

**ASSESSMENT OF ORGANIC PRODUCTS IN DUMINGAG, ZAMBOANGA DEL SUR**

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## **ABSTRACT**

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This study was conducted to assess the organic products manufactured in Dumingag, Zamboanga del Sur. It aimed to find out the socio-demographic profile of the respondents; identify the organic products produced by the respondents; determine the volume of production of organic products; know the users of organic products; determine the assessment of the producer and consumer-respondents; and identify the problems encountered by the respondents.

There were 96 consumers and 51 producer-respondents as sources of data who revealed their responses in the questionnaire checklist distributed to them by the researcher.

Majority of the producers are 51 years old and above, majority are females, high school graduates, college level, and college graduate, married, farmers for producers and government employees for consumers, Cebuano, Roman Catholic, and members of Farmer's

Association (producers) while the consumers do not belong to any organization, more than 11 years in their current address, producing organic products for 7 years already while the number of consumers increases for just about 2 years as a result awareness on the health benefits of organic products. in the increasing

Majority of the respondents produced white rice, eggplant, okra, chicken, herbal granules, squash puto, polvoron, kutsinta, sinamak, vinegar, vermicast, and fermented plant juice.

Rice production in kg/cropping are as follows: brown rice, 2501-3000; black rice, 1001-1500; white rice, 1501-3000; and malagkit, 500-1000.

On herbal products, greater majority produced organic coffee, probiotic, granules and capsules such as turmeric, avocado, mangosteen, ginger and sambong; mangosteen and guyabano wine; cough syrup; tincture, soap and beauty products; and fertilizers.

Most of the producer-respondents disclosed that production of organic products generate satisfactory income, ensure future of the family, gain recognition, prestige and respect, and offer community challenges which they all described as great extent.

The consumer-respondents claimed that organic products are reasonable in price, readily available, effective, ensure good health, environment friendly, promote harmonious relationship, and

contribute to sustainable development which they all described as great extent.

All problems encountered by the respondents such as bookkeeping and recording, supply of raw materials and labor, and processing are considered by them as less serious.