

***And organic farming increased...***

***The use of organic fertilizers and pesticides in the village of Dhorale increased income generation from farming and provided the villager food free of poisonous chemical pesticides.....***

**Village Dhorale, from District Barshi**

In Dhorale, the yields from the bi-annual 'khareep' and 'rabbi' crops did not provide sufficient funds for farmers. As a result of this, the farmers took to growing grapes on their land instead. The grape cultivation provided a good source of income and employment initially. The use of expensive chemical fertilizers however decreased the income levels and moral in farmers. The farmers as a solution to this united and started using organic farming. Their efforts paid off however and the income from farmer increased greatly. Organic fertilizers were also shared by farmers, who have now also moved onto organic pesticides, which are extracted from local plants and herbs. The food which is now available in Dhorale is free of poisonous chemical pesticides and the income level of the families has increased greatly.