

Aumnad Sritep 2008: Study on Opinion of Farmers Towards Trend of Agricultural Development in Phra Samut Chedi District, Samut Prakan Province. Master of Science, (Agricultural Extension), Major Field: Agricultural Extension, Department of Agricultural Extensional and Communication. Thesis Advisor: Associate Professor Wattana Swanyatiputi, M.S. 100 pages.

The objective of this research were: 1) to define the socio-economics of the farmers, 2) to determine the opinion of farmers towards the agriculture development; and 3) to identify the problems and constants of farmers in Phra Samut Chedi District, Samut Prakan Province. The 168 farmers in Phra Samut Chedi district were proportionally sampling. The interview schedules were applied for gathering data. The statistic uses for analysis were; percentage, arithmetic means, and standard deviation.

The results revealed that most of farmers were male with average age 49 years, and obtained 4 years of primary education. The average family size was 5 persons. Most of farmers major occupation were feeding shrimp, has support occupation and their were belong to the farmer group. The average income per amnion was 269,255.7 baht and the average expense per amnion was 252,245.23 baht. Most of the farmers had no debt and have their own land. Soil condition in this area was appropriated suitable for fishery occupation. Problems were found mostly in surface soil, water pollution from manufactures. Farmers need development and training in occupation of raising aquatic animals' kind feeding shrimp. Most thinking level of farmer is medium in the souse of support and assist transforming agricultural productivity, soil and water supply management, and potential of farmers and group. Farmers have high thinking level in produce quality and safety agricultural productivity. Most problem were water pollution from manufactures and suggest will be take care by officers.

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