

Farmer adaptation strategy in paddy fields affected by climate variability in monsoon regions

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Abstract. Apriyana Y, Sarvina Y, Dewi ER, Pramudia A. 2017. *Farmer adaptation strategy in paddy field affected by climate variability in monsoon regions. Asian J Agric 1: 9-16.* One of the strategies to minimize the impacts of climate variability and climate anomalies on paddy fields in monsoon regions is the adaptation of agriculture cultivation. It is important to minimize the impact of these two phenomena to reduce economic loss, particularly for food security in Indonesia. The objectives of this study are: (i) to identify onset and cropping pattern in irrigated land, rainfed and dry land in affected areas due to climate anomalies, (ii) to collect information on carrying capacity water resources and adaptation practices applied by farmers and, (iii) to identify strategies for farmers on irrigated land, rainfed and dry land in the region affected by climate variability. The desk work analysis and field survey were conducted in Serang district, Banten Province, Subang district, West Java Province and Pati district, Central Java Province, Indonesia. The study was undertaken in three cluster activities i.e. (i) correlation analysis of climate anomalies and rainfall, (ii) field survey and, (iii) analysis of onset planting season, cropping pattern, water availability, the best planting time and irrigation schedule. The results showed that the farmers in affected areas due to climate variability could adapt by shifting the onset of planting season. Farmers in irrigated lands changed their onset around 2-4 ten-days period to October II - December II. Furthermore, in rainfed areas, the onset around 4-6 ten-days period was shifted to November I - January III. For dryland their onset around 6-8 ten-days period was moved to November II - February I. The cropping pattern rice-rice-palawija/fallow was applied on irrigated land. Furthermore, the pattern of rice-rice/palawija/fallow-fallow was carried out in rainfed. Finally, the pattern of palawija-palawija/fallow-dormant was performed on the dry land. Adaptation programs dealing with climate variability in Serang and Pati districts varied more than in Subang district. In Serang and Pati, during the first planting season, farmers applied irrigation from approximately 20%-30% water pump from the river and during second planting season, farmers in Pati district used water from a well-pump, as well as in Serang that can reach 100% of the application.

Keywords: Farmer adaptation strategy, climate variability, paddy field, monsoon regions

INTRODUCTION

Climate variability and climate change are two phenomena of climate anomaly which has become a strategic issue and serious concern in Indonesia because it is believed to have a tremendous impact on life in various sectors and could have adverse impacts on global food production and food security (Apriyana 2011; Las et al. 2011). Climate variability in Indonesia driven by major inter-annual scales climate modes, such as the El Nino Southern Oscillation and Indian Ocean Dipole has been playing a vital role by often leading to droughts and decrease in crop yields (Ashok et al. 2001; D'Arrigo et al. 2006; Behera et al. 2008; Hansen et al. 2011)

The important strategy for Indonesian agriculture, especially for food crops, is a determination of planting season onset that is strongly related to climate anomalies (Naylor et al. 2001, 2007). Determination of onset is part of cropping calendar cultivation (Runtunuwu et al. 2007), and it has been traditionally developed by farmers for generations with a variety of different terms in each area (Koesmaryono et al. 2008). However, various indigenous knowledge cannot be fully used as a reference in determining the planting season onset due to climate change and finding indicators of season onset become more

difficult. Rainfall fluctuation is very dynamic due to weather anomalies, and can cause a shift in the onset of rainy season and dry season. The impact of rainfall pattern alteration and a change of the season start caused alteration of planting date (Apriyana and Siburian 2014). Consequently, it is complicated for a farmer who has become accustomed to a particular cropping calendar.

In Indonesia, many farmers who are in a region with a monsoon climate, plant rice/paddy on a technical irrigation where water availability throughout the whole year, and there is an irrigation system flowing into the primary, secondary, and tertiary channel. Therefore, paddy cropping patterns in this area are more flexible than other rice fields. Other farmers plant the rice in fields with semi-technical irrigation, in which water availability is usually not enough for plant farming throughout the year. Another system of water supply for rice plantations is the rain-fed with water sources depending on rainfall. Paddy fields of this type are often found in areas of high altitude and dry land. The impacts of climate variability caused by El Niño and IOD were strongly felt in the region of irrigated land, rainfed, and dry land. These events could shift the planting start during the rainy season which was further delayed for 2-3 months in the next season (Las 2000). Planting time is also changing 10-20 days over the last decade (Linderholm. 2006).

