

Skill Development Training Programme (ASCI)

In collaboration with Agriculture Skill Council of India, Indian Council of Agricultural Research took an initiative of taking up entrepreneurship development programmes through imparting skill training by KVKs during 2016-17. This was in consonance with the directives received from the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, Govt. of India. During 2022-23, 35 skill training programmes under the Agricultural Skill Council of India (ASCI) were coordinated by ATARI, Pune with the participation of 26 KVKs. Each training was conducted with 25 trainees for 210 hrs i.e. 26 days duration during which period the trainees were given theory and practical classes on a particular job role to make them competent for getting employment or to start their own enterprise related to the skills acquired. At the end of the training programs, the trainees are assessed by third party assessors engaged by ASCI who assessed and certified the trainees. The details of the skill training programs conducted by various training partners under Zone-VIII during 2022-23 are presented in the following table.

Total 875 farmers were trained through 35 training programs like Small Organic Cultivator (300), Backyard Poultry Farmer (275), Garden Keeper (125), Small Dairy Farmer (75), Small Mushroom Grower (50) and in Honey bee training program 50 farmers trained. Out of 875 farmers, total 765 farmers cleared their assessment. In small organic cultivator, 300 farmers trained and 268 farmers cleared the assessment. Through Backyard Poultry 275 farmers trained and 235 farmers cleared the assessment. Five training organized by KVK on Garden Keeper through which 125 farmers trained and 100 farmers cleared assessment. Trough Honey bees training program, 50 farmers trained and 49 farmers cleared the assessment also 2 training was conducted on mushroom cultivation through which 50 farmers trained and 44 farmers cleared the assessment.

Name of Job Roles/QPs on which training program conducted	No. of training programs	No. of farmers trained	No. of farmers cleared the assessment
Backyard Poultry Farmer	11	275	235
Garden Keeper	5	125	100
Honey bee Farmer	2	50	49
Small Dairy Farmer	3	75	69
Small Mushroom Grower	2	50	44
Small Organic Cultivator	12	300	268
Total	35	875	765

