

Survey on the effectiveness of Short Term Training Course  
for Rural Young Farmers in the Evergreen Fruit  
Cultivation Management Class

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Abstract

The Kaohsiung District Agricultural Improvement Station (KDAIS) had conducted the short-term training of evergreen fruit of rural young farmers since 1977 to 1991. In order to understand the efficiency of evergreen fruit management technology after were issued and A total of 399 questionnaire sheets to trainees 186 came back. After data was analyzed, the results showed that the majority of education were aged from 31 to 35 years old. The age of main members in agricultural production in the future will be from 26 to 40.

Most of trainees (17.20%) received the junior college education or above. The farm acreage of trainees was larger than ordinary farm. Acreage over 1 ha was 86.02%, whereas over 4 ha was 8.6%.

After training five kinds of evergreen fruits including waxapple, guava, mango, papaya and litch, various degrees of efficiency were obtained which were depended on the adaptation of new techniques.

Most of trainees possessed the technical creative potential. Changes in farm management scale before and after training course the acreage of waxapple and papaya were relatively enlarged whereas guava, mango and litch were reduced for young farms.

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