

ABSTRACT

Title of Research Paper : The Opinions of the Agriculturist on Land Distribution at Land Reform Area : A Case Study of Pa Huay Kamin-Phu Narm Ron-Nong Ya Sai Land Reform Area, Chang District, Suphanburi Province

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The survey was conducted for the following purposes : 1) to find out the farmer's opinion on the land allocation in the land reform projects, 2) to identify the factors affecting their opinion on this matter, and 3) to use the research results to make some recommendations on land allocation.

The study focused on the farmers' opinions on three aspects : qualifications of those who had the land ownership right, the right to use land, and land transfer and heritage. The background variables selected for the study were sex, age, education, number of dependents in the household, migration, sufficiency of labor for farming, yearly income, yearly expense, landholding size, adequacy of land for agriculture, participation of farmers in land allocation, and knowledge and understanding of the Land Reform Act.

The findings were summarized below :

1. The farmers were found to agree with the land allocation in the land reform project. When each aspect was considered individually, land transfer and heritage was found to agree with most, followed by qualifications of those who had the land ownership right and the right to use land, respectively

2. The farmers were found to participate in the land allocation procedures at a moderate level.

3. They had a good knowledge and understanding of the land reform act.

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4. The factors found to significantly affect their opinion about land allocation in the land reform project were age, education, and knowledge and understanding of the Land Reform Act. In contrast, the factors that had no significant relationship with their opinion were sex, number of household dependents, migration, sufficiency of labor for farming, yearly income, yearly expense, landholding size, adequacy of land for agriculture and participation in the land allocation procedures.

Recommendations

1. The land reform officers should encourage farmers to participate more in the land allocation procedures.
2. The land reform officers should educate farmers about the Land Reform Act, particularly, the fact that land reform for agriculture can take place in both public and private land.
3. The Land Reform Office should inform farmers that they are permitted to dig a well for agriculture, the size of which is larger than 5 percent of the total land allocated to them