

AN EMPIRICAL ASSESSMENT OF THE FARMING  
SYSTEMS RESEARCH IN A SELECTED SITE IN SRI LANKA

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Farming Systems Research (FSR) commenced in the village of "Idama" in Uva Paranagama in 1979. A study was conducted at this site during the 1987 cropping year to assess the impact of this technology.

FSR site as well as one other site, which was not introduced to the technology, but with similar climatological and topographical characteristics were used for the study.

Comparisons were made between the two sites. All the data pertaining to crop production activities as well as daily cash and non-cash transactions were recorded during the study period.

Results of the study showed that the two sites have similar cropping patterns. However the performance of the farmers from the site which was not introduced to the technology was better than the farmers of the FSR site as far as the potato crop was concerned. The vegetable crops planned after potato did not show statistically significant differences in yields between the two sites.