

Farmer co-operators optimistic of results of SCoPSA Techno Demo Farm in Koronadal



The newly established Sustainable Corn Production in Sloping Areas (SCoPSA) Technology Demonstration Farm in Sitio Ilang-ilang, Koronadal City, South Cotabato has so far yielded positive results since it started last August.

It can be recalled that the SCoPSA Demo Farm was established to determine the production yield of corn and various fruit crops that will use as hedgerow, to reduce soil events and other cultural practices that causes depletion of nutrient and erosion, and to mitigate the soil and preserve nature.

325 fruit trees were so far planted by farmer cooperators in the area including lanzones, rambutan, durian, jackfruit, guyabano, marang, pomelo and coconuts. From September to October, hybrid corn seeds were also planted in the farm. The application of inorganic fertilizers such as Potash and Urea was also scheduled at regular intervals to positive results.

Farmer cooperators were also guided on installing erosion pins to gather data for the monitoring and evaluation of the corn and fruit trees for p and diseases. Trash lines were established by the team.

“We are happy that our farmer cooperators have responded to the Techno Demo Farm well and are embracing the potential benefits of SCoPSA to their future harvests. With more farmers equipped with this knowledge, we are confident that we will be able to prevent losses from soil erosion and other problems caused by climate change in these types of areas,” CropLife Philippines Executive Director Ramon Abadilla said.

The newly appointed Department of Agriculture Regional Executive Director (DA-RED) Sailila E. Abdula, Ph.D also expressed support for the program as it will help corn farmers in Region 12 increase their yield and income.

“This program is a big help to our farmers since it will provide them with information and support needed to increase their production,” DA RED Abdula said.