The fact that climate variability significantly influences Indonesian food security, shows the necessity to create strategic efforts and programs to anticipate climate variability impacts is very urgent and important. Adaptation of agriculture cultivation is expected to minimize the impact of these anomalies (Apriyana 2011).

To support the development of information system of integrated cropping calendar, it needs an assessment of adaptation strategy notably related to planting time and crop pattern for irrigated land, rain-fed and dry land. The objectives of this study were (i) to identify the farmer's strategy in irrigated land, rain-fed and dry land affected by climate anomalies, (ii) to arrange and interpret capacity of water resources and the farmers' adaptation practices and, (iii) to identify planting time and crop pattern practices.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Study area

This study was conducted in three districts, i.e. (i) Serang district, Banten Province, (ii) Subang district, West Java Province and (ii) Pati district, Central Java Province, Indonesia. The study was conducted using desk work and field surveys.

Analyses of climate anomaly and precipitation

The study was performed by conducting several activities including rainfall, ENSO, DMI, onset of planting season, and sensitivity analysis as well as dynamic cropping pattern determination. Information on ENSO and IOD was obtained through web browsing. ENSO was represented by an index of Nino 3.4 and IOD indicated by DMI index. Precipitation anomaly was analyzed monthly for each station using a formula:

$$\text{AnoCH}_{ij} = \text{CH}_{ij} - \overline{\text{CH}}_{ij}$$

$$\overline{\text{CH}}_{ij} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^n \text{CH}_j$$

Whereas:

AnoCH_{ij} = rain fall anomaly for station -i, month- j

CH_{ij} = rain fall for station -i, month -j

$\overline{\text{CH}}_{ij}$ = rainfall average for station -i and month -j

n = the number of data

Correlation analysis was performed temporally to identify the relationship between rainfall anomaly and SST anomaly as an indicator of climate anomaly for each month. The correlation was investigated for several periods: December-February; March-May; June-August and September-November using statistic software *Minitab 14*. Correlation value (r) was calculated with the equation below:

$$r = \frac{n \sum_{i=1}^n x_i y_i - \left(\sum_{i=1}^n x_i \right) \left(\sum_{i=1}^n y_i \right)}{\sqrt{\left[n \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2 - \left(\sum_{i=1}^n x_i \right)^2 \right] \left[n \sum_{i=1}^n y_i^2 - \left(\sum_{i=1}^n y_i \right)^2 \right]}}$$

Whereas:

r = Correlation value

n = Number of pair data

x = SST Nino 3.4 anomaly or IOD anomaly

y = Rainfall anomaly

Correlation value ranged between -1 to 1 ($-1 \geq r \leq 1$). The positive correlation means that the increasing x value is followed by y value and negative correlation means that increasing x value affect to decrease y value. Correlation was determined by confidence interval; strong (99%), moderate (95%) and weak (90%). 18-years data length used in this study. The r value is generated and adopted from <http://faculty.vassar.edu/lowry/ch4apx.html> i.e.(i) Strong $|\pm 0.54| \leq r < |\pm 1.00|$; (ii) Moderate $|\pm 0.39| \leq r < |\pm 0.54|$; (iii) Weak $|\pm 0.33| \leq r < |\pm 0.39|$; (iv) No correlation $r < |\pm 0.33|$.

The sea surface temperature (SST) Nino 3.4 (50N-50S, 1200-1700W) index was used to identify the influence ENSO on precipitation. The index was calculated by Kaplan Methods using season and monthly fluctuation. The value of SST Nino 3.4 was obtained from <http://www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov>. Similar to ENSO, Dipole Mode (DM) or Indian Ocean Dipole (IOD) is represented by Dipole Mode Index (DMI). DMI represents differences between sea surface temperature in the West Indian Ocean (50°-70°BT, 10°LU-10°LS) and sea surface temperature in the Southeast Indian Ocean (90°-110°BT, 0°-10°LS). The DMI data was adopted from <http://www.jamstec.go.jp/frsgc/research/d1/iod>. From all analyses, the lag dominant was identified using validation correlation for each station.

Analysis of carrying capacity of water resources and farmers adaptation

Both primary and secondary data were required in this study. The primary data was obtained from direct observation in the field either collected from questioner or observed data from the specific location. Moreover, the secondary data was collected from a literature study. To collect data and information, the field survey was conducted by interview methods. Sampling technique was applied to represent the population to minimize the gap (bias).

Farmers or farmer leader groups were decided as respondents. Five respondents were chosen for each land type represented in the district. Respondents were asked to have minimum ten years' experience in paddy/rice cultivation. Furthermore, to obtain more accurate data, the in-depth interview was performed through a questioner technique.

