

Piggery as Subsidiary Occupation



Since its inception, KVK Hassan conducted various training programmes and demonstrations in the field of Animal Husbandry in general and piggery farming in particular. Shri Nagendra, one of the ex-trainee of KVK, from Dasarakoppalu established piggery unit with an initial investment of Rs 64800 in 2002 without availing loan from any source.

To begin with KVK supplied eight Yorkshire piglets @ Rs 600 per piglet to Shri Nagendra. Interestingly he used only hotel kitchen waste as source of feed and nutrients supplemented by mineral mixture. Thus, he incurred only Rs 30 per day towards fuel to bring the hotel kitchen waste. Every day he used to bring 250 kg of hotel kitchen waste which is sufficient to feed 15 adult pigs and 30 piglets. Besides, he used to get free medicines and B-complex supplements from the Department of Animal Husbandry on free of cost. So far he sold more than 2250 piglets to farmers of Hassan as well as neighboring districts. Benefit Cost Ratio of the unit is 7.35.

According to Shri Nagendra, he uses the leisure time for working in piggery farm and works only for 2 hours a day which does not incur any extra labour charges. Amusingly he started running an auto riksha and pride owner of 3 auto



Salient Features

- Shri Nagendra sells 25-30 piglets and 15 adult pigs per month
- Started more than 100 piggery units in Hassan and neighbouring districts
- Pig catcher was modified by KVK was released in 2008 by University of Agricultural Sciences, Bangalore.
- Piggery has improved the socio economic condition of Shri Nagendra in a great extent

rikshas at present and earning an additional booming income. He is the inspiration behind many farmers for starting the piggery units who have purchased piglets from him and by now at least more than 100 piggery units have been started. Thus, the tangible impact can be seen in the district.

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