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ESTIMATION OF COST OF PRODUCTION OF COCONUT

(Cocos nucifera .L)

IN WELIGAMA AREA OF MATARA DISTRICT





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ABSTRACT

A study was conducted in the low country wet zone and the selected areas were Borala and Mirissa Agrarian Service Centers in Weligama Electorate of Matara district.

Data was collected from 45 coconut small holders, which included 15 small holders having "young" stage coconut, 16 with "mature" stage coconut, and 14 with "older" stage coconut palms.

The estimated cost of production of coconut based on 1997 – 2002 prices under rain fed conditions for "young" coconut palms was average Rs.106,095/ha for first six years. The cost of production of Coconut based on 2001 – 2002 prices, for "mature" coconut palms and "older" coconut palms were Rs.30,666/ha and Rs.35,472/ha. respectively.

The estimated cost of production was Rs.6,465/1000 nuts and Rs .7,128/1000 nuts for "mature" and "older" coconut palms respectively.

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