The steps of data collection are (i) identification of the characteristics of the target group of farmers, (ii) interrogator arrangement, (iii) tabulation of the descriptive data, (iv) survey data analysis, (v) data report.

Carrying capacity of water and climate resources

The carrying capacity of water and climate resources was defined based on intrinsic values. This value was derived from the utilization of such resources. The carrying capacity was analyzed by using a sensitivity climate anomaly map (for the affected area or not) through inventory water and climate resources that affected cropping calendar dominantly and as unique characteristics for each zone. Carrying capacity of the environment and water resources were analyzed based on two approaches, namely the conditions of climate and water resources as well as its influence on the cropping calendar. The weather resources referred in this study are the intensity, pattern, and distribution of a ten-day period of rainfall. Whereas for water resources, some variables studied were the accessibility to water resources and the level of water availability. The accessibility to water resources was assessed based on: (i) the distance from the agriculture land to a water source, and (ii) the availability of tools to get the water. Furthermore, the level of water availability was accessed based on (i) the type of water source and (ii) Quantity water source.

Farmer adaptations to a cropping calendar

Indonesian farmers have applied various technologies to adapt to the season, climate and other natural phenomena both with simple or modern technology. All adaptation activity related to water management and climate conducted by the farmer was inventoried to add more information on cropping patterns for their region. This inventory will be carried out for each level of ENSO-IOD sensitivity in study area through interviews and field observation. To solve the issue of water shortage, farmers use well pumps, irrigation or pump the water from the river.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Rainfall variability

In general, the rainfall in Serang, Subang and Pati districts, tended to decrease over the last 20 years (Figure 1). This downward trend may be influenced by the decline

of precipitation which reached 1000 mm/year on dry years due to the climate anomalies in 2002/2003, 2004/2005 and 2006/2007.

The impact of climate anomaly in study area

Correlation analysis between sea surface temperature (SST) in Pacific Equator and Indian Ocean, and rainfall in study areas shows that not all rainfall stations have strong correlation with ENSO and IOD. The influences of IOD and ENSO can be seen from June to August and September to November. It coincides with the increasing SST anomaly in study regions commonly occurring around May and June. The ENSO (Nino 3.4) significantly influences the rainfall intensity in study region during June to August indicated by strong negative correlation. From September to November, ENSO and IOD increasingly influence all affected regions and it was considered as a period with strongest influence of ENSO and IOD. This was also referred to as a transition period from dry season to wet season. The influence of ENSO and IOD started to decrease between December to February and continued from March to May. This indicates that the influence of ENSO and IOD was weak.

Hendon (2003) concluded that the weak correlation between ENSO/IOD and rainfall in the wet (rainy) season addressed to the alteration of Indonesian sea surface (positive anomaly) during a transition period from dry season to wet season (from September to November to December to February). The sea surface temperature anomaly in Indonesia, is in contrast to the sea surface temperature anomaly in Pacific Ocean (center and east) and West India Ocean from June to August and September to November. However, it has the same condition from December to February and March to May.

Water sources used by farmers

The water sources used by farmers in the study area came from different sources for each planting season, during normal and dry years. The water availability in the dry year is different compared to the normal year. Farmers changed the water source in dry years as an adaptation strategy to irrigate their cultivation land as well as to avoid crop failure due to drought stress.

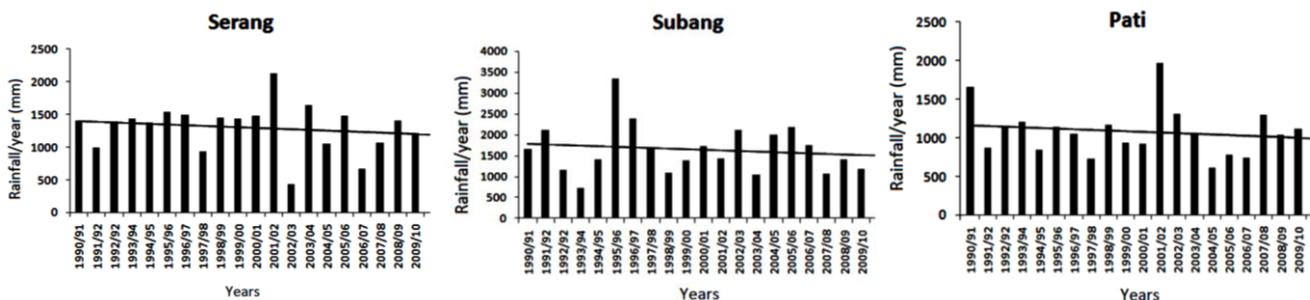


Figure 1. Downward trend of rainfall in Serang, Subang and Pati districts, Indonesia for period 1990/9991 to 2009/2010

Table 1. The responses of farmer on water shortages at normal and dry years in Serang, Subang, and Pati districts, Indonesia during Planting Season I and Planting Season II.

