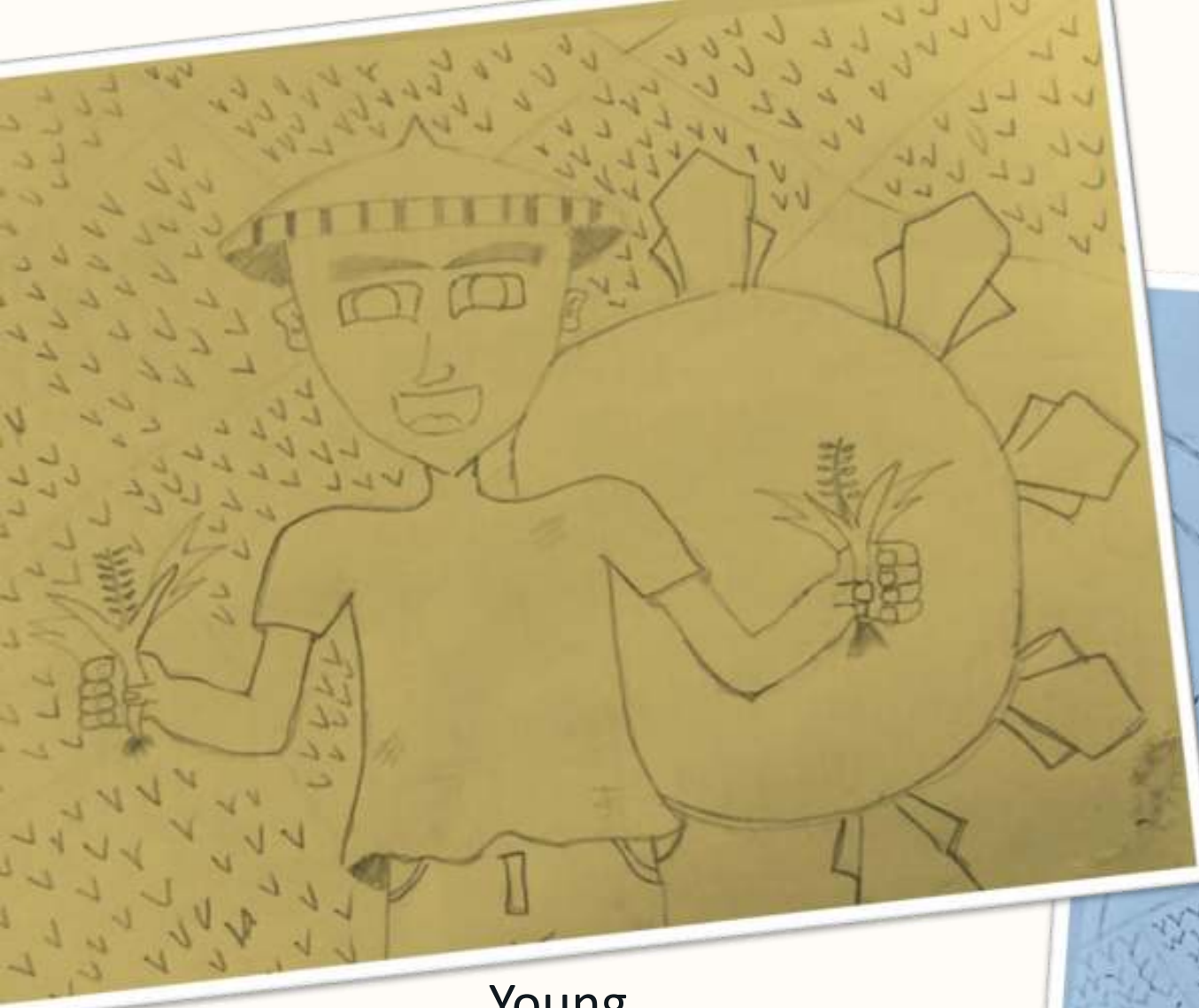


RICE

FARMER

Involved
Determined
Positive



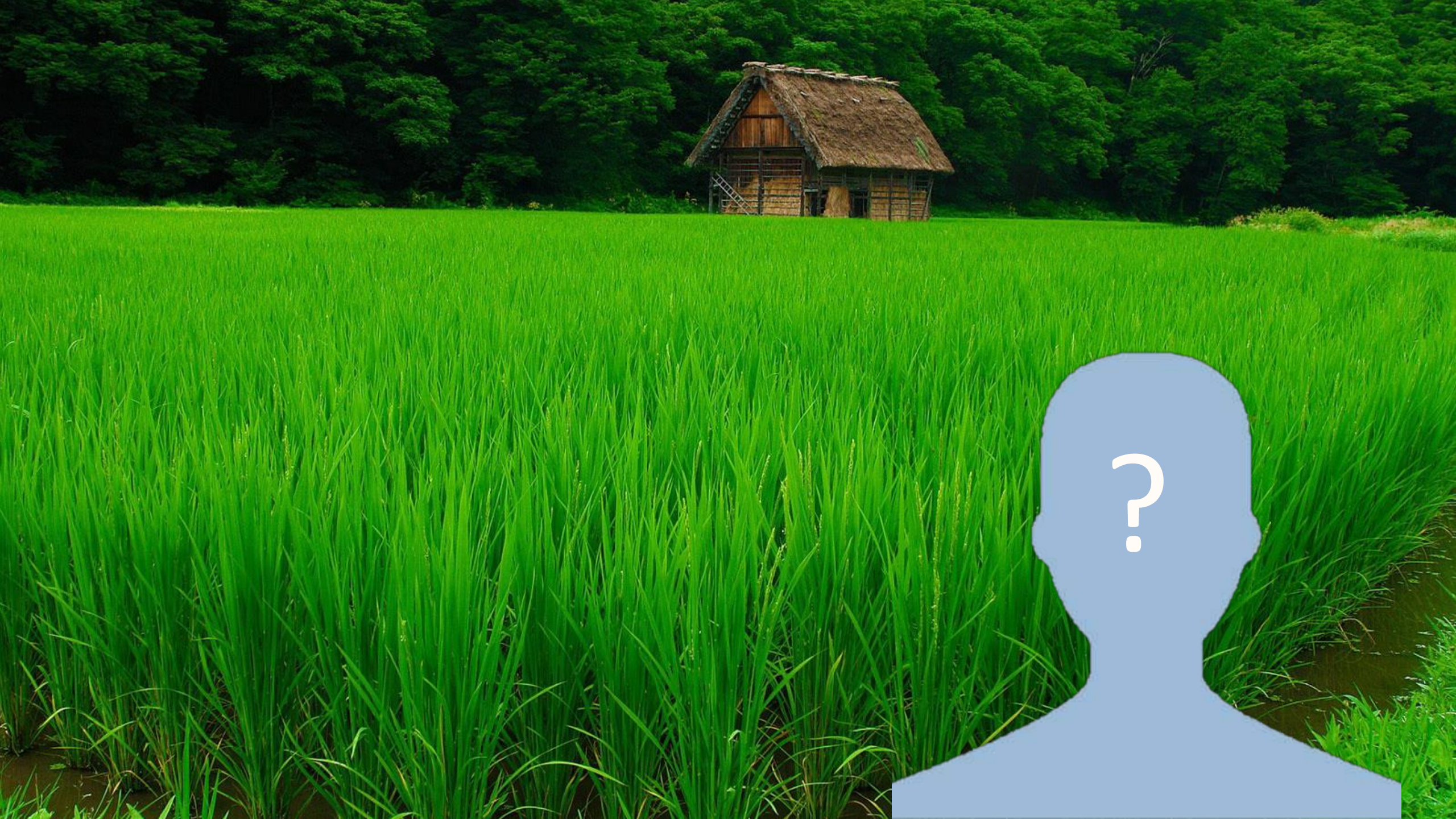
Young
Happy
Fulfilled



Magtanim ay 'di biro,
Maghapong nakayuko...







