

ORGANIZATIONAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE DIFFERENTIATION
AND ITS IMPLICATION TO FARMING SYSTEMS
APPROACH TO IMPROVING AGRICULTURE

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The systems approach to improving agriculture has now been accepted as a necessary departure from previous techniques because it allows for the variability among farmers and regions to be taken account for when planning change. Improving the status of farmers who are engaged in a multiplicity of enterprises is the concern of several public and private agencies. The factors that determine the differentiation of organizations, especially in the public sector, are quite unrelated to the factors associated with diversity in farming systems. These two sets of reasons are examined to show that organizational differentiation does not necessarily improve the service delivery system to agricultural communities. The reasons for this situation and policy implications are examined.