

Mulberry Plantation

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Plantation Year :- 2015-16 Area Under Plantation:- 01.25 Acre

Sr. No.	Finacial Year	Acres	Silkworm Dfls (Eggs) taken	Cocoon production in Kg.	Amount from cocoon in Rs.
1	2015-16	1.25	1100	597	177080
2	2016-17	1.25	1450	1285	507395
3	2017-18 (upto Jan- 2018	1.25	1950	1216	583595
	Total	1.25	4500	3098	1268070

Sonvahir is a small interior village situated 8 to 8 Km nearby Shevgaon- Georai road in Shevgaon tahasil of Ahmednagar district, Maharashtra state. Initially I was a sugarcane grower farmer and also having cash crop like cotton, vegetables onion etc. Before 2014-15 there is severe drought which affects the sugarcane crop and also some cash crops like cotton and vegetables. Secondly as there is fluctuation in rainfall and dry spell causes plant stand and growth of cotton

Due to such conditions I was not satisfied with these enterprises. I also have one three children who are entirely depend on agriculture. Both of them was in search of new enterprise .we got the information about Sericulture from my relative from adjusting district .They explained me the necessary information and requirement for sericulture. Convinced with advantages of sericulture like lower and one time input cost, less water requirement for mulberry garden, high and sure income return with minimum risk. Myself and Childrens came to conclusion to start sericulture. It was a complete new enterprise for me and my family. I have done thoroughly discussion with staff of state Sericulture Department and also visited successful farmers in the

state. As a good sugarcane grower farmer I have selected good fertile soil for sericulture. Before construction of new silkworm rearing house I visited so many farmers ongoing sericulture units in the district and adjusting district .I have begins Sericulture as new enterprise by planting 1.25 acres of mulberry in 2015-16. After plantation my son took training from CST&TI Mysore and also from other successful farmers from nearby area. Due to hard work I could stand even in competition with other cash crop. Due to severe shortage of irrigation my mulberry garden can stand well against drought in initial years. My nearby farmers who are taking other crops couldn't survive well but I am doing well due to Sericulture.

Year wise mulberry plantation, dfls (Silkworm Eggs) taken for silkworm rearing, cocoon production and return from cocoon selling is given above chart

Last year in 2016-17 in all I took 1450 dfls and produce 1285 kg cocoons from 1.25 acres and the income generated from cocoon selling is of Rs. 5,07,395/- I got more income from sericulture as compared to other cash crops like cotton, sugarcane, vegetables. Due to constant and sustainable income from sericulture near by farmers also started sericulture. All the sericulture activities shared by my whole family. I used to sell cocoons to Ramnagar Cocoon Markets in Karnataka as I am getting more rate than local cocoon purchasers in the district. In 2016-17 we have constructed RCC Chawki Room to run Chawki Centre to distribute young worms.

We are the adapter of new techniques, skills and equipments in in sericulture. Besides the technical support from state sericulture department I availed assistance of Rs.86500/- for Silkworm Rearing House by the state sericulture department through Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY).

Under RKVY district office given labour charges of Rs.6000/- and equipments worth Rs.8000/- per acre in first year. In second and third year we get Rs.3000/- per acre. This labour

charges can meet daily family charges. I am using the equipments provided by department through RKVY scheme.