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The Farmers Behind Rice

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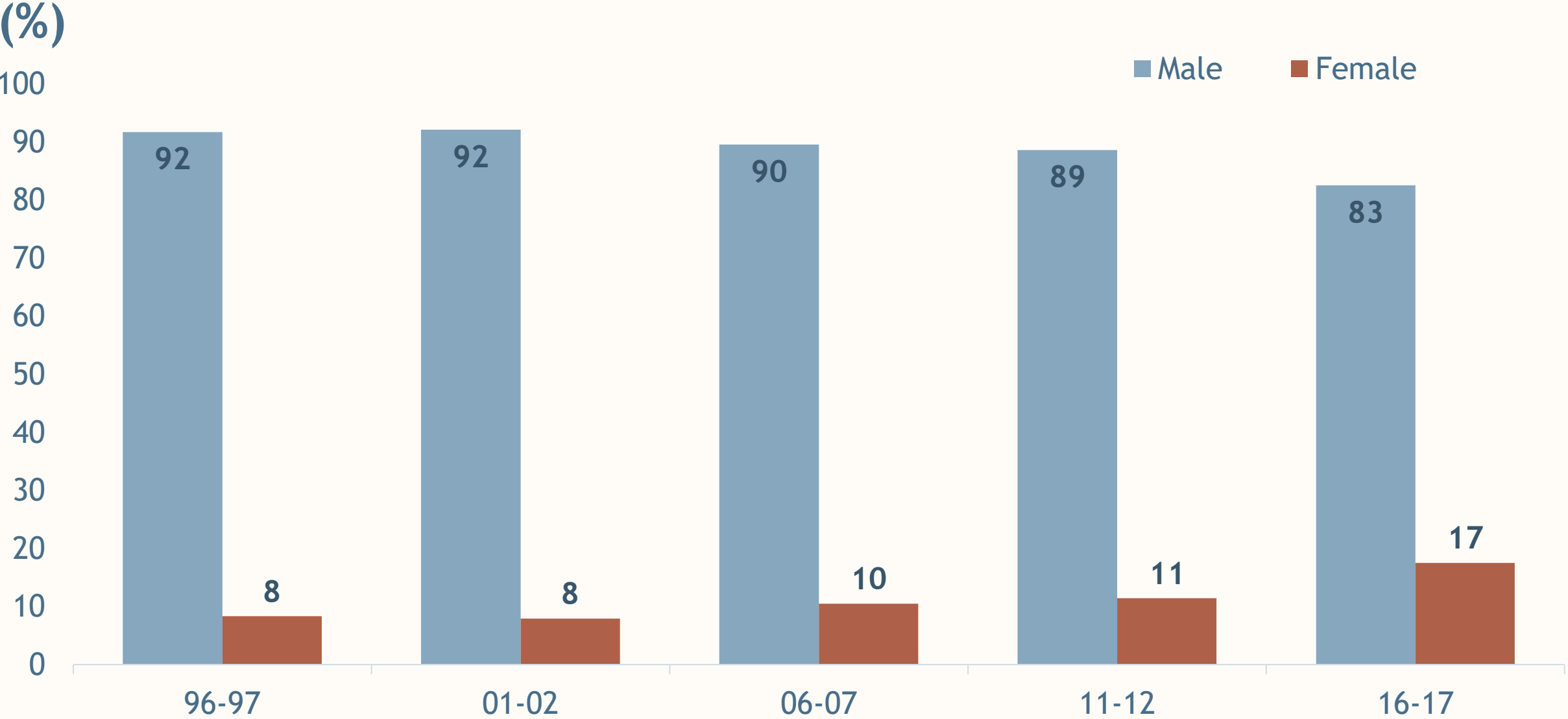


To establish an understanding of farmers' circumstances, making it useful for project creation, planning, implementation, monitoring and evaluation, and policy formulation.

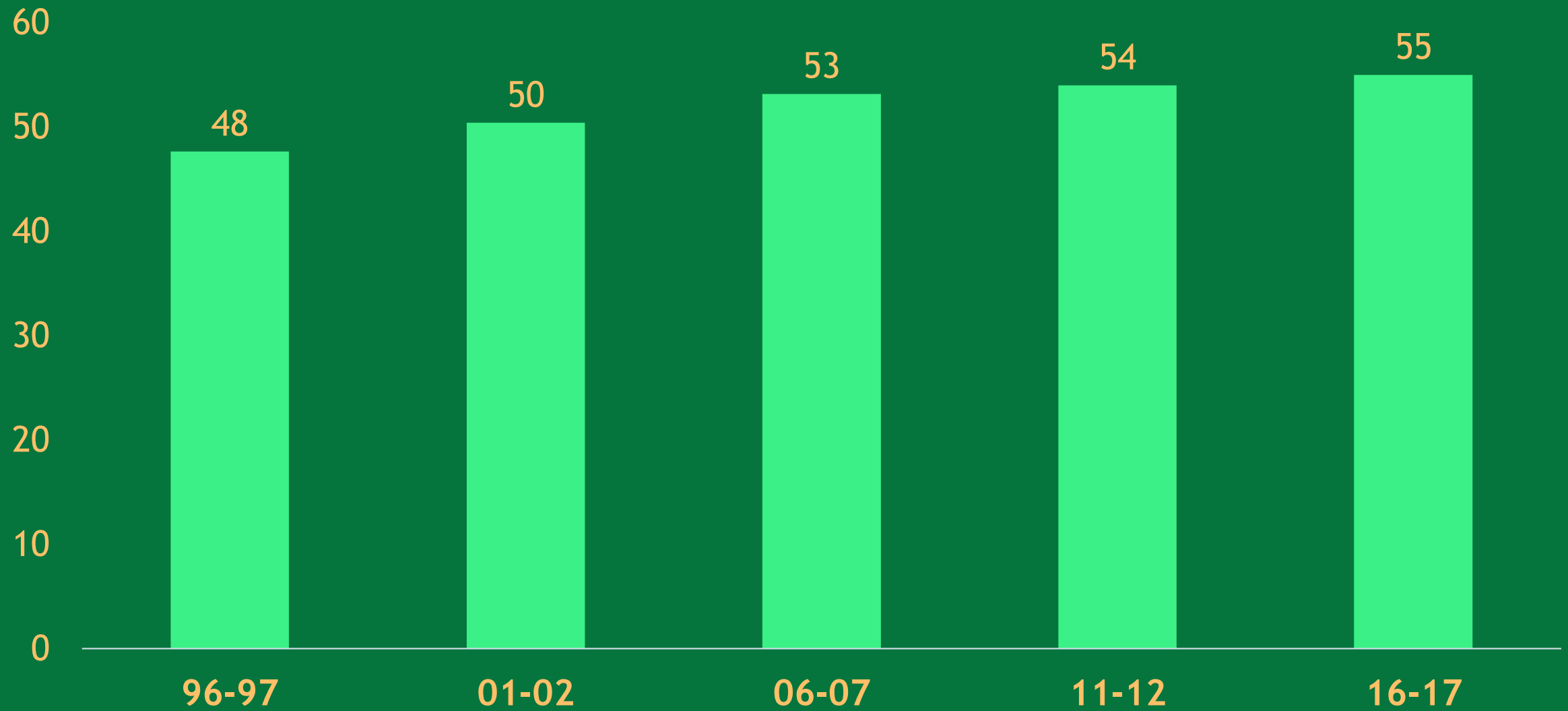


"You see, sir? It fits you like a glove!"

