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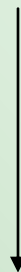


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PRODUCTION OF WALNUTS IN J&K FROM 2014-2016

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ABSTRACT

The present study reports about the production of walnuts for the year 2014-2016, the study was carried out in the in 3 districts of Jammu & Kashmir to know the level of growth & decline of walnuts. It was observed that the production of walnut was decreasing day by day as compare to 1980; People are planting apple trees in walnut fields. It was found that people are cutting walnut trees in all areas of walnut producers in J&K , Government has banned cutting of walnut trees in the state but still it's done illegally in whole state, the reasons behind decline of production is deforestation of said trees.

Keywords: Walnut, Production, Decline, J&K & Deforestation

INTRODUCTION

Walnut is one of the oldest commercial products of Kashmir valley, as per the historian walnut tree is a native tree of valley, mostly found in high altitude areas of valley. Since from decades Kashmir is one of the large producers of walnuts in India. It is one of the cash crop, farmers need little investment to make walnut orchards, starts from seeding, normally it take 11-12 years to become mature, no need of any pesticide, this tree is also known as disease free tree of valley. Mostly walnut tree is large in size and has height up to 20-30 Meters. At present agriculture department of valley has done lot of work to give new high breads of walnut trees, successfully Scientists invite walnut trees which can give fruits within 5 years called (Balgerian Tree); for the boost of walnut industry. New

breed of walnut trees developed by scientists of Agriculture department of J&K. has height of 5-10 meters. Need proper fertilizers from time to time, pesticides, proper care.



