

The Research of Women Farmer's Side Line In Kaohsiung - Pingtung Area

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Abstract

In order to inquiring the aspiration of managing side line of women farmer and finding out the situation of their part time jobs, 200 women farmer were investigated. The findings are – 45.0% of visited women want to have side line because of their agricultural income have been decreasing since our government participated 'WTO' in 2002. 51.0% of women farmer think they are the appropriated ones of the farmer couples who must manage side lines or who should go out to find another job. There is only 33.0% of visited women who run side lines, 19.7% of them indicated they will transfer to off-farm work if their side line is successful. At present, 68.2% of the average annual side line income are under 100 thousand NT dollars, 27.3% are between 110 ~250 thousand NT dollars. Most of them hope the annual income will reach 100~250 thousand NT dollars in the future, but the target annual income of 40.9% of them is over 210 thousand NT dollars. There is still 21.2% of visited women farmer think 50~100 thousand NT dollars for annual income is acceptable. 23.9% of the goal of annual side line income for those women who don't have side line are 110~150 thousand NT dollars, 19.4% of them think 300~350 thousand NT dollars is ok, even 15.7% think 160 ~200 thousand NT dollars is acceptable. The first three items of side line is food service(47.0%), odd job(19.7%), original equipment manufacture(12.1%). 48.5% of those women farmer who don't have side line businesses at present think investment of food service is the first choices of side line if they want to manage a new job. All of the visited women farmer wish our government can offer some assistance to them, 63.0% of them think training courses for another technical skill and assist women farmer to pass trade skill test or help them to transfer to off-farm work or manage a side line is helpful

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for them, 23.0% of visited women farmer wish to get subsidy and 11.5% hope that low - interest loan could be better for them to buy equipment to run a new career.