

# Symposium on the System of Rice Intensification (SRI) in Salymania governorate at northern Iraq's of Kurdistan Region

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On August 6, 2024, coordinated by the agricultural expert and researcher Zana M. Dabagh from the Directorate of Agricultural Research in Salymania Governorate, and with the approval and support of the Director-General of the Directorate of Agriculture in Salymania at the Kurdistan Region of Iraq, Mr. Shalao Jamal Rasool, the Directorate of Agricultural Research organized a scientific symposium on the System of Rice Intensification (SRI) in the Birah Magrun sub-district belonging to Dokan district, which is 30 km west of Salymania Governorate.



My lecture was entitled “Positive Opportunities of the System of Rice Intensification (SRI) under Current Conditions of Climate Change.” My lecture included: justifications for implementing the SRI system in the Kurdistan Region; the objectives of the SRI system and its principles; and the positive results achieved from application of SRI methods in the Al-Mishkhab Rice Research Station (MRRS) fields and on farmers' fields in central and southern Iraq.



When the discussion was opened, questions and suggestions of the attendees were answered. At the end of the symposium, 10 farmers expressed their desire to implement SRI methods in their fields; they asked me to help them in this mission. More than 75 people from the technical staff and rice farmers attended this symposium.





The seminar was documented by the media department of the General Directorate of Agriculture in Salymania, see the link below: <https://www.facebook.com/share/p/5LWPBZd6myi1koZM/?mibextid=oFDknk>

The seminar was attended by: Director of Agriculture in Dokan District, Mr. Dana; the researcher and agricultural expert from the Directorate of Agriculture in Salymania, Mr. Zana; the Director of the Agricultural Extension Division in the Directorate of Agriculture in Salymania, Mrs. Feryal; the director of the Directorate of Agricultural in Birah Magrun, Mr. Saman; the Director of the Crop Protection Division in the Directorate of Agriculture in Dokan District, Mrs. Naziq; the director of the Agricultural Services Division in the Directorate of Agriculture in Birah Magrun, Mr. Rassol; the director of the Crop Protection Division in the Directorate of Agriculture in Birah Magrun, Mrs. Halala; the Director of the Agricultural Extension Division in Birah Magrun, Mrs. Hareem; and many of the scientific staff from the General Directorate of Agriculture in Salymania, and from the Directorate of Agriculture in Dokan and Birah Magrun.





During the lecture, summary papers on importance of implementing the SRI system, its objectives, and its benefits for rice farmers were distributed in Kurdish language. The SRI bulletin that I wrote will be translated from Arabic into Kurdish language, then will be printed and distributed in the next year.