

The Training Needs of the Agricultural Extension Guides and Local Leaders in the Use of Agricultural Mechanization at El- Qalubia

summary-Agriculture mehanization is considered 'of the most import~t vital programs in the field of development. despite its v~i.tal importance it :faced tremendous problems. The most serious problems are (a) the scarcity of researches and studies that deal with the determination of t:t;'aininnqedsfor both agricultural extensionists and local extension leaders in the fluid of using agricUltural mechanism (b) Absence of the above mentioned' research and studies for horticulture husbandry engineers (c) not determining the most important personal and situational independent variables of the agricultural leaderships with effect training needs. This can be done through a way with reflects stages or angles that depend on this satisfaction. It should also~uDt lçnow~.dge~related to the idea and how to carry out.~jeet.i ••• ~or til. at.udy:- Ob1ctive of this study could be summarized as follows : 1- To determine the differences between the needs of horticulture husbandry engineers and agricultural.~en.ioni.ts for the knOWledge, operation practices and maintenance practices of the mechanical plower. 2- To deteraine the differences between the needs of localextension leaders, ownerrlnq and not ownerrlnq mechanical plower, concerning their Ca) knOWledge related to awaring about it (b) knOWledge related to how to operation (c) knowledge related to how to .a1ntenance Cd) it. operation practipes and ee) it•• aintenance practices.(3) To determine the relationship between the need degrees of horticulture husbandry enginetrs· and agricultural extensionis~s concerning knOWledge, operation practices and maintenance practices of the mechanical plower and each of the following independent variables age, degree of rurality, degree of agricultural experience, degree of employment experience, degree of education in the field of agricultural mechanization nUmber of holded meetings and panels discussion in the field of using agricultural mechanization, number of resources for obtaining knowledge about agricultural mechanization number of training programs in the field of agricultural mechanization, degree of individual ownership for farm machinery, degree of individual use of farm machinery, degree of attitude towards form machinery, degree of attitudes towards agricultural mechanical stations, degree of family.::»:ownership to farm machinery and degree of family use of farm machinery.(4) To determine the relationship b~tween the degrees of need for local extension leaders owning the mechanical plower concerning their (a) knowledge related to awa~inq about it (b) knOWledge related to how to operation (c) knowledge related to how to maintenance Cd) its operation practices, and ee) its maintenance practices and the fOllowing independent variables : age, nUmber of Children, degree of family members participation in the farm work, degree of education, nUmber of other business that individual is working with in addition to agriculture, size of agricultural ownership, number of locations on which the individual has his agricultural ownership, nUmber of owned labor farm animals, degree of attitudes towards agricultural machines, degree of attitUdes towards agricultural mechanical station, degree of educational and occupational ambitions of sons, degree of contact with change agents, degree of participation in those extension activities related to agricultural ~echanics, degree of exposure to mass communication means, degree of cosmopolitaness, number of training programs in the field of agricultural mechanics number of owned farm machaineary and degree of farm machinery use. Research methods I To achieve the

objective~ of ~his study the following procedures were carried out To collect needed data for statistical use, three samples were selected randomly; sixty agriculture extensionists, sixty horticulture husbandry engineering and 104 local extension leaders, Two types of questionnaires were constructed to get the responses of agriculture extensionists horticulture husbandry engineers and local leaders. Each questionnaire contained two main parts; the first part consisted of the studied independent variables and the second part contained questions to measure needs for knowledge and practices concerning the mechanical power. Data were collected in winter of 1990 by personal interviews using a pre-tested questionnaire. Data analysis : Mann-Whitney test, simple correlation coefficient and step-wise multiple correlation and regression analysis were the main statistical tools used for data analysis. Research findings : 1- Agriculture extensionists and horticulture husbandry engineers were in a great need for all knowledge and practices related to mechanical power. 2- It was found that the need of horticulture extensionists in relation to all knowledge and practices related to operation of the mechanical power. It was found also that the difference between the need of both categories was very high significant.) In relation to mechanical power maintenance, it was found that the need for both horticulture husbandry engineer and agriculture extensionists was relatively higher. It was also found that horticulture husbandry engineer need was higher than that of agriculture extensionists in some items under study. On the other hand, agriculture extensionist was higher than that of horticulture husbandry need in some other different items. However, in general the difference between each of their needs was not significant. 3- It was found that all local extension leaders with and without ownership were in need for all knowledge and practices under investigation. 4- It was found that local extension leaders need with and without ownership varied from a practice to another and from a piece type of knowledge to another. 5- It was found that the need of local extension leaders, with and without ownership, for knowledge about the mechanical power was low. The difference between their needs was not significant. 6- The need of those local extension leaders not owning a mechanical power for knowledge related to operation and maintenance of the power was higher than that of local extension leaders who own a mechanical power. The difference found between their needs was highly significant. 7- Number of resources for obtaining knowledge about mechanical power and degrees of attitude towards farm machinery were jointly contributed to 61% of the total variation interpreting the need degrees of horticulture husbandry engineers concerning knowledge about mechanical power. 8- Degrees of employment experience, degrees of family ownership of farm machinery number of resources for obtaining knowledge about agriculture mechanization were jointly contributed to 58.8% of the total variation interpreting the need degrees of agriculture extensionists for knowledge concerning mechanical power. 9- Training degrees in the field of agricultural mechanization were contributed to 20% of the total variation associated with the need degrees of horticulture husbandry engineers for practices concerning operation of the mechanical power. 10- Degrees of family ownership of farm machinery degrees of education in the field of agriculture mechanization were jointly contributed to 26.7% of the total variation interpreting the need degrees of agriculture extensionists for practices concerning operation of mechanical power. 11- Number of training in the field of agricultural mechanization, degrees of ownership for farm machinery were jointly contributed to 29.3% of the total variation interpreting the need of horticulture husbandry engineer for practices concerning maintenance mechanical power. 12- Family ownership degree of farm machinery, training degrees in the field of agricultural mechanization were jointly contributed to 30.6% of the total variation interpreting the need of agriculture extensionists for practices concerning maintenance mechanical power. 13- The degrees exposure to the means of mass communication were contributed to 18% of the total variation associated with knowledge need degrees for those local extension leaders who have mechanical power ownership in relation to its awareness. 14- Number of owned labor farm animals, degrees of cosmopolitanism were jointly contributed to 21.9% of the total variation interpreting the need degrees of those local extension leaders who have mechanical power in concerning how to operate it. 15- Number of training programs in the field of agriculture mechanization were contributed to 11% of the total variation associated with the need degrees of local extension leaders who have mechanical power in concerning how to maintain it. 16- Number of owned labor farm animals, degrees of

farm machinery use, were jointly contributed to 9.1% of the total variation interpreting the need degrees of those local extension leaders who have mechanical plow operation practices. 19- Number training programs in the field of agriculture mechanization were contributed to 15% of total variation associated the need degree of those local extension leaders who have mechanical plow operation practices. The previous results indicate the importance of considering in the variation in the need degree of agriculture haspundry agricultural extension leaders and local extension leaders when designing and carrying out any extension training programs in the field of agricultural mechanic.