

Thesis Title

The Attitude of Kaset Tambol towards Agricultural
Extension System in the Four Southern Border
Provinces

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ABSTRACT

The objectives of this research were: 1) to gather information on the personal background of Kaset Tambol; 2) to ascertain their attitude towards agricultural extension system; 3) to analyze the relationship between personal background of Kaset Tambol and their attitude towards the agricultural extension system; and 4) to obtain their opinion about problems and potential solutions to the problems of agricultural extension system.

This study uses data collected from 175 people in four southern border provinces of Thailand. Kaset Tambol were on the average male, 34 years of age,

married, non-native to the province they worked in, Buddhist, did not hold a college degree, and had attended 3 training courses. Most of Kaset Tambol used Thai to communicate with local farmers.

On average Kaset Tambol were positive about the monthly training courses, the monthly meetings, and visiting farmers. However, they felt mediocre about the sub-district agricultural center. The overall average score was 3.48. This shows that overall, Kaset Tambol have a positive attitude towards the agricultural extension system.

The hypothesis that the personal background and characteristics of Kaset Tambol plays a role in shaping their attitude toward agricultural extension system was supported by one factor. Age was the only factor that was significantly correlated with the attitudes expressed by Kaset Tambol.

The advice and suggestions of Kaset Tambol can be summarized as follows: Kaset Tambol should be stationed in each area for 4 years; the number of households that they are responsible for does not matter but should not cover more than one sub-district area; the individual responsibility was too much; their most important activities are agricultural extension, transfer of knowledge, and solving the problems of the farmers.

In addition they have problems solving the problems of the farmers, transfer of knowledge, visiting farmers on schedule, and financial and material support is insufficient.