
Success Story of Farmer - Organic Farming Practice

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ABSTRACT

Krishi Vigyan Kendra is the centre for transfer of season specific technologies to farmers, farm women, rural youth. Recent days KVK has given main focus on organic farming. Various trainings programmes, method demonstration on organic input production, front line demonstrations, frequent field visits and regular advisory services conducted. Farmer Th.S. Kulandaivel KVK trained farmers and having believed on organic farming. Started doing organic practice on since last three years. He is the president of Semmankadu KVK Farmers' Group and doing service to his group members. He earns profit of R.3000/day from Roses and Chillies sales at daily market.

1. DETAILS OF THE FARM

- Farmer: S. Kulandaivel, Age: 55, residing in Semmankadu village, Karkoodalpatti Panchayat, Namakkal district.
- Total cultivable area is 3 acres and cultivates a variety of crops including 100 jack trees, 100 Coconut trees, 250 Arecanut trees, rose flowers, and vegetables. Additionally, he is involved in dairy farming and poultry rearing.
- He is the President of the Semmankadu KVK Farmers' Group, which comprises 14 members. Meetings are held monthly once to make decisions for upliftment of group activities. He practices all farming methods based on training and advice received from the Namakkal Krishi Vigyan Kendra. Soil and water testing also carried out for his farm.

2. TECHNOLOGICAL USAGE

- Driven by a keen interest in organic farming, he has been following organic farming methods for three years. He produces and uses Panchagavya, fish amino acids, egg amino acids, and vermicompost on his farm.
- Based on recommendations from the Nammazhvar Organic Farming Research Centre of Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, Coimbatore he uses all organic inputs produced at his farm at recommended level to obtain good yields from all crops.

3. DETAILS OF ACHIEVEMENTS

- He sells the remaining organic farming inputs to other group members at prices ranging from Rs.100-200/-.
- He sells the roses from his garden daily for Rs.100-200/kg. Additionally, he sells chilli, tomato, and seasonal vegetables directly at the Rasipuram Farmers' Market.
- He earns a profit of Rs.3000/- daily.

4. DISSEMINATION AND IMPACT

- As a technical trainer, he conducts technical classes under the ATMA (Agricultural Technology Management Agency) scheme. Over the past two years, he has trained more than 300 farmers, rural youth, and women farmers.
- Through ATMA, tribal farmer and farm women visited his under exposure visit and observed organic package of practices.

5. GLIMPSES OF FARM ACTIVITIES



Crops Rose & chilli cultivation



Act as a trainer for ATMA training



Vermicompost production



Native dairy breed rearing



Organic input production



CONCLUSION

Th.S. Kulandaivel is an organically trained KVK farmer, adopted organic package of practices in his farm and done motivation to other group members also. Acted as a trainer to department and KVK training programmes. At the present scenario, adoption of organic package of practices is inevitable to sustain the crop production, maintain soil health and obtain better price in the market. Hence each and every farmer mind set has to be changed to adopt scientific organic package of practice to get maximum profit per unit.