



Sustainable Agriculture and Natural Resource Management Collaborative Research Support Program

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Trip Report: Uganda

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Purpose of Trip:

(1) Initiate a farm-household survey (of 400 farmers) to run a choice experiment in the Tororo and Kapchorwa districts to assess the relative value that farmers place on C.A. traits that might affect adoption such as yield, labor used in land preparation, input cost, and erosion mitigation. Data will be also be used to assess degree of risk aversion by farmers.
(2) Work out logistics of survey and pilot test it so that two graduate students (Barry Weixler-Landis and Kate Vaiknoras) can complete the survey over the next 3+ weeks working with the NGO partner Appropriate Technology-Uganda.

Sites Visited:

Kampala, Tororo

Description of Activities

Met at Makerere University first with Sam Kyamanywa for a courtesy call and then with collaborators Bernard Bashaasha and Grace Tinoasianut (the latter from Appropriate Technology) to discuss their progress on SANREM and the survey to be conducted. Bernard has a graduate student, Julia, who is assessing factors affecting CA adoption. Julia is coming along well with her thesis.

Input cost and yield data are being gathered, but the student (named Moses) who is summarizing them was not available. Grace said she would see that I was sent a copy of the data, which are cruder for Kenya than Uganda. I also met with Jackie Bonabona-Wabbi and her grad student, Julian, as well as a former grad student of mine Gertrude Nakakeeto who went over the survey. We spent two days going over the survey in Kampala and then went to Tororo after working out the budget for the activity with Grace. We worked there with two field level people on the project (Ketty and Susan) to pilot test the survey with 20 farmers and revise the survey further over three days. We also visited the on-station and on-farm experiments. It was a good time to visit as the experiments were all in the field and looking good.

We obtained a list of villages which we randomized and the list of farmers in each village which was also randomized for the survey. Ten enumerators were hired and 2 vehicles rented to conduct the survey. Tororo will be surveyed first and then Kapchorwa.

Suggestions and Recommendations

Barry and Kate are still in Uganda conducting the survey with Susan and Ketty (and someone named David in Kapchorwa) and the 10 enumerators. They will submit a separate trip report when they return. Appropriate Technology is well organized and an excellent collaborator. I still need to follow up on the budget data as I did not see Moses while I was there and I would like to review the cost of production data. The farmers in one village where the experiments are being demonstrated expressed great enthusiasm and appreciation for the project. Some have begun to adopt the practices even if they are not a collaborator.

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