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A Case Study of Organic Rice Production System and Soil Carbon Storage in West Java, Indonesia

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Abstract

Organic farming provides a lot of benefits in Indonesia, because it can improve soil quality, food quality and soil carbon sequestration. This research was designed to evaluate the ability of soil carbon storage by making comparisons between conventional and organic farming systems for rice production in West Java, Indonesia. The results from soil analysis indicated that organic farming had significantly higher soil carbon storage capacity than conventional farming. Organic farming can also cut some costs for farming, but it requires about twice as much labor. The sharecropping system of rice farming in Indonesia is highly exploitative of workers ; therefore, research should be conducted to develop a fairer organic farming system that can enhance both local and global sustainability.

Key words

organic farming, rice farming system, soil carbon sequestration, weeding tools, working time, appropriate technology

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