Farmers' sex, 1996-2016WS



Mean age of rice farmers, 1996-2016





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Philippines is running out of farmers

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MANILA, Philippines—The country's food security is at risk as millions of farmers and fishermen are getting too old for what is back-breaking work and their children are not keen on taking over for lack of incentive to do so, agriculture and other officials said Thursday.

The officials said that the younger generation, who saw their parents grow old and poor in farming, do not see agriculture as a lucrative career.

According to data shown by officials at the Senate hearing on the Department of Agriculture's 2012 budget, the average age of the country's 11 million farmers and fishermen is 57.

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Opinion

Of aging farmers and food security

By **Manny B. Villar** - March 6, 2017

Of the three major economic sectors – services, industry and agriculture – the latter is probably the most challenged, particularly because one of the challenges – weather disturbances – is beyond human control and often very destructive.

However, agriculture is the one economic sector that cannot be abandoned. Even the most industrialized nations like the United States and Japan maintain and continue developing a viable farming sector. Food security, after all, is essential to every person and every country.

In the Philippines, which boasts of large tracts of fertile lands, establishing food security is a continuing and sometimes daunting struggle, not only because of the many destructive typhoons that visit every year, but other factors as well.

One of these is the aging of the Filipino farmer. I have seen reports saying the average age of Filipino farmers at present is 57 to 59, which means they're almost at retirement age, and will soon join the ranks of senior citizens. It also means that new generations of young farmers are not going to the agriculture sector.

The title of an article published by IRIN, an online publication focusing on crisis issues, seems prophetic: "Filipino farmers – a dying breed?"

The article, published in February 2013, quoted an agriculture department official as saying that with an average age of 57 years and assuming an average life span of 70, the Philippines might

Filipino farmers - a dying breed?



MANILA, 26 February 2013

Historically, as countries have industrialized, the number of small farms has dwindled, with workers opting for city life. But the Philippines government is concerned that this trend could exacerbate food insecurity in an import-dependent country already struggling to meet current food demand.

"The average age of the Filipino farmer is 57. Assuming an average life span of 70, we might reach a critical [shortage] of farmers in just 15 years," said Asterio Salio, director of the Department of Agriculture - Agricultural Training Institute ([DA-ATI](#)).

"The average level of education of a farmer is grade five only," he added.

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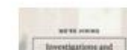
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Faced with a possible workforce gap, companies are working with colleges and universities to provide young Filipinos the education needed to succeed in agriculture

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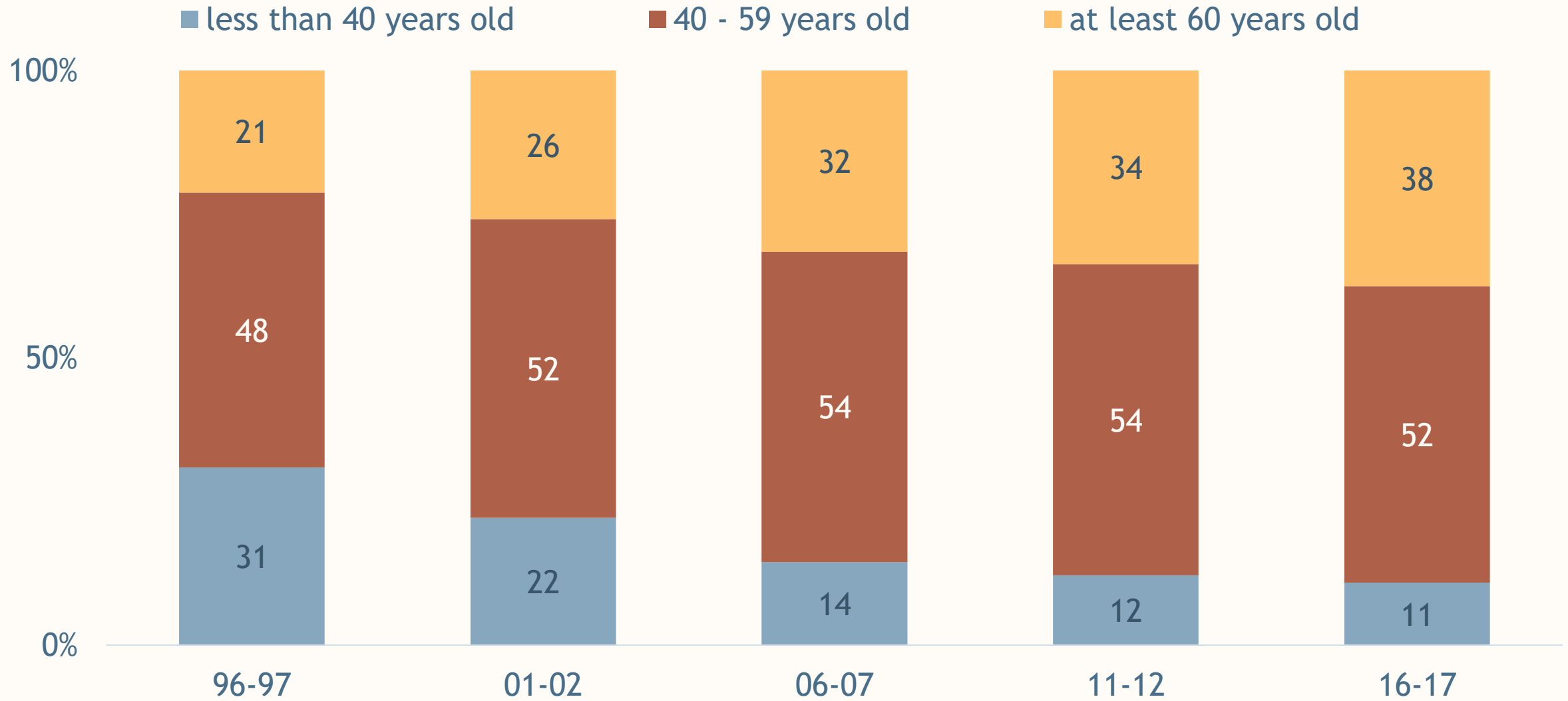
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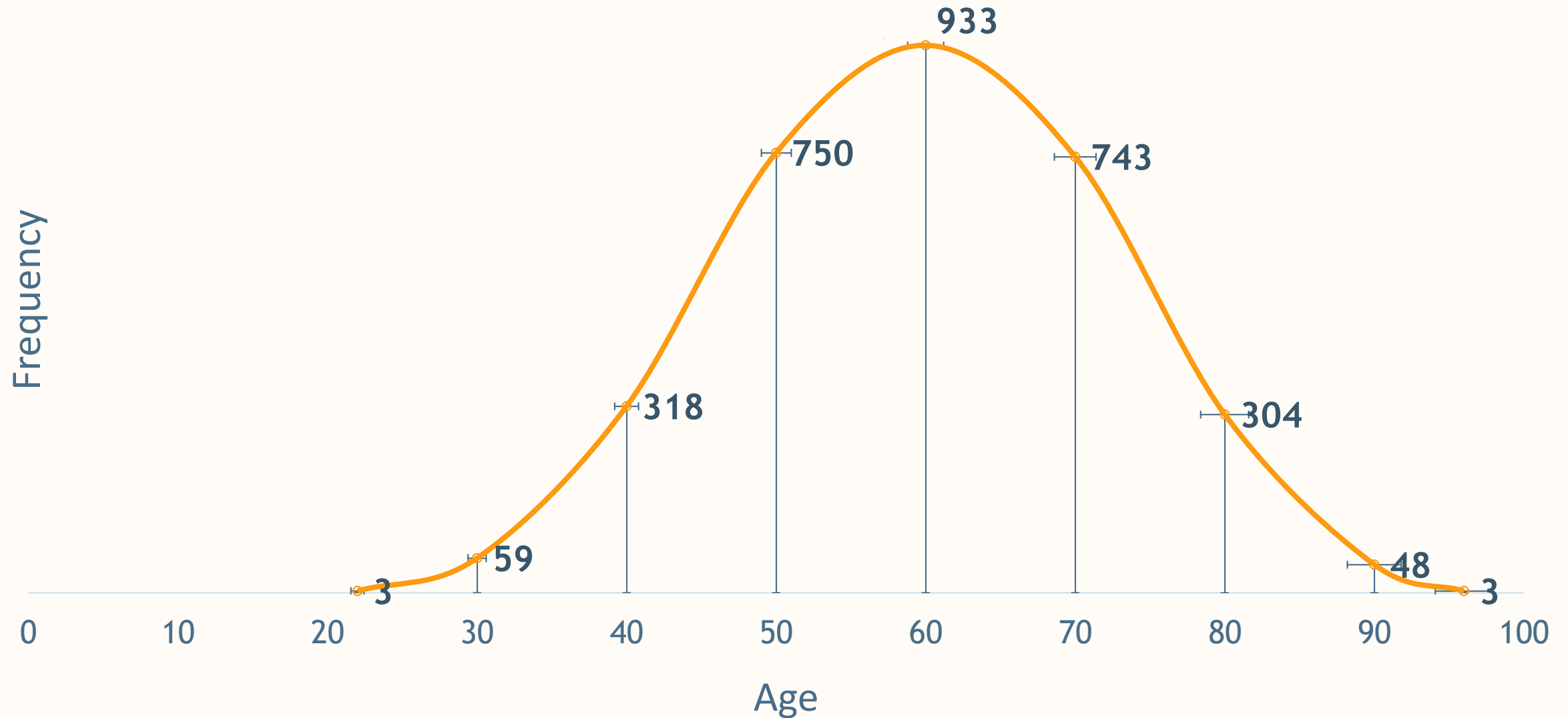


