**Summary**

At present the Agricultural Produce Committee (APMCs) plays a major role in marketing the agricultural produce of the farmers. Both the agriculturists and the traders come under one fence for transaction or trade purpose. Thus, the APMCs are gaining importance because of its vital role, researcher has selected research subject entitled “An Analytical Study of Agriculture Market Structure in Western Maharashtra Region” for the purpose of the research. The entire thesis is divided into six chapters and a brief introduction of each chapter is given below.

**Chapter 1 Introduction and Research Methodology**

This chapter deals with introductory part of the subject and research methodology. The researcher has made an attempt to develop a theoretical structure of the study. It is an introduction to the chapters in the thesis regarding relevance to study, objective, scope, limitation of study, research and literature review, primary and secondary data, and the other related aspects which are concerned with research methodology are considered.

**Chapter 2 APMC: An Overview**

This chapter relates to the history of emergence of market that is before and after independence, private and regulated market, and general information about Agricultural Produce Market Committee.

**Chapter 3 Profile of Western Maharashtra Region**

This is chapter includes information of the selected districts of western Maharashtra region is studied regarding agriculture, climate, soil, water, population, occupations. The districts selected are Ahmednagar, Pune and Satara.

**Chapter 4 Agricultural Market Structure in Western Maharashtra**

This chapter covers the structure of agriculture market, Agriculture Produce Marketing Committee (APMC) in western Maharashtra, market structure and the need of APMCs to farmers and traders.
Chapter 5 Data Analysis

In this chapter data is collected from Farmers and Traders from the selected districts of western Maharashtra viz. – Ahmednagar, Pune, and Satara and which is analyzed by the researcher. It is necessary to analyze the collected data for drawing constructive conclusions. **Collected information is analyzed by using Convenient Sampling Method.**

Chapter 6 Findings, Conclusion and Suggestions

This chapter includes some important findings; conclusions and suggestion are made by the researcher on the analyzed data. Certain findings were drawn up by the researcher based on the primary and secondary data. From the findings and some important and relevant conclusions, suggestions are stated.