

Name of the technology : **Crop intensification technologies in tobacco**

Year (s) of development : 2017-2019

Technology details

There is greater scope for intensification of tobacco with maize or sorghum during *kharif* season followed by tobacco in *rabi* instead of the fallow-tobacco. Among the different cropping systems maize –tobacco system is recorded higher system productivity, profitability in tobacco growing Vertisols of Andhra Pradesh.

A one hectare based integrated farming system (IFS) study was undertaken to evaluate different cropping systems, livestock and fish cultivation as components of IFS for enhancing system productivity, profitability and resource recycling. One hectare integrated farming system generated a net returns of Rs. 1,65,443/ha/year besides providing employment opportunities to the farm family as well as meeting food, feed and fodder requirement from same land holding.

Under rainfed Alfisols pre rabi korra is suitable technology for enhanced farm returns. Growing fox tail millet (korra) as pre-rabi crop, an additional net income of Rs 10,000 to 25,000/- can be obtained per hectare.



Maize-tobacco system



Tobacco based integrated farming system



Pre rabi Korra

Impact of the technology

Maize-tobacco system enhanced the productivity (37.3%) and profitability (41.5%) in comparison to fallow-tobacco in tobacco growing black soil Region of Andhra Pradesh. Tobacco based Integrated farming system enhanced the farm income (net returns of Rs. 1,65, 443/ha/year) year besides providing employment opportunities to the farm family as well as meeting food, feed and fodder requirement from same land holding.

An additional net income of Rs 10,000 to 25,000/- can be obtained per hectare depending on the rainfall in kharif season by growing fox tail millet (korra) as pre-rabi crop, in southern region of Andhra Pradesh.

Publications/commercialization

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