POSSIBLE FUTURE GAP. Ironically, our food producers are the ones who cannot afford to eat. Photo by Oxfam/Veejay Villafranca

Trend of farmers' age, by age group



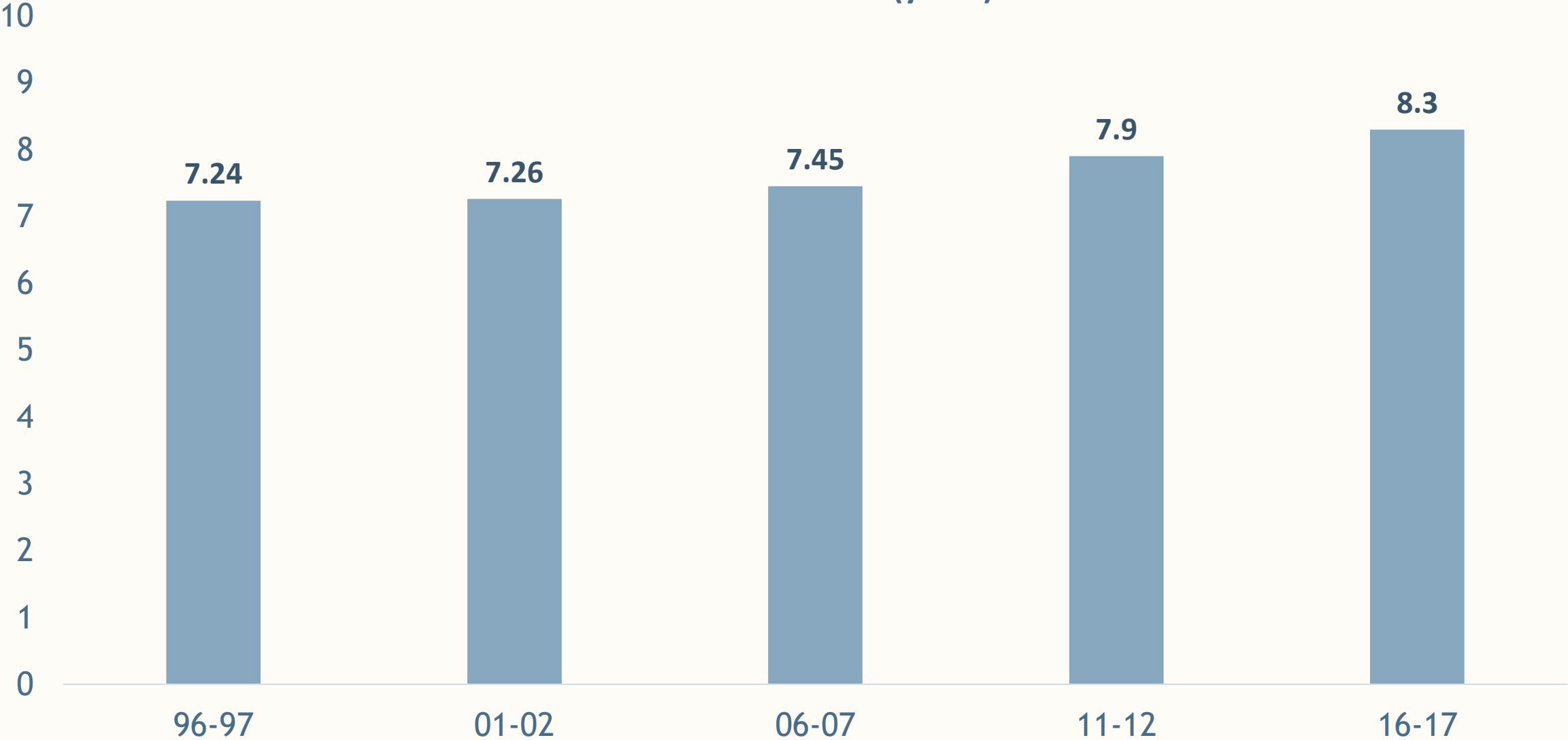
Frequency distribution of farmer age, '16-'17



