

Impact of Agro-Based Industries on Farmers' Income: A Case Study of Jalna District

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Abstract:

Agro-based industries provide a critical link between agriculture and economic development by converting raw agricultural products into processed goods. This study explores how such industries have impacted farmers' income in Jalna district of Maharashtra. With only 15 agro-based industries currently operating in the district, a complete enumeration approach was adopted. The study shows that these enterprises have contributed positively to improving farmers' earnings, reducing dependence on seasonal agriculture, and promoting rural livelihood diversification. The findings highlight the potential of agro-industrial growth in enhancing rural prosperity and offer practical recommendations to strengthen this sector.