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Farmer Producer Companies in Latur District: A Study

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Introduction:

A Farmer Producer Company (FPC) can be formed by any 10 or more primary producers or by two or more producer institutions, or by a contribution of both. An FPC is a hybrid between cooperative societies and private limited companies. The Farmer Producer Companies, registered under the Indian Companies Act, 2013, have democratic governance, each producer or member has equal voting rights irrespective of the number of shares held.

The main aim of FPC is to ensure better income for the producers through an organization of their own. Small producers do not have the volume individually (both inputs and produce) to get the benefit of economies of scale. Besides, in agricultural marketing, there is a long chain of intermediaries who very often work non-transparently leading to the situation where the producer receives only a small part of the value that the ultimate consumer pays. Through aggregation, the primary producers can avail the benefit of economies of scale. They will also have better bargaining power vis-à-vis the bulk buyers of produce and bulk suppliers of inputs.

So far, there are 9600+ FPOs registered of which 8600 + are working actively in agriculture and allied activities. State-level Producer Companies organized in Gujarat, Maharashtra, and Madhya Pradesh, have yielded encouraging results particularly organizing seed production, linkages with processors, and MSP procurement. Despite impressive growth in the number of FPOs across the country, they face several challenges ranging from management of the business, irregular supply, and lack of timely financial assistance.

Mobilizing farmers into their collectives, as Farmer Producer Organisations, has emerged as the most preferred institutional mechanism for farmer prosperity by policy makers and development agencies- lynchpin strategy for Doubling Farmers' Income. Budget 2018 had slew of measures supporting FPOs including 5-year tax breaks. In Budget 2019, Government of India has announced setting up of 10,000 FPOs across the country in the coming 5 years. Under this Central scheme, the agriculture ministry will fund, handhold, train, ensure easy credit availability and provide other support to the FPCs to make them viable. The government will also provide them with technological interventions for better output and they will be able to have access to shared affordable resources.

District-wise Farmer Producer Companies in Maharashtra State



(Source:

[file:///C:/Users/Acer/Desktop/Notes/41.%20Assessment%20FPC%20Report %20Maharashtra15-12-2018.FINAL.pdf](file:///C:/Users/Acer/Desktop/Notes/41.%20Assessment%20FPC%20Report%20Maharashtra15-12-2018.FINAL.pdf))



There are 1368 registered FPCs in the state, as per the records of Department of Agriculture, Government of Maharashtra. Assessment of 131 FPCs located in 21 districts were done. The highest number of FPCs were covered in Nashik (19) whereas lowest were covered in Nagpur (1).

Profile of Latur District:

Latur is a district in Maharashtra state of India. It is the 16th largest city in Maharashtra with district headquarter located in the city. The district comes under Marathwada region of Maharashtra, geographically located between 17°52' North to 18°50' North and 76°18' East to 79°12' East in the Deccan plateau. It has an average elevation of 631 metres (2,070 ft) above mean sea level. The entire district is on the Balaghat plateau, 540 to 638 metres from the mean sea level.

The major population of district is primarily agricultural. Urban population comprises 25.47% of the total population. Latur District is bound by Nanded District to the northeast; the state border with Karnataka to the east and southeast; Osmanabad District to the south-west; Beed District to the west; and Parbhani District to the northwest.

(Source: <https://latur.gov.in/en/about-district/>)

List of Registered FPO's in Latur District

Sr. No.	Name of the FPO	Registration No.	FPO Office Address (Building/ Shop No. with Street Name)	Date of Incorporation
01	Dattasai Farmer Producer Company Limited	U01400MH20 21PTC357655	C/o Vasant Rajaram Bhoibar, Lodga, Tq. Ausa, Dist- Latur, Maharashtra, 413512	23-Mar-21
02	Ansarwada Agronic Farmer Producer Company Limited	U01110PN202 1PTC199118	No.1, Wadikar Niwas, Vidya Nagar,, Nilanga Village & Post-Latur, Latur, Maharashtra, 413521	4-Mar-21 N
03	Krishiprabha Agro Farmers Producer Company Limited	U01100MH20 22PTC385888	H. No. 417, At Village Gondegaon, Post Ramegaon Taluka and District, Latur, Maharashtra, 413511	1-Jul-22
04	Shanmukheshwar Latur Vegetable Farmer Producer Company Limited	U01100MH201 8PTC304891	H. No. 305, Near Hanuman Mandir, Kalmugaitq Nilanga, Latur, Latur, Maharashtra, 413522	07.Feb.18
05	Lord Venkateshwara Agrotech Proucer Company Limited	U01100MH20 22PTC388309	Gate No 145, At Yashwantwadi, Tal Renapur, Latur, Latur, Maharashtra, 413527	8-Aug-22
06	Chatratej Farmer Producer Company Limited	U01100MH20 22PTC392620	H.No. 30, At Post. Dawan Hipparga, Taluka Deoni, District, Latur, Latur, Maharashtra, 413517	25-Oct-22
07	Vithu-Mauli Farmtec Hitech Agro Farmers Producer Company Limited	U01100MH20 22PTC389967	C/O Udaysinha Anantramsinha Gaherwar, At Halki, Taluka Shiruranantpal District, Latur, Maharashtra, 413544	6-Sep-22
08	Chakurparisar Mahila Farmer Producer Company Limited	U01100MH20 22PTC384778	C/O Omnath Suryakant Kokalge, At Gharni Taluka Chakur, Latur, Latur, Maharashtra, 413517	17-Jun-22
09	Rashtrasant Agrotech Farmer Producer Company Limited	U01120MH20 22PTC390793	C/O Satyavan Kashinath Narasanne, At Shree Krushna Nagar Jalkot, Tq Jalkot, Lature, Latur, Maharashtra, 413532	20-Sep-22



10	Mahesh Kalme Farmer Producer Company Limited	U01111MH20 22PTC376328	H No 160 Sahirur Tajbnd Tq Ahmadpur Dist Latur Latur Latur Mh 413514	8-Feb-22 H
11	Sakshiladevi Farmer Producer Company Limited	U01100MH20 22PTC376705	H.No.1 At Borgaon Kale, Tq Dist Latur Latur Latur Mh 413512	12-Feb-22
12	Dr Normen Borlog Agro Farmer Producer Company Limited	U01119MH20 22PTC377069	H.No.112, Naygaon Tq Kalamb Osmanabad Osmanabad Mh 413507	18-Feb-22
13	Shri Sheshnath Farmer Producer Company Limited	U01100MH20 22PTC375890	H.No.455 Dawangaon Tq Udgir Dist Latur Latur Aurangabad Mh 413517	2-Feb-22 H
14	Bhandarwadi Farmer Producer Company Limited	U01611PN202 3PTC221238	C/O Prakash Tulshiram,Jambhale Patharwadh 0176, Renapur, Renapur, Latur413527, Maharashtra	5-Jun-23
15	Masalga Parisar Farmer Producer Company Limited	U01639MH20 23PTC408473	Gat No-14 Masalga Nilanga Latur Nilanga Nilanga Latur Maharashtra, 413521	10-Aug-23

Conclusion:

The Farmer Producer Companies in Latur District are providing employment opportunities to many landless farmers in the district. They are also very helpful in developing the financial position of marginal farmers and landless labors. FPC's provide ample opportunities to small farmers to grow and prosper. Cooperative sector banks and NABARD provide medium term and short term finance to these FPC's in a large manner. FPC's are therefore, very useful in strengthening the rural economy.

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