




Community Group: Guam




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•Local Agriculture Marketing Efforts:

- Develop Marketing Data
- Promote Local Product Awareness/Local Branding
- Develop Food Associations and/or Co-Ops
- True Farmers Market
- Link to Tourism Sector

•Invasive Species and Pest Management

- Strengthen Quarantine, Slow Invasive Species Introduction
 - Promote Local Landscape Plant Propagation
- Identify Resistant Crops & Other Management Programs
- Pest Risk Analysis for Potential Exports
- Eradication Programs



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•Promote Enterprise Diversity

- Variety Trials
- Niche Crops
- Artificial Insemination, Adequate Hatchery
- Use of Native Species in Landscapes
- Tissue Culture Lab

•Local Government Measures

- Master Plan for Ag. Development
- Need Ag. Census, Import, & Production Data
- Funding for Support Agencies
- Make Ag. Land Available & Remove Non-Farmers from Leased Ag. Lands

•Promote Value Added Processing & Agro Tourism Links

2. What are the local food production trends on your island?

Do you think your island's farmers can produce enough food for its people 5-10 years from now? What areas of production need improvement?

- Trends have been retired people experiment with farming, and the young generation look for indoor jobs
- New farmers are not getting the technical support they did decades ago
- Increase in non-local Asian farmers
- Agriculture is viewed as hard dirty work
- No.
- Need a local new farmer program, coordinated with CLTC to capture the clients when they get their lease
- See other questions

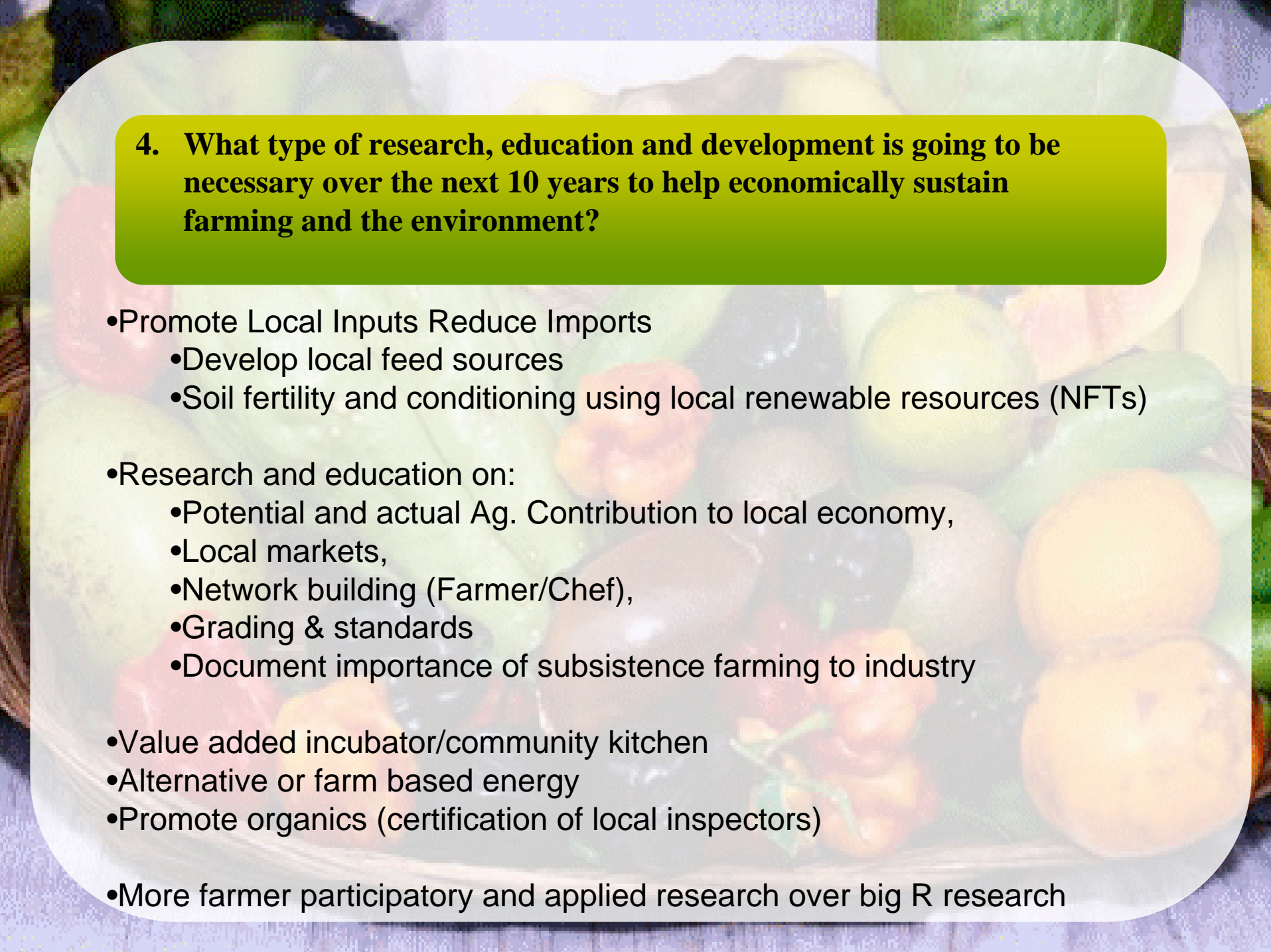
3. The SARE Program was commissioned, by Congress, to get its research results to the farmer and rancher. Has this been a success in your area of influence? Why or why not?

- Qualified No.

Key stakeholders/traditional clients receive info, but not general public

- Continuing the information dissemination after grant's life is a challenge that has not been met. Considerations include:

- Extension publication/workshop materials should be digital for future printings
- Identify ways to promote farmer to farmer mentoring
- Make more use of the soil and water conservation districts to disseminate information
- Need a Guam Agriculture Website that contains information from all agencies a one stop source of information.
- Support weekly farmer column in paper



4. What type of research, education and development is going to be necessary over the next 10 years to help economically sustain farming and the environment?

- Promote Local Inputs Reduce Imports
 - Develop local feed sources
 - Soil fertility and conditioning using local renewable resources (NFTs)
- Research and education on:
 - Potential and actual Ag. Contribution to local economy,
 - Local markets,
 - Network building (Farmer/Chef),
 - Grading & standards
 - Document importance of subsistence farming to industry
- Value added incubator/community kitchen
- Alternative or farm based energy
- Promote organics (certification of local inspectors)
- More farmer participatory and applied research over big R research

5. If Western SARE received (from Congress) an additional \$1 million per region, what types of projects should be targeted or emphasized?

- Grant writing support for local farmers and groups
 - Possible allow funds for technical support
- Continuous Extension/farm demos find ways to carry beyond grant
 - Long term farming demonstration sites
- More farm demos:
 - More farmer participation in grants and follow up awards for additional demonstration in farmers fields
 - All Research is for Naught if it doesn't Reach the Farmers