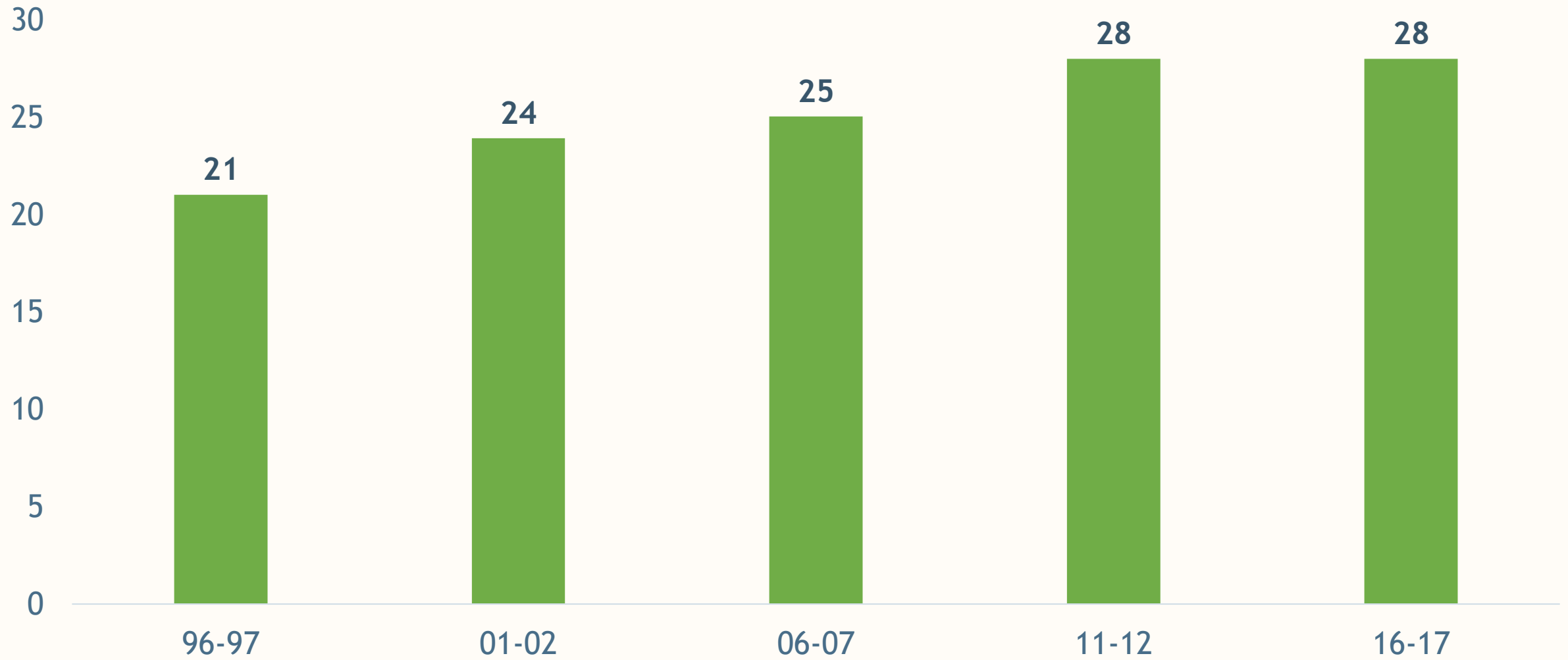


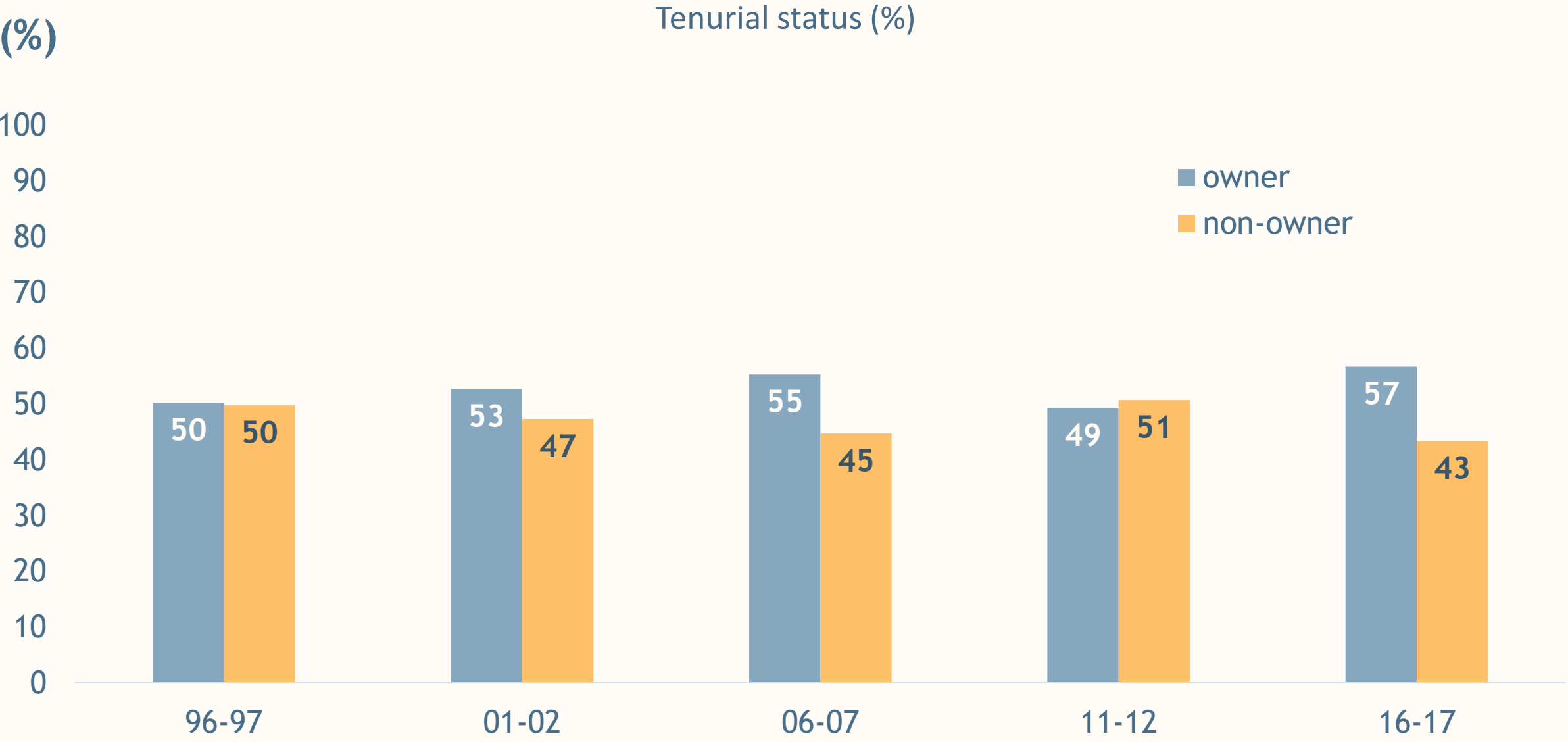
OLD

Educational attainment (years)



Farming experience (years)





(%)

Org membership (%)

