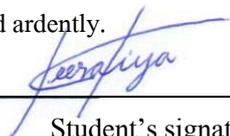


Keeratiya Sawatdipap 2011: Factors Influencing the Expectations in Self – Reliant Agricultural Development of the New Generation Farmers. Master of Arts (Social Development), Major Field: Social Development, Interdisciplinary Graduate Program. Thesis Advisor: Ms. Oranutda Chinnasri, Ph.D. 278 pages.

The objectives of this research were to study 1) personal factors, social factors and production factors for agricultural development of the new generation farmers 2) the expectations in self – reliant agricultural development of the new generation farmers 3) personal factors, social factors and production factors for agricultural development affecting the expectations in self – reliant agricultural development of the new generation farmers. The samples of the research were the new generation farmers, totally 128 respondents. The main data were collected by using questionnaires. The analyzed statistics were percentage, mean, maximum, minimum, standard deviation and Stepwise Multiple Regression Analysis.

Some parts of the results showed that: 1) 81.25 percent of the new generation farmers had an agricultural land possession totally 1 – 5 rais and adopted integrated farming in the land received from Agricultural Land Reform Office (ALRO). The group membership helped substantially the new generation farmers in the ALRO's land to have the sense of self – reliant development. All new generation farmers had an access to an agricultural information. 2) The new generation farmers had the expectation in self – reliant agricultural development in a high level ($\bar{X} = 4.06$), had an anticipation of having the related organizations to provide public utility, sources of water, electricity, road, funding, and low interest credit and 3) The paradigm shift to sustainable agriculture, the knowledge and understanding in self – reliant agricultural development, the opinions about the lands received from ALRO, the amount of funding gained from ALRO, and the non – agricultural income could be used cooperatively to predict the expectations in self – reliant agricultural development of the new generation farmers by 60.40 percent significantly at .05 level.

The new generation farmers had the confidence to remain and perform agriculture in the area that were received from ALRO if the government sectors could solve the mentioned problems, understand the problems that occurred in the area and have willingness to help the farmers urgently and ardently.


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