

## Improved ribbed gourd cultivation : KVK Thiruvannamalai 2009-10

Sri. Shankar, a farmer living in Kozhipuliyur village of Peranamallur block, aged 45, involved in ribbedgourd cultivation for the past 4 years. He used to follow conventional practices of other farmers in the area that resulted low net returns in ribbedgourd, owing to higher incidence of pest and diseases, maleness, poor quality fruits combined with low productivity.

It was during the time his village was selected as operational area by the krishi vigyan Kendra. He established close contact with KVK scientists in due course of time and he was also chosen as beneficiary for the technological intervention of KVK.



He has been intensively trained by KVK on advanced production of technologies of ribbed gourd viz., INM, IPM, sex regulation etc., He followed all the technologies gained from KVK in his ribbedgourd field that created tremendous impact. He got an yield of 12.6 tonnes from 1 acre land.

It was 27.2 % higher than average yield obtained by other farmers. His net income for the season was Rs.76,500/- per acre.

With confidence gained, he as been guiding other farmers on improved ribbedgourd cultivation. He also given interview for the Pothigai television. Mr.Shankar opined, KVK's technologies brought tremendous change in family income through increased crop yield.

Thanks to scientists' team of KVK.