100
90
80
70
60
50
40
30
20
10
0

■ member
■ non-member

96-97

01-02

06-07

11-12

16-17

47

53

45

55

47

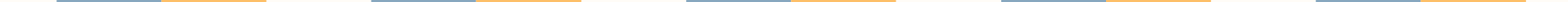
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52

48

52

48



Training attendance/participation (%)

(%)

100

90

80

70

60

50

40

30

20

10

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■ with training

■ without training

96-97

01-02

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16-17

46

54

50

50

38

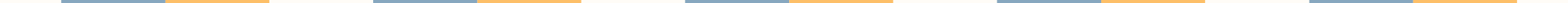
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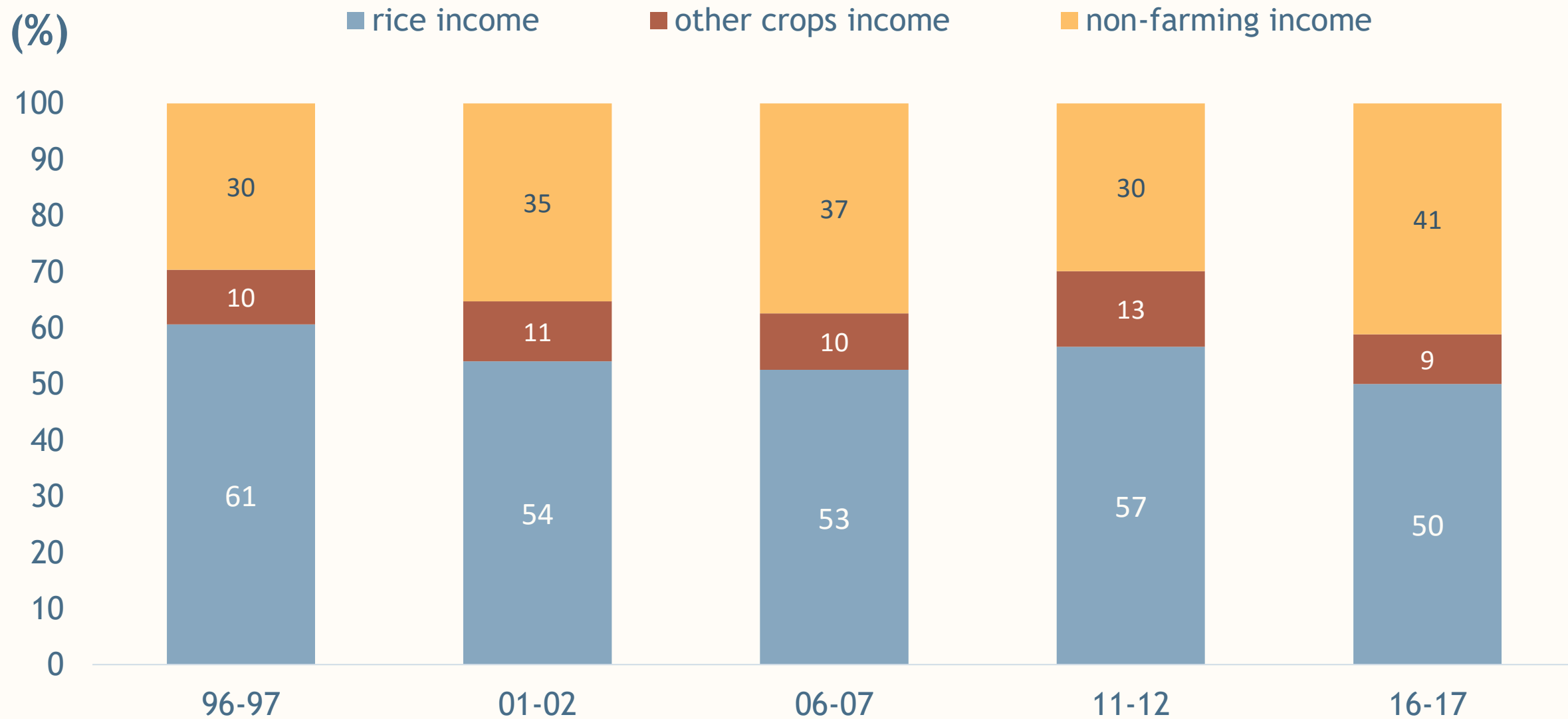
59

58

42



Income distribution



Poverty threshold (%)

(%)

100

90

80

70

60

50

40

30

20

10

0

■ above poverty threshold

■ within poverty threshold

46

54

45

55

57

43

66

34

63

37

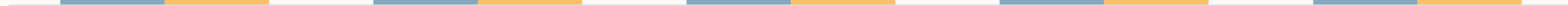
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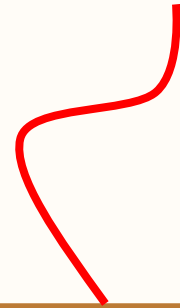
Poverty threshold income

In 2015, a family of 5 needed at least
PhP 9,064/month
to meet both basic food and non-foods needs
(PSA)

