

ACTIVITIES OF AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION IN 1993

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Training and Education

A total of four subject matter training courses were held for young farmers in 1993, with 113 trainees attended. A total of four on-the-job training classes were held for agricultural extension workers, with 85 persons attended. A total of three foreign training classes were held for the agricultural technicians of friendly nations, with 35 participants attended. And a total of 79 persons attend related training programs at this station (Table 1).

Table 1. Training activities of agricultural training center in 1993

Training activities	Class	Trainee
Special subjects training	4	113
On the subjects training	4	85
Foreign training	3	35
Other training	2	79
Total	13	312

Table 2. Activities of farmer's services of this station in 1993

Services item	Frequency	Person
Local visitors	135	9,178
Foreign guests	88	835
Consulting services	656	1,872
Trainers support	256	-

Farmer's Services

The staffs of this station made the farmer's services work very productive and fruitful in 1993. A total of 9,178 local visitors and 835 foreign guests visited this station. A total of 1,872 farmer's letters or consulting services been answered. And local Farmers' Associations and agricultural cooperatives as well as agricultural production and marketing groups were guided in carrying 256 training classes of which the trainers were invited from the staff experts of this station (Table 2).

RURAL LIFE

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 1993. A total of 21 training classes were organized for the aged people in farming villages. A total of 25 training classes were organizing the courses of sanitation and health services and 28 training classes were giving the courses to strengthen guidance in family education. A total of

12 villages were selected for the environment improvement in rural areas (Table 3).

Development of Rural Culture

Under the development program of rural culture, an integrated activities of rural culture were held at the three demonstration villages such as Pi-tou, Changhua, Ta-chia and Wu-chi, Taichung. A total of eight township's activities of rural culture were held to promote the traditional rural culture. And a total of 13 villages were selected to set up farmer's culture classroom (Table 4).

Table 3. Improvement of rural living environment and quality in 1993

County & city	Guidance of aging life (class)	Sanitation & health (class)	Family education (class)	Improvement of living environment (village)
Taichung	11	14	12	4
Taichung c.	1	1	-	-
Nantou	2	3	5	3
Changhua	7	7	11	5
Total	21	25	28	12

Table 4. Activities of rural culture in Taichung areas in 1993

County & city	Demonstration village	Township's activities	Farmer's classroom (village)
Taichung	2	3	4
Nantou	-	1	3
Changhua	1	3	5
Taichung c.	-	1	1
Total	3	8	13

Guiding for 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 1992 (Table 5).

Project for Guiding the Rural Youth to Establish Enterprise

The purpose of this project is to assist young farmers establishing new modernized farms. A total of 134 rural youths were qualified to receive the low-interest loans from the government to start their new farms in 1993. The loan was used for farm of ornamental plants, tea tree, fruit tree, vegetables and layer (Table 6).

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

County/City	No. of crop	No. of village	No. of farmer
Taichung City	1	1	3
Taichung County	34	15	258
Changhua County	45	22	287
Nantou County	54	13	334
Total	134	51	882

Table 6. Kinds of farm enterprise managed by young farmers

County/City	Ornamental plant	Tea tree	Fruit tree	Vegetables	Layer	Others	Total
Taichung City	1	0	1	1	0	0	3
Taichung County	17	0	6	2	0	5	30
Changhua County	27	0	4	4	8	11	54
Nantou County	20	20	2	2	0	3	47
Total	65	20	13	9	8	19	134