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ABSTRACT

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This study was conducted primarily to determine the socio-economic characteristics of coffee farmers, the management practices adopted by them, the relationship of some socio-economic factors to the different management practices, and the problems encountered by farmers in coffee growing. This study covered five barrios and the town proper of Amadeo, Cavite from which a total of 120 respondents were selected and were personally interviewed.

The average age of the respondents was 53 years old. Most of them were able to reach the elementary level of education only. The respondents had an average size of the farm of 2.625 hectares and were earning an average annual income of \$26,285.00.

The different management practices employed by the farmers were found not associated with age, educational attainment, number of dependents, years of experiences, annual income and size of the farm of the respondents.

The most frequently mentioned problems in coffee farming were high cost of fertilizers and low price of coffee.

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