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#### **ABSTRACT**

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The study was conducted to describe the financial status of multi-cropping system in selected towns of upland Cavite. It also aimed to: 1) establish the socio-economic profile of the participants; 2) establish the characteristics of the multiple-cropping system; 3) analyze the financial status of the farm; and 4) identify the problems encountered by the farmers.

Primary data were used in this study using a survey questionnaire. The list of participants was obtained from the office of the Department of Agriculture (DA) in every municipality covered in the study. The researcher selected five towns in upland Cavite namely: Alfonso, Indang, Maragondon, Silang and Tagaytay. Farms with an area of at least one hectare and at least five crops were selected from each municipality.

The result shows that the farmers covered has different crops planted and has unique features. Three (3) farmers were dragon-fruit based; two farmers were pineapple-based; another two farmers were banana based; one farmer was ampalaya-based; another one farmer was coffee-based; one farmer was lettuce-based; and one was red hot pepper-based.

The 12 said participants have different crops planted in their farm; six farms have eight different crops planted; and six farms have 4 to 10 different crops planted. The average size of the farm used was 3 ha.

The farmers encountered problems like: insufficient supply of water; followed by high cost of inputs; high incidence of pest and diseases; insufficient supply of good quality seed; high prices of seedlings; inadequate irrigation facilities; poor cultural practices; flood during rainy season; limited knowledge of proper post-harvest handling methods; and limited access to credit.

On the other hand, in terms of marketing, the common problems encountered were: number of competitors; price competition; high transportation cost; market positioning; and lack of vehicles during the transportation.

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#### INTRODUCTION

Farming system enterprise is a resource management strategy to achieve economic and sustained agricultural production to meet diverse requirement of the farm households while preserving the resource-base and maintaining high environmental quality. The farming system in its real sense will help to lift the economy of agriculture and standard of living of the farmers (AgriInfo, 2011).

Multiple cropping is not a new form of agricultural technology, but instead is an ancient means of intensive farming. Multiple cropping has been practiced in many parts of the world as a way of maximize land productivity in a specific area in a growing season. Generally, the practice of planting two or more crops on the same field is more common in tropical regions where more rainfall, higher temperature, and longer growing seasons are more favorable for continual crop production (Gliessman, 2000).