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Abbreviations

ACIAR Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research

AIC Akaike Information Criteria

ANOVA Analysis of Variance

APM Alternative Pest Management

BIC Bayesian Information Criteria

BMPs Best Management Practices

BSE Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy

BW Best Worst

BWS Best Worst Scaling

COOL Country of Origin Labelling

FFS Farmer Field School

GAP Good Agriculture Practices

GDP Growth Domestic Products

GM Genetic Modified

GMO Genetic Modified Organism

HAACP Hazard Analytical by Critical Control Point

HGV Hydroponically Grown Vegetables

HPAI Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza

HS Household Size

HSD Honest Significance Difference

ICASEPS Indonesian Center for Agricultural Socio Economic and Policy

Studies

IFPRI International Food Policy Research Institute

IMR Inverse Mill's Ratio

IPM Integrated Pest Management

IPM-FFS Integrated Pest Management – Farmer Field School

LC Latent Class

LR Log-likelihood Ratio

NOP National Organic Program

NRM Natural Resource Management

OLS Ordinary Least Squares

PATANAS Panel Tani Nasional (National Farmers Panel Survey)

PSM Propensity Score Matching

RT Rukun Tetangga

RW Rukun Warga

SA Sustainable Agriculture

SAP Sustainable Agriculture Practices

SD Standard Deviation

SPF Stochastic Production Frontier

TE Technical Efficiency

TPC Third Party Certification

UK United Kingdom

US United States

USDA United States Department of Agriculture

WTP Willingness To Pay

Abstract

In Indonesia, demand is growing for food with additional food safety and quality assurances, termed credence attributes. Indonesian food retailers are selling fresh fruits and vegetables labelled as organic and pesticide-free. Some of these claims are underpinned by retailer-mandated food standards, which include specific farming systems that can be verified and certified. If these private sector standards are set too high, smallholders may be excluded from food markets. Additionally, if claims are not certified by a reputable third-party then information asymmetry is an issue.

Little is known about the types of food certifications and claims most valued by Indonesian consumers. Chapter 2 addressed the gap in the literature on demand for credence attributes in Indonesia through analysis of data collected as part of a food consumption study of 1180 urban Indonesian households. In the study, consumers indicated their willingness-to-pay (WTP) for three certified food products. Consumers were on average, willing to pay 17 to 19 per cent more for certified organic horticultural products (chillies and mangoes). WTP data was analysed using a Cragg double-hurdle model. The empirical results suggest the target market for certified organic food products in Indonesia is higher educated females who live in higher incomes households and frequently shop in modern food retail outlets (supermarkets).

Higher food quality and safety requirements are likely to be a challenge for smallholder farmers in Indonesia. Thus, Chapters 3 to 5 provide insights on what can be done to create an "enabling environment" for smallholders. The analysis of survey data from 687 shallot-producing households (Chapter 3) found that conventional farmers are less educated, have fewer production and household

assets, have limited access to modern technology such as computers and the Internet, are more risk averse, and are less likely to join a farmers group. The prevailing attitude towards farmers groups lowers the probability that conventional farmers are exposed to new technologies. Shallot farmers adopting Alternative Pest Management (APM) practices made significant changes to production activities, in particular they used less chemical inputs.

The results of a Best-Worst Scaling analysis (Chapter 4) suggest that the most important attributes for the average Indonesian shallot farmer when considering a new crop or non-conventional farming system are related to relative economic advantage. A Latent Class Analysis identified three segments of producers with unique preferences for technology attributes. Clusters were characterised post-hoc using farmer and farm household characteristics, adoption behaviour, access to credit, participation in farmer groups and sources of production information. Unfortunately the analysis did not lead to a clear story on why preferences for technology attributes differed.

Finally, in Chapter 5, Stochastic Production Frontier (SPF) analysis found that conventional methods of producing shallots resulted in higher productivity compared to APM methods, with significant differences in the productivity of land, chemical pesticides, insect traps and labour. However, the yield loss associated with APM shallot farming systems was only than 1.5 per cent lower. Ultimately, the findings of the study suggest that training programs for smallholders on how to implement APM farming practices will result in improved yields for adopters.

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