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COMPARATIVE SOCIO-ECONOMIC STATUS OF THE ORGANIC AND CONVENTIONAL RICE FARMING SYSTEMS OF THE SAMPLE FARMERS IN GORAKHPUR DISTRICT OF UTTAR PRADESH Hraday Kumar\*; Satish Chandra Verma\*\*; Dheeraj Kumar Verma\*\*\*;

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## ABSTRACT

The present study is the comparative socio-economic status of the Organic and Conventional Rice in Gorakhpur District of Uttar Pradesh. The Farm Level Data and required information of Rice collected by primary and as well as secondary level in Gorakhpur district where three blocks (Pipraich, Sahjanwa and Campierganj) were selected The total numbers of 120 farmers were selected in which 60 Organic farmers who is growing rice with help of Government Subsidies and 60 Conventional farmers. The Average age of Organic farmers are 51.06 years and conventional farmers are 50.67 years. The Average literacy rate is 76.67 per cent of organic farmers and 73.33 per cent literacy rate of conventional farmers. The Family composition are overall 43.53 per cent male, 41.53 per cent female and 15.42 per cent children in organic farming, while conventional farming are 39.70 per cent male, 37.31 per cent female and 22.99 per cent children. The total land holding size on average for per farmer was found 2.16 ha and

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net cultivated area was 98.61 per cent, Gross cropped area was 264.35 per cent in organic farming, while conventional farming total land holding size on average for per farmer was found 2.55 ha and net cultivated area was 97.25 per cent, Gross cropped area was 200.78 per cent. The Overall 43.33 per cent of the total organic farmers were acting as agriculture, 5 per cent farmers were engaged in agriculture and dairy, 11.67 per cent farmers were agriculture and service, 30 per cent farmers were agriculture and business, 10 per cent farmers were agriculture and others, where as in conventional farmers 43.33 per cent of the farmers were acting as agriculture, 25 per cent farmers were engaged in agriculture and dairy, 15 per cent farmers were agriculture and service, 15 per cent farmers were agriculture and business, 1.67 per cent farmers were agriculture and others. The overall per farm maximum investment on tractor was 67.52 percent in Organic Rice Farmers whereas in Conventional Rice Farmers 70.90 percent.

**KEYWORDS:** Organic Farming, Conventional Farming, Land Utilization Pattern, Cropping Pattern, Farm Assets And Investment.

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