The map indicates largest walnut growing districts of Kashmir

METHODOLOGY

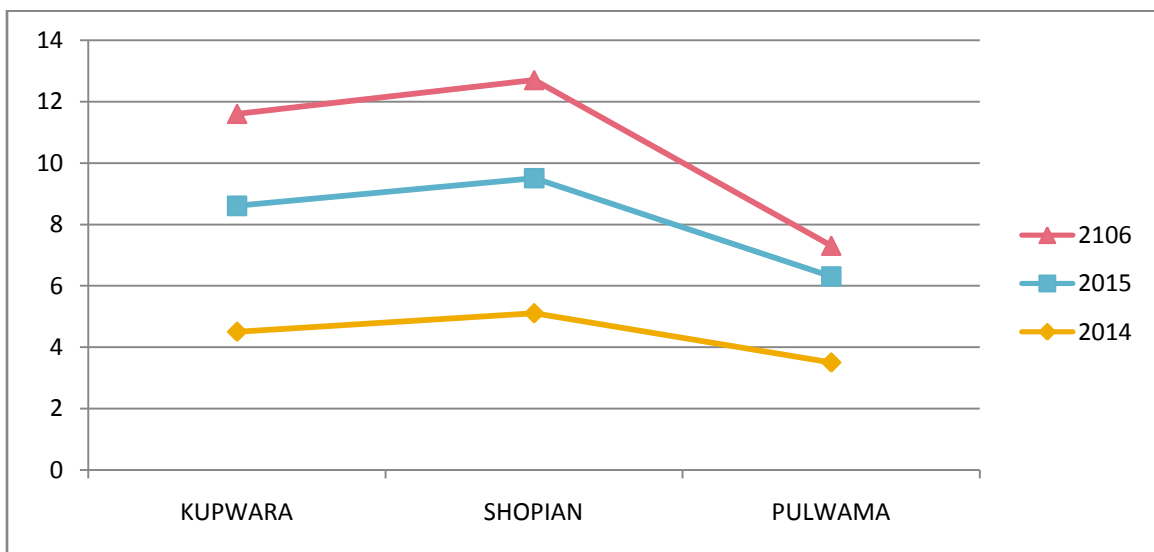
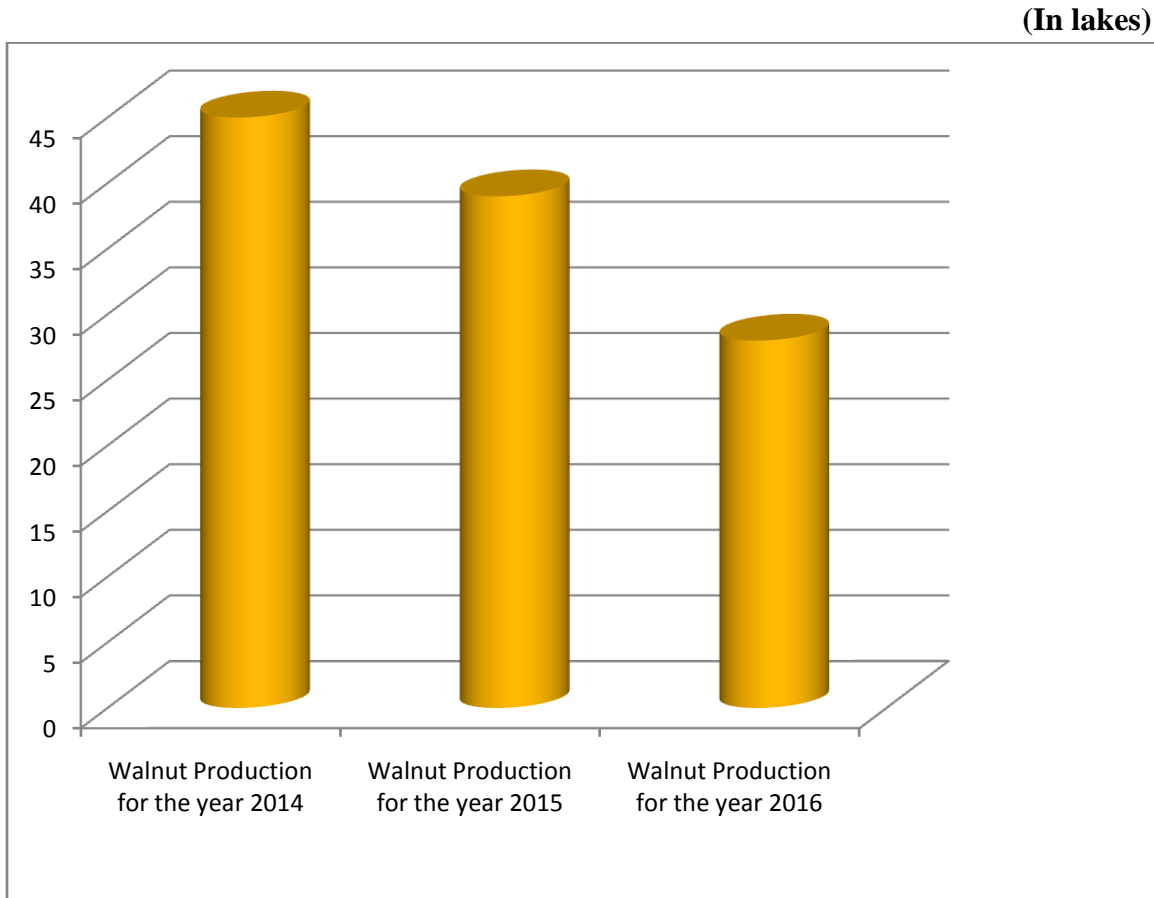
The basic secure of data collection was field survey, Interview & Secondary date source was Labrauary, Interviews with elder people of selected areas, information collected from concerned department The data was collected in the fallowing districts of state. Kupwara, Pulwama & Shopian. To know the proper information regarding growth & decrease of walnut production.

OBJECTIVES

The main objective of study was to know the reasons of decrease in production

RESULTS

The results is based on below mentioned table



DISCUSSION

It is clearly found in the graph that there is a huge decrease in walnut production for the year 2014 we found only (45%), for the year 2015 (39%) And for the year 2016 (28%). Slowly the production of walnut is decreasing .The primary reason behind the decrease in production is low profit, Secondary reason behind the decrease in production is cutting of walnut trees for the purpose of wooden products , these wooden products is highly costly. The main cause of decrease in production is cutting of said trees.

CONCLUSION

It was concluded from the study that decreases in walnut production for the year 2014-2016, was due to cutting of walnut trees. During study we have observed that people prefer apple trees, because walnut tree take time to become mature; & gives low profit as compared to apple trees. The main reason behind the decrease of production is cutting of walnut trees; people are cutting these trees because of generating high income from the wooden products of walnut tree, In international market these wooden products of walnut trees is sold on very high rates, whenever the cutting of walnut tree is illegal in valley as per law, but people are not obeying these laws. And doing continue the job for generating high income. At present we found rear walnut trees in the Kashmir .

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