

Dear Norman,

These are the results from the demo plots in Lampung for this year (2002), and as can be seen, these results have shown a significant increase in production, of about 300 %. It is a wonder that you cannot hear me cheering from here. The results are much better than I could have imagined, as there are few interventions which will give 20 or 30 % increases. We will be running farmer group discussions and seminars to dispense the information, and have published a good glossy brochure as well.

Bokassi is a kind of compost system that we are promoting. The difference between the Bokassi treatment and that with chemical fertilizer is so little as to be insignificant, and it shows that you can use the system (SRI) with compost successfully. Results are similar to those from other countries. Below is a section from our seasonal report, with the English somewhat polished:

**Results of Using SRI Methods in Lampung, 2001-2002,
from Farmer Demonstration Plots**

Yields were estimated by sampling, weighing the yield from harvesting an area 1x1 m square. These figures are thus not whole-field results but they are good indicators of the average yields with SRI methods in each treatment compared to yields with traditional methods (see Table 1). The differences between methods, if not treatments, are large enough that measurement or sampling errors will not have much effect on the comparison.

**Table 1. Rice Yield Averages for Different Treatments from
39 SRI Method Plots, Introduced by ADRA in Lampung, 2001**

No.	Treatment	SRI Methods		Traditional Methods	
		Average Yield (ton/ha)	Range	Average (Ton/ha)	Range (Ton/ha)
1	With Bokassi	8.31	4-15	2.5	2-3
2	Chemical fertilizer (CF)	8.35	4-10	3	2-4
3	Combined CF and Bokassi	8.61	4-11	3.25	2-5

Regards,
Bruce Ewart