

SUMMARY

Improperly dried peanuts are highly susceptible to fungal growth and aflatoxin accumulation. Drying of peanuts in the sun or in a dryer below 45°C cannot remove moisture sufficiently early to prevent fungal growth. Artificial dryers/kilns working at higher temperatures are needed for drying of peanuts.

Considering the decline in the production of peanuts, and low utilization of artificial dryers even with paddy, it is questionable whether such a dryer would be of a utility value to the farmer. The project was therefore abandoned.