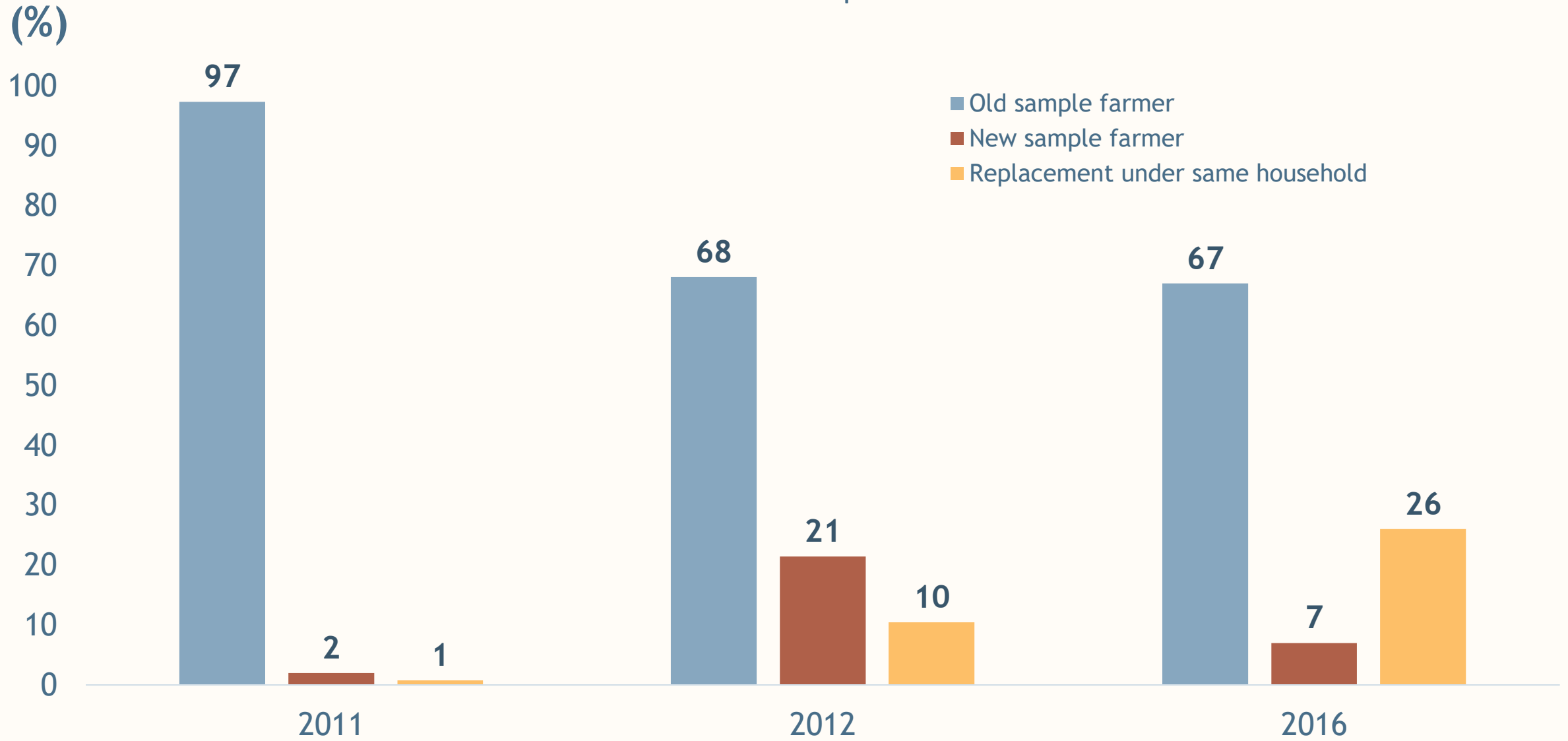
63%

2016

37%



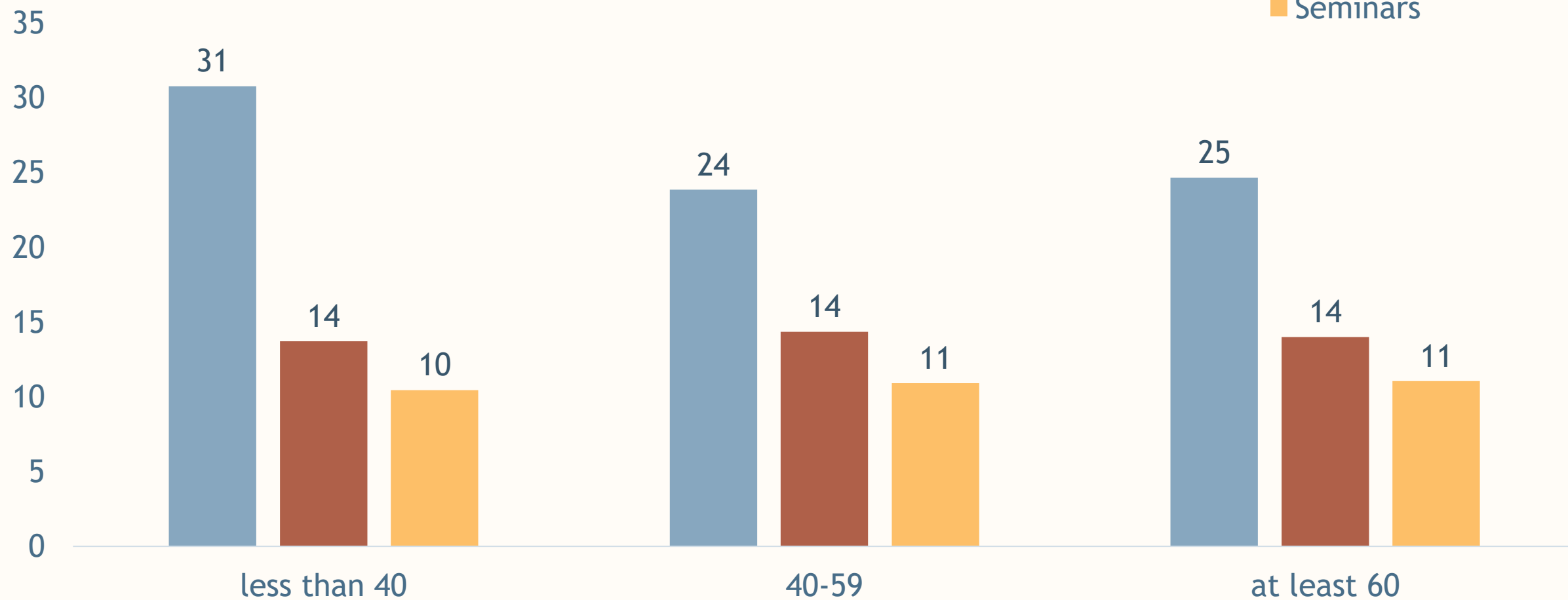
Distribution of sample farmers



Top 3 Sources of information
by age group

(%)