Irrigation type	Water resources	Planting season			
		Normal year		Dry year	
		I	II	I	II
		%			
Serang					
Technical irrigation	Irrigation	100	100	100	60
	River	0	0	0	30
	Well pump	0	0	0	10
Semi-technical irrigation	Irrigation	100	100	100	60
	River	0	0	0	30
	Well pump	0	0	0	10
Rainfed	Rainfall	100	100	80	50
	River	0	0	20	40
	Well pump	0	0	0	10
Dry land	Rainfall	100	25	60	0
	Well pump	0	75	40	100
Subang					
Technical irrigation	Irrigation	100	100	100	100
	River	0	0	0	0
Semi-technical irrigation	Irrigation	100	70	80	30
	River	0	30	20	70
Rainfed	Rainfall	100	70	60	0
	River	0	30	40	100
Dry land	Rainfall	100	70	60	0
	River	0	30	40	100
Pati					
Technical irrigation	Irrigation	100	100	100	100
	River	0	0	0	0
Semi-technical irrigation	Irrigation	100	70	80	30
	River	0	30	20	70
Rainfed	Rainfall	100	70	60	0
	River	0	30	40	100
Dryland	Rainfall	100	70	60	0
	River	0	30	30	70
	Well pump	0	0	10	30

Four area types in affected areas by climate anomaly in Serang district were: technical irrigation, semi-technical irrigation, rain fed and dry land (Table 1). The water availability in the normal year for these four area types was adequate. All respondents (farmers) that used semi technical irrigation in three land types could still access water from supplementary irrigation. But around 75% of farmers on dry land in the second planting season (PS II) anticipated the water shortages by using well-pump. A variety of water sources can be found during a dry year. In first planting season (PS I), the technical irrigation land can supply water adequately. However, the water shortage was still found starting from semi technical irrigation areas. Respondents used additional water from the river, 20% from semi technical irrigation land, 40% from the rainfall. On the other hand, 30% of respondents in the dry land area used water from a well-pump. During second plant season (PS II), 70% of farmers in semi-technical irrigation land and 100 % of farmers in the rain fed, used water from the river. Farmers in the dry land used 60% water from the river and used 40% water from well-pump.

For the second planting season in a normal year, rainfed farmers in Serang and Pati used the well-pump as another source to irrigate their land. While in Subang, farmers just used water from rainfall as a water source for irrigation. The difference is more clear in the dry year, in which the drought affected more significant water stress in Serang and Pati than in Subang (Table 1). To solve the drought situation, the alternative irrigation scheme in Serang and Pati was more varied than in Subang.

The previous data revealed that farmers used different water sources for planting season at different characteristics of the year (normal and dry year). The water availability in the normal year was different significantly compared to the dry year. A dry year is commonly caused by the El-Nino phenomenon and a positive IOD. Alteration in finding the source of water by farmers in a dry year is an adaptation strategy to supply water to their lands as well as to protect their crops.

The dynamical and sensitivity cropping season time in paddy field, rainfed and dry land

In general, the monsoon onset on Java Island is in September III. There were differences in both the cropping calendar and patterns for irrigated, rainfed and dry land in Serang district. Overall, the onset of planting season for irrigated lands was on November II/December II with cropping pattern rice-rice-fallow (Table 2). The onset of planting season in Serang, in general, started from November I/III to December II/III. Roughly 50% of respondents who used technical irrigation started to plant the crops on October I/II, and the remaining started to plant the crops on November I-December II. However, 50% of respondents from the rainfed area used the onset of planting season on October III/November I and even until December II. Furthermore, in dry land, most of the farmers (80%) cultivated peanuts on November II/III and the other 20% of respondents started to plant on October III/November I.

It was found that both the onset and crop rotation varied across the three land types. For technical irrigation, the onset of planting season is on October II/III and followed by technical irrigation. Nevertheless, in most irrigated lands, the water availability is limited, and there is even an alteration the irrigated lands to the rainfed lands with the onset November I/II and the onset of dry land also in November I/II. Crop rotation rice-rice-palawija was only found in technical irrigation areas. In the irrigated and rainfed lands, the crop rotation was similar to rice-rice-palawija. On the other hand, the crop rotation for other land type was rice-rice-fallow.

