

Success story in Piggery

Sri Prasanta Konwar, aged 52 years a farmer of Sivasagar District of Assam is presently realizing a net income of Rs. 1,94,000.00 per annum from his piggery unit. Success from his piggery unit attracts other farmers of the nearby villages. He is also keeping few local as well as Vanaraja chicken mainly for domestic consumption and planted Tapioca stems for feeding of his pig. He has got only half bigha of land in his backyard, where he constructed a thatched shed with semi-concrete flooring and compartments with a capacity of 5 sows and 40-50 piglets at a time.

Although he was interested in piggery, he was reluctant to do so as he had no technical knowledge on it. Once he started visiting Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Sivasagar and discussed about opening of piggery, the Programme Coordinator along with concerned scientist inspired him a lot and helped in building confidence to start the unit and assured all possible technical guidance.

He procured four T&D piglets (1 male & 3 female) from Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Sivasagar, Rahdoi and the started the unit in 2012. Within 11-12 months each sow delivered 8-12 nos. of piglets in the first batch. The piglets were reared up to 60-75 days of age and sold at Rs. 2,500-3,000/- each. He expressed a great satisfaction while he sold the piglets as there is huge demand of improved piglets. So far he has sold 62 nos. of piglets in this year. He also disposed the 3 nos. old pigs for pork and keeping the remaining piglets for parental stock. The old pigs were also sold at Rs. 13,000-15,000/- each depending upon the body weight. He further expressed his commitment to keep his pig as long as it could give births so as to show that rearing pigs can substantially augment incomes of a family. His only daughter is now studying in a private school. He is using one motorcycle and a maruti car for his own purpose.



He spends around Rs.1,000-1,500/- per month on purchasing some of the feed ingredients like broken rice, rice bran etc. and medicines, vaccines etc. He procured colacasia from his villages for feeding of pigs. He also used left-over rice, kitchen waste etc. for

feeding of pigs. Recently, he cultivated Tapioca stems for feeding of pigs. He engaged himself and his wife to look after the pigs.

Sri Konwar has become a successful model especially in pig breeding. Many farmers from the District of Sivasagar visit his farm for piglets.