■ Co-farmer
■ LGU
■ Seminars

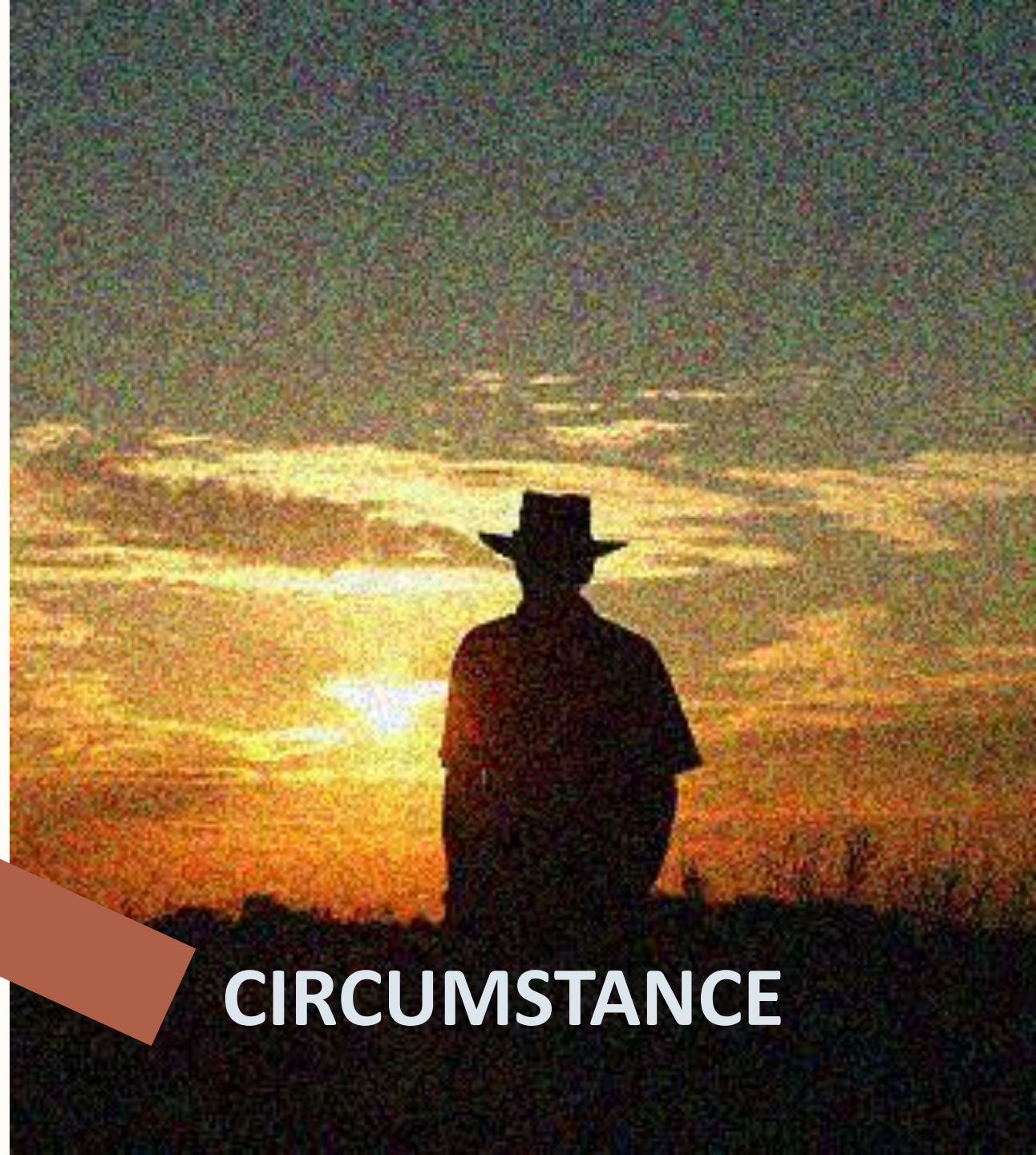


Filipino farmers' profile

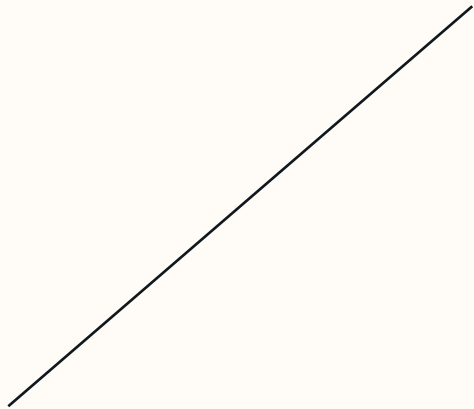
- Predominantly Male
- Mostly Owners
- Low educational attainment
- With vast farming experience
- With training
- With org membership
- Rice farming dependent
- Improving poverty status
- Get info mostly from their co-farmers
- Ageing



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So what?



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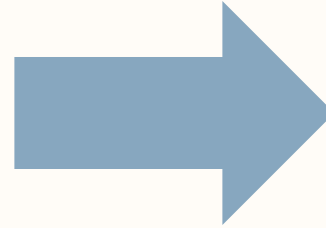
The diagram consists of seven red lines originating from the right side of the list of farmer profile characteristics and converging towards a blue rectangular box labeled 'Knowledge Products'. This visualizes the concept that these specific farmer characteristics are the target audience or context for the knowledge products.

Knowledge Products

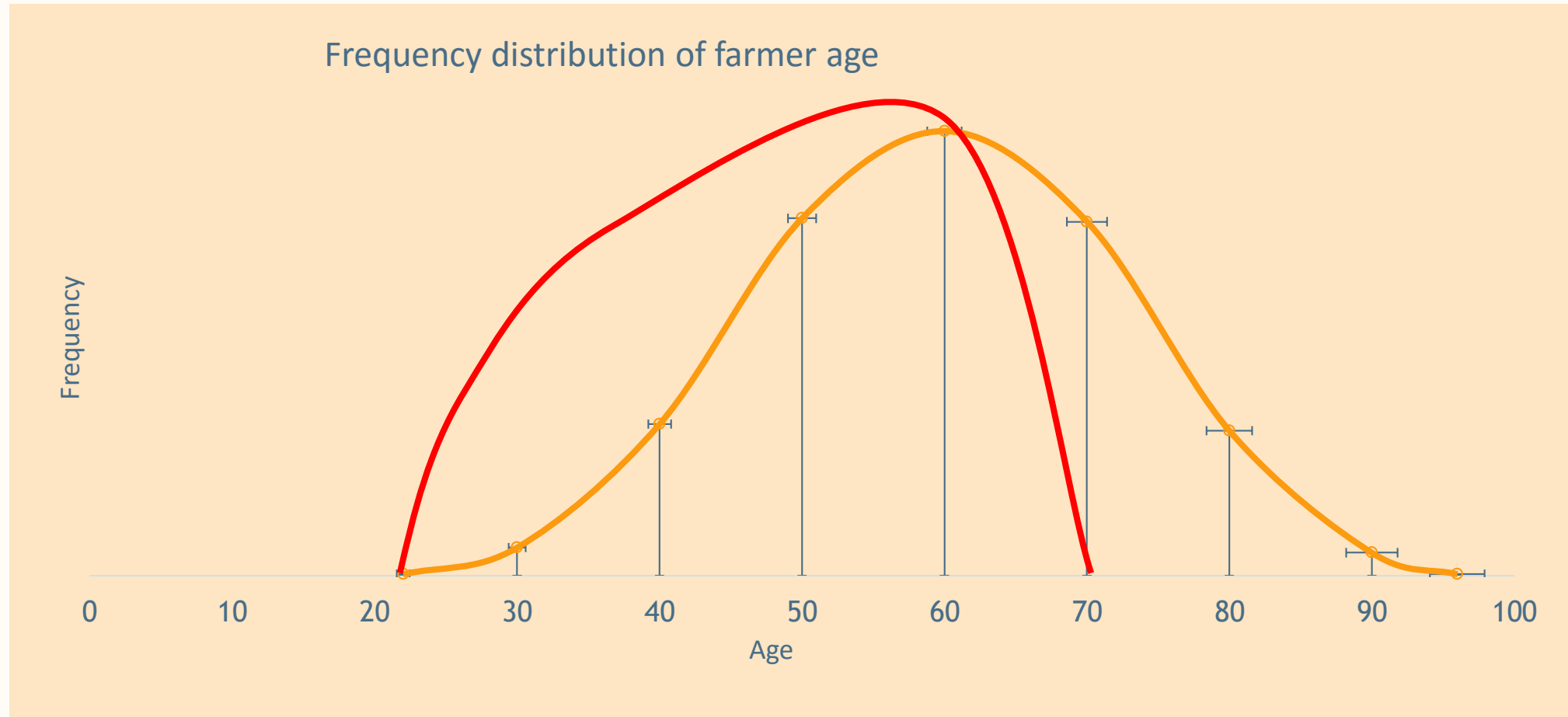
Issues of aging



UNPRODUCTIVITY
DISCONTINUANCE



TRAIN THEIR CHILDREN
TRAIN YOUNG FARMERS





Advocate Mindset Change Towards

Farming and Our Elderly Farmers

- Say farming is a business/ entrepreneurial activity
- Say investment, not cost
- Say Aim for bigger businesses not just higher yield



OLD = unproductive

Senior entrepreneurship

Compared to their younger counterparts, older entrepreneurs can possess advantages such as:

- more developed networks
- more work and industry experience
- a higher technical and managerial skills level
- a stronger financial position

(Kautonen, 2013)

In general, rice farmers (everybody) are bound by their circumstances.

Fully acknowledging (considering) these circumstances can help create tailored-fit interventions that can facilitate in providing solutions and mitigating problems of our clienteles - the Filipino rice farmers.





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