

MR.GUMJOHN PIROTESAK : A COMPARATIVE STUDY ON COST
AND RETURN BETWEEN SOYBEAN AND RICE DURING THE DRY
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The purpose of this thesis is to compare the cost and return between soybean and rice during the dry season in the northeastern region.

The results of the study show that the average production cost of soybean in the northeastern region is 1,224.45 Baht. per rai, or 4.69 Baht per kilogram with an average yield of 260.84 kilogram per rai. While the average production cost of rice during the dry season is 1,069.33 Baht per rai or 1.99 Baht per kilogram with the average yield of 536.29 kilogram per rai. The average return of soybean growers is higher than those the dry season rice growers at the same time the break-even point of soybean is lower than dry season rice.

The study reveals some major problems such as : Production cost of both crops are relatively high thus resulting in less profit, the lacking of funds has resulted in low yield due to low investment, and the uncertainty of product price suggestions in solving these problems are that the related governmental organizations should provide technical knowledge as well as setting long-term plan for price guarantee and agricultural credit program.