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Drudgery Experiences of Gender in Crop Production Activities

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ABSTRACT Gender studies are predominantly undertaken to identify the gender gaps as per the development issue and work towards equalizing the development benefits. Drudgery of gender in crop activities has been the issue of concern for delivering technology benefits among them. The present study is an attempt to obtain and analyze the gender prioritized drudgery experiences in crop production activities through a sample survey of two hundred farmers distributed equally by gender. The survey was conducted in five adopted villages of Chevella mandal, Andhra Pradesh in the year 2007-08. Results of the study highlighted that drudgery in crop activities were differently prioritized men and women. The principal factors contributing to the set priorities are found as work demand on time and posture at work for men and work demand on time, posture, work exertion, perceived difficulty and work load for women. The results guide in selection of suitable technology that can reduce the factors of drudgery.