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ABSTRACT

The study was undertaken to examine the profitability and resource use efficiency of dairy enterprises and identify the constraints of small scale dairy farm owners. Five villages were selected randomly during ULDC intern placement as the study areas from Harinakundu Upazila. In total 30 farmers were interviewed through a questionnaire. The major objective of the study was to describe the socio-economic characteristics of dairy farm owners, assess the profitability of dairy cows and identified the major constraints and remedial measures of dairy enterprises of the study. This study was also examined the costs, returns, farm profitability and marketing channels of the areas of property. The study revealed that, the rearing costs and returns per dairy cow per lactation days (242 days) was found Tk. 23845.5 and Tk.30462.3 respectively. The estimated average net return per cow per lactation days (242 days) was found Tk. 9316.8 and the respective BCR was found 1.28 which indicated the dairy enterprising in the study area is a profitable farm business. Identified major socioeconomic constraints were found like as high price of concentrates, lack of capital and credit facilities, ineffective extension services, low price of milk and inadequate milk marketing facilities were the top most ranking for scale dairy enterprises in the study areas.

KEYWORDS: Small scale dairy enterprise, socioeconomic profiles of dairy farm owners, farm profitability, Gross and Net margin, farming constraints.