

Review on the Training Achievement for Lecturers for Teaching Nucleus Farmers in Kaohsiung District for Three Years

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ABSTRACT

The training courses for lecturers were given since 1986. Good lecturers were introduced to training meeting to teach nucleus farmers to improve their farm management and to help government to setup nucleus farmers. The courses given were based on the developing potential of special farm products within this district. Elementary and advanced courses were given in this training program. Each year advanced courses were offered to the lectures who has complete the elementary courses. Up to present (1988), a total of 353 and 338 lecturers have been trained in 14 and 15 elementary and advanced courses, respectively.

Most of the trainees for agriculture development who have completed elementary training courses are graduates from senior agricultural vocational school and from junior agricultural colleges; While most of the trainees for nucleus farmers are graduates from junior high schools. The number of trainees who had higher educational level were increased. Only few trainees aged higher than 55 years old. More young (less than 24 years old) trainees were found in the training courses for nucleus farmers.

Most of trainees were satisfied with the courses offered by this training program. But they wanted more courses on regulation of crop production, plant growth regulators and micronutrients, soil improvement and fertilizer application, and marketing information. Field trip to orchard for practical observation was so welcomed by trainees. Practices in teaching and presentation for each lectures for increasing their teaching experience was also offered.

The training program have released many lecturers who have been proved to play an important role in development of local special farm products and became a sentry in the extension of quality agriculture. More training courses still be needed for these lecturers. However, the their interests in agriculture business, good techniques in agricultural production and marketing became the model for nucleus farmers which was beneficial in increasing the techniques of farm management and in prompting the modernization of agriculture.

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