

# ACTIVITIES OF AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION IN 1995

## Training and Education

A total of four subject matter training courses were held for young farmers in 1995, with 156 trainees attended. A total of four on-the-job training classes were held for agricultural extension workers, with 175 persons attended. A total of three foreign training classes were held for the agricultural technicians of friendly nations, with 73 participants attended. And a total of 1570 persons attended related training programs at this station (Table 1).

## Improvement of Rural Living

To improve the rural living environment and quality, a series of improvement programs for the rural inhabitants were executed by some basic-level Farmers' Associations and guided by this station in 1995. A total of 52 training classes were organized for the aged people in farming villages. A total of 16 training classes were held to strengthen the sanitation and health services, and 3 training classes were conducted to teach the knowledge of family environment protection. A total of 3 villages were selected for conducting the environment improvement activities (Table 2).

Table 1. Training activities of agricultural training center in 1995

Training activities	Class	Trainee
Special subjects training	5	156
On the subjects training	6	175
Foreign training	4	73
P & M team training	57	1570
Total	72	1974

Table 2. Improvement of rural living environment and quality in 1995

County & City	Guidance of aging life (class)	Sanitation & health (class)	Family education (class)	Improvement of living environment (village)
Taichung city	1	1	1	—
Taichung county	17	7	0	1
Nantou county	12	3	0	1
Changhua county	22	5	2	1
Total	52	16	3	3

### Development of Rural Culture

Under the development program of rural culture, an integrated activities of rural culture were held at the two demonstration villages at Ta-chia and Wu-chi. A total of five township's activities of rural culture were held to promote the traditional rural culture. And a total of 21 villages were selected to set up farmer's culture classroom (Table 3).

Table 3. Activities of rural culture in Taichung areas in 1995

County & city	Cultural demonstration activities (village)	Cultural show room (village)	Cultural practice classroom (village)
Taichung county	1	1	9
Nantou county	1	1	5
Changhua county	1	1	6
Taichung city	1	0	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>21</b>

Table 4. Activities of farmer's services of this station in 1995

Services item	Frequency	Person
Local visitors	119	7,609
Foreign guests	67	840
Consulting services	712	1,217
Trainers support	242	315

### Farmer's Services

The farmers' service work rendered by the staff of this station was very productive and fruitful in 1995. A total of 7,609 local visitors and 840 foreign guests visited this station. A total of 1,217 farmer's letters or consulting problems have been answered. And local Farmers' Associations and agricultural cooperatives as well as agricultural production and marketing groups were guided to conduct 242 training classes of which the trainers were invited from the staff experts of this station (Table 4).

### Guiding the Investigation of Production Cost for Farm Products

Guiding the farmers' associations to investigate the production cost of farm products. The informations obtained were then used for publishing the Report of Production Cost of Farm Products in Taiwan by the Department of Agriculture and Forestry. A total of 51 farmers' associations were guided and 134 crops were investigated in 1995 (Table 5).

Table 5. Status of investigation of production cost for farm products in 1995

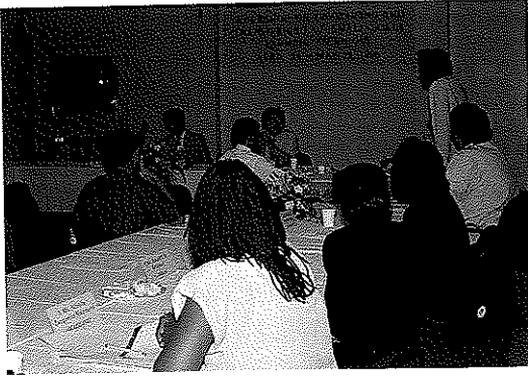
County	No. of crop	No. of village	No. of farmer
Taichung	35	16	240
Changhua	45	22	300
Nantou	54	13	315
<b>Total</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>855</b>

Table 6. Kinds of farm enterprise managed by young farmers in 1995

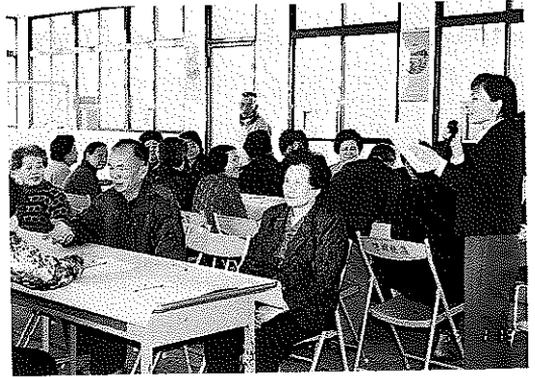
County/City	Flower	Vegetable	Fruit	Tea	Mushroom	Fishery	Other agric.	Livestocks	Total
Taichung City	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
Taichung County	18	3	9	1	9	0	1	0	31
Changhua County	21	3	12	0	4	1	0	22	60
Nantou County	35	3	6	27	4	1	0	2	73
<b>Total</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>168</b>

### Project for Guiding the Rural Youth to Establish Business Career

The purpose of this project is to assist young farmers establishing new modernized farms. A total of 168 rural youths were qualified to receive the low-interest loans from the government to start their new farms in 1995. The loan was used for establishing the farm of ornamental plants, tea tree, fruit tree, vegetables and livestock etc.. (Table 6).



**Fig. 25. Foreign participants attending a group discussion.**



**Fig. 28. The rural activities of aged farmers' group in Shiamn-Shi.**



**Fig. 26. Young farmers trainees attending a field study tour.**



**Fig. 29. Farmroad improvement of rural village in Pu-Li.**



**Fig. 27. The rural culture activities running in Taichung.**



**Fig. 30. The regular meeting of grape production and marketing group in Jyi-Jyi.**