

ABSTRACT

THESIS : Factors Affecting the Performance of the Farm Women
Groups in Lampang Province

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The research was conducted for 3 purposes : 1) to find out the performance of the farm women groups in Lampang, 2) to point out the factors affecting their performance and 3) to identify their operational problems and obstacles .

The data were collected from 104 members of the farm women groups, 65 committee members of the groups and 13 cottage agriculture officials in Lampang Province. A questionnaire and an interview form were employed as instruments .

The findings were summed up as follows :

1. The overall performance of the farm women groups was found to be at a moderate level . When the samples were divided into 2 groups, the ordinary members of the farm women groups considered the success in their performance to be at a moderate level, while the committee members of the groups thought it was good.

2. Both the ordinary members and the committee members of the farm women groups were satisfied with the group performance at a high level. The committee members expected to serve in the committee at high level before they really became so.

3. Both groups received supported from the government officials and their families at a high level.

4. The ordinary members of the farm women groups were found to have a knowledge and understanding of the work of such groups at a moderate level, while the committee group had a knowledge and understanding about it at a high level.

5. The ordinary members were found to participate in the group's operation at a moderate level, where as the committee did so at a high level.

6. The factors found to affect the performance of the farm women groups were family size, number of years in membership, satisfaction with performance and participation in the operations of the groups . Likewise, the factors affecting the committee member's

satisfaction were number of years in membership, satisfaction with the performance, expectation to become a committee member and participation in the group operations.

7. The factors that had no significant relationship with the performance of the farm women groups were age, income, marital status, number of children, status in the group, transportation, access to information, support from government authorities, support from the family, and knowledge and understanding of the farm women group. In the committee member group, no significant relationship was found between the performance of the farm women groups and other variables--- namely, age income, marital status, number of children, family size, status in the group, transportation, access to information, support from the government authorities, support from the family and knowledge and understanding of the work of the farm women group.