

ACTIVITIES OF AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION IN 1994

Training and Education

A total of four subject matter training courses were held for young farmers in 1994, with 116 trainees attended. A total of four on-the-job training classes were held for agricultural extension workers, with 30 persons attended. A total of three foreign training classes were held for the agricultural technicians of friendly nations, with 36 participants attended. And a total of 82 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

1994. A total of 43 training classes were organized for the aged people in farming villages. A total of 19 training classes were held to strengthen the sanitation and health services, and 9 training classes were conducted to teach the knowledge of family environment protection. A total of 14 villages were selected for conducting the environment improvement activities (Table 2).

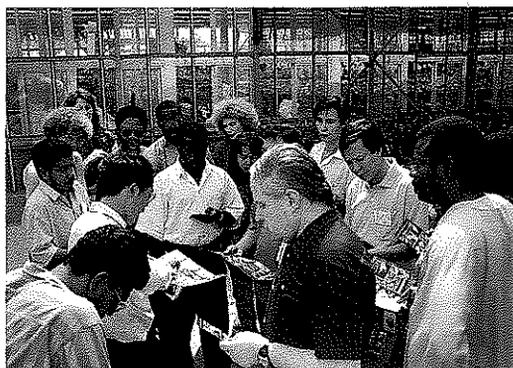


Fig. 29. Foreign trainees from "Workshop of Small-Scale Farming Technique and Transfer".

Table 1. Training activities of agricultural training center in 1994

Training activities	Class	Trainee
Special subjects training	4	116
On the subjects training	1	30
Foreign training	3	36
Other training	3	82
Total	11	264

Table 2. Improvement of rural living environment and quality in 1994

County & City	Guidance of aging life (class)	Sanitation & health (class)	Family education (class)	Improvement of living environment (village)
Taichung city	—	—	1	—
Taichung county	16	7	5	5
Nantou county	7	4	1	2
Changhua county	20	8	2	7
Total	43	19	9	14

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 25 villages were selected to set up farmer's culture classroom (Table 3).

Farmer's Services

The farmers' service work rendered by the staff of this station was very productive and fruitful in 1994. A total of 8,960 local visitors and 838 foreign guests visited this station. A total of 1,461 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 211 training classes of which the trainers were invited from the staff experts of this station (Table 4).

Table 3. Activities of rural culture in Taichung areas in 1994

County & city	Demonstration village	Township's activities	Farmer's classroom (village)
Taichung county	2	4	8
Nantou county	—	—	7
Changhua county	—	—	9
Taichung city	—	1	1
Total	2	5	25

Table 4. Activities of farmer's services of this station in 1994

Services item	Frequency	Person
Local visitors	131	8,960
Foreign guests	82	838
Consulting services	574	1,461
Trainers support	211	—

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 1994 (Table 5).

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 214 rural youths were qualified to receive the low-interest loans from the government to start their new farms in 1994. The loan was used for establishing the farm of ornamental plants, tea tree, fruit tree, vegetables and layer etc.. (Table 6).

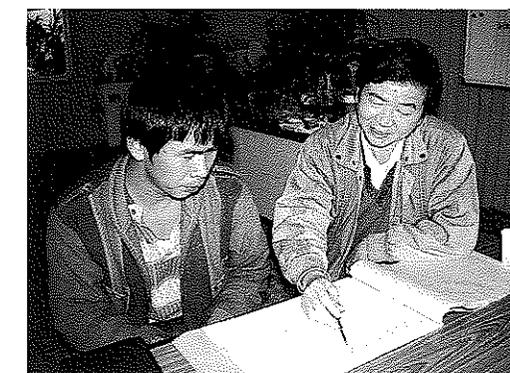


Fig. 30. Investigation of production cost for farm products.

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

County	No. of crop	No. of village	No. of farmer
Taichung	35	16	240
Changhua	45	22	300
Nantou	54	13	315
Total	134	51	885

Table 6. Kinds of farm enterprise managed by young farmers

County/City	Flower	Vege- table	Fruit	Tea	Mush- room	Fishery	Other agric.	Layer	Broiler	Dairy cattle	Milk goat	Pig	Total
Taichung City	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
Taichung County	30	2	5	0	9	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	48
Changhua County	46	5	2	1	4	2	0	2	4	0	1	1	70
Nantou County	46	7	4	30	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	92
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