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The objectives of this research were to study social background of members, economic background of members, opinions of members on future farmer incubation project in land reform area in central region, problems and suggestions of members on future farmer incubation project in land reform area in central region. Population consisted of members participating the future farmer incubation project in land reform area in 7 provinces of central region including Kanchanaburi, Chanthaburi, Pathum Thani, Rayong, Lop Buri, Suphan Buri and Saraburi. Since March 2007 to November 2009 and 109 more total. By sending questionnaires by mail. The data were analyzed statistically using descriptive statistics for social background of members, economic background of members and opinion of members on future farmer incubation project in land reform area in central region by using frequency, percentage, mean and standard deviation.

Research results showed that members were male at 72.5%. Their average age was 37.5 years old, completed Bachelor degree (56.9%), main occupation was farmer (72.5%), occupation was business (33.0%), the average time as a member of 19.06 months, the reasons for participants to want to agricultural areas as their own (29.3%). The perceived source of information about project was from the Agricultural Land Reform Office officials (65.1%), run their farming businesses in the project area (85.3%), Consider the appropriateness of the crop area (33.0%), the average number of household members was 3.39, the average number of family members who worked on the farm was 2.25, the average agricultural area per family was 4.11 Rai and the average income was 18,342.65 baht.

The overall opinion of the members was at the medium level (average 3.18). Considering on individual item was policy at a high level (mean = 3.86), capital and loans at a high level (mean = 3.46), training at a moderate level (mean = 3.19), the services of the Agricultural Land Reform Office officials at a moderate level (mean = 2.99) and resources in land reform in a low level (mean = 2.40).

Problems of members on future farmer incubation project in land reform area in central region were resources in land reform (45.9%), capital and loans (40.4%), the services of the Agricultural Land Reform Office officials (22.0%) and training(20.2%). Suggestions of members on future farmer incubation project in land reform area in central region were resources in land reform (33.0%), training(22.0%), capital and loans (20.2%) and the services of the Agricultural Land Reform Office officials (14.7%).

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