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INTERCROPPING IN ARECA NUT WITH VANILLA UNDER ORGANIC CONDITION IN CHIKMAGALORE DISTRICT OF KARNATAKA, INDIA

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ABSTRACT: Study was conducted during March 2013 to April 2014 in the areca nut garden at Chickmagalore in Karnataka. The study revealed that no significant difference recorded in yield of areca nut in mono cropping and inters cropping system. Inter cropping of vanilla in areca nut plantations under organic system brought the benefit cost ratio for areca nut farmers as compared to farmers practicing traditional mono cropping system. Inter cropping of vanilla in areca nut plantations were generate employment opportunities for improving the quality of rural life.

Key Words: *Organic farming, vanilla, inter cropping system, areca nut, employment*

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