 2,00,000 | 1,40,000 |
| Vegetables (spine gourd, chill & brinjal) | 4 tonnes | 40,000 | 3,50,000 | 3,10,000 |
| Black gram | 5 quintal | 5000 | 40,000 | 35,000 |

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| Papaya | 16 tonnes | 50,000 | 200000 | 1,50000 |
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Horizontal spread of technology

- Department of Agriculture, horticulture and ATMA conducted exposure visits to the farm
- Selected as a resource person for the training to the farmers conducted by the department of agriculture and horticulture
- Attended as a resource person for UNEP (united nation environmental programme) which was organized by the department of agriculture.
- Success story of Spine gourd and banana farming documented by zero budget natural farming government of A.P.
- Success story broad casted in 10 Tv news in the year 2019. The videos available in <http://youtu.be/ES5lv67fEWo> and <http://youtu.be/Av9UX-1rqQQ>
- Motivated Nearly 100 farmers to adopt organic farming from various mandals of west Godavari i.e.kovvur, chagallu and tadepalligudem.

Conclusion:

- Organic method of cultivation has reduced dependence on external inputs and created high marked demand and additional nutritional value and taste for the produce.
- He got net income of Rs.3 lakhs /ac from Vegetable cultivation from banana . 1.5 lakhs /ac net income in case of Black gram Rs. 35000/ac as net income papaya 1.5 lakhs
- Mr Neerukonda Satyanarayana engaged in production of inputs at their farm. Therefore cost of cultivation is reduced as compared to spraying of pesticides/fungicides to control pest and diseases.
- Because of better taste ,flavour and quality, produce are sold at premium price in the markets.

Quality Photograph



Pic1. Director of extension, Dr YSRHU visited the organic field of Mrs. Neerukonda Satyanarayana

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