Most of the farming lands in Pati district are rainfed, dry and a small part of irrigated lands. Like other districts, the onset of irrigated, rainfed, and drylands was also different. However, they have the same cropping pattern. In general, in irrigated land, the onset of planting season was on October III/February I with the crop rotation rice-rice-palawija (Table 2).

Farmers adaptation

In Serang district the onset of planting season started from November II/III to December I/II. Around 70% of

respondents in technical irrigation lands planted the crop on November II/III. Furthermore, around 20% of respondents cultivated the plants on November III/December I. The rest of the respondents (10%) had planting season on December I/II. Moreover, in the rainfed lands, many of the respondents (80%) planted the crops on January I/II and the rest was on January II/III. In drylands, 70% of respondents started to plant palawija, especially peanut and maize on November I/II and around 30% on November II/III (Figure 2).

For the irrigated areas in Subang District, most respondents (80%) determined the onset of planting season on October II/III and the remaining 20% on October III/November I. Moreover, the onset of planting season of 70% of respondents in semi-technical irrigation areas was on October II/III and for 30% on November II/III. While for dry land, the onset of 50% of respondents was executed on November I/II and the rest was on November II/III (Figure 3).

The onset of planting season in Pati district was on October II/III applied by around 80% of farmers in irrigated land. The remaining respondents were on October III/November I and November I/November II. In the rainfed areas, the onset of planting season for 70% of respondents in Pati Districts was on November/November, 20% on November I/II and 10% on December I/II. Whereas in dry land, around 80% of farmers cultivated palawija (secondary crop) mainly maize on November I/II and the others on November III/December I (Figure 4).

For all cases of study areas in Pati, Subang, and Serang, farmers in the irrigated lands planted earlier 2-4 decades than in farmers in another land type. In general, farmers in semi-technical irrigation in Subang district, don't have to access the irrigation water. Therefore, they use rain fall and well pump to irrigate their land.

The differences in water availability in Serang and Subang districts can be represented by the variation of crop rotation. There were significant differences in crop rotation patterns, especially in the rainfed areas. Crop rotation in Serang district was dominated by rice cultivation twice a year while in Subang district was dominated by three-time cultivation Rice-Rice-Palawija (Table 3).

Table 2. Onset and crop rotation in different site/land types

Land type	Onset	Planting rotation
Serang		
Irrigation	Nov II – Dec II	Rice-rice-fallow
Rainfed	Jan I – Jan III	Rice-palawija crops-palawija crops
Dryland	Jan I – Feb I	Palawija crops-palawija crops-fallow
Subang		
Technical irrigation	Oct II – Nov I	Rice-rice-palawija crops
Semi technical irrigation	Nov I – Nov II/III	Rice-rice-fallow
Rainfed	Nov I – Nov III	Rice-rice/palawija crops/fallow-fallow
Dryland	Nov I – Nov III	Palawija crops-palawija crops/fallow-fallow
Pati		
Technical irrigation	Oct II – Nov II	Rice-rice-fallow
Semi technical irrigation	Oct II – Nov II	Rice-rice-fallow
Rainfed	Nov I – Dec II	Rice-rice/palawija crops/fallow-fallow
Dryland	Nov I – Dec I	Palawija crops-palawija crops/fallow-fallow

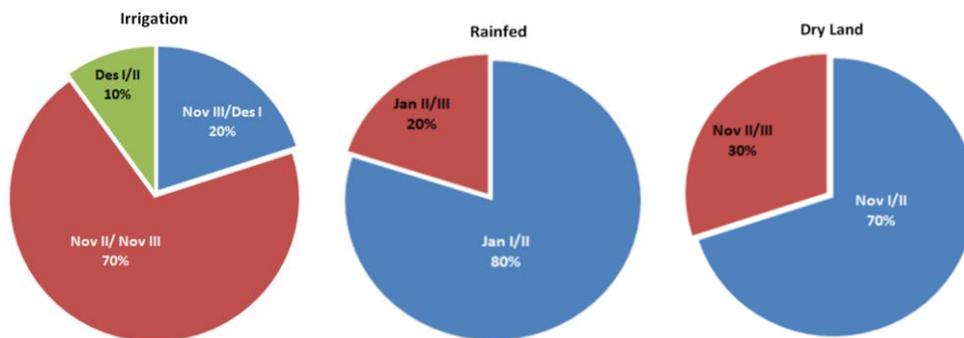


Figure 2. The existing onset of planting season in Serang district, Banten Province, Indonesia