Quiz for Target Crop Selection

Answers and Explanations

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|  | Question | Choices | Answer | Explanation |
| 1 | What is the main purpose of selecting the target crops? | 1. For the members of the farmer groups to individually choose what he/ she wants to grow based on his/her past farming experience. 2. For the farmer group to collectively identify the specific types of crops that are demanded by the market based on the findings of the market survey. 3. For the implementers to select what crops are best suited in a specific location based on its agro-ecological conditions. 4. For the farmer group to choose one crop which is suitable for growing at their group farm. | 2 | The members of the farmer group agree to produce the crops which are highly demanded by the market so that they can get more profit from the crops of high potential. |
| 2 | What is the most appropriate role of the extension staff when the farmers select their target crops? | 1. The extension staff tells his/her preference of crops to the farmers. 2. The extension staff gives suggestions to the farmers particularly when it comes to the crops’ suitability to local agro-ecological conditions. 3. The extension staff chooses the target crop from the view point of profitability. 4. The extension staff should not facilitate or participate in farmers' discussions. | 2 | It is important for the farmers to select the target crops with their own initiative based on the information they collected during the market surveys. The extension staff, as an agricultural expert, is expected to give balanced suggestions to the farmers particularly in the area of production challenges of the crops being discussed. |
| 3 | Which of the gender-sensitive considerations/actions is most appropriate when facilitating farmers’ crop selection process? | 1. The extension staff invites only female members of the farmer group for crop selection. 2. The extension staff ensures that the participants of the crop selection meeting should be limited to powerful members of the community. 3. The extension staff encourages the members to consult their spouses or other family members who are involved in agriculture before or during crop selection. 4. A vote cast by a female farmer during crop selection is counted as two votes while a vote by a male farmer is counted as one. | 3 | It is important to recognize the opinions and preferences of the spouses or other family members of the target farmers if they are also involved in agriculture. The extension staff is advised to encourage the group members to talk to other family members so that they can make decisions jointly with regard to what crops they want to produce. |
| 4 | Which of the following items is listed in the Target Crop Selection Sheet? | 1. Tariff of international trading. 2. Average unit price. 3. Experience in marketing the crop. 4. Price of agricultural machinery. | 2 | Average unit price is one of the key information for the farmers in selecting the target crops from the profitability point of view. |
| 5 | Which of the following statements accurately describes the format of SHEP’s Target Crop Selection Sheet and its use? | 1. The Sheet has a column where the farmers write their experience in producing the crop they are investigating. 2. The Sheet should have the information of the results of the Market Survey that the government officials conduct on a regular basis. 3. The Sheet should be used during the meeting of farmer representatives, not general members. 4. The Sheet encourages the farmers to choose the target crops only from the view point of profitability. | 1 | The target crops should be selected not only from the profitability point of view but also from the viewpoint of farmers' experience. |
| 6 | Which one of the following statements is NOT an appropriate tip for target crop selection? | 1. Invite farmer members' spouses, if they are involved in farming, to the crop selection meeting. 2. Make the results of the market survey exercise available at the meeting so that the farmers can refer to the information easily. 3. Always invite high-ranking government officials to make a speech at the meeting so that the farmers get motivated. 4. Facilitate the meeting democratically so that powerful members of the group do not dominate the decision-making process. | 3 | Inviting high-ranking government officials to all the target crop selection meetings at the communities is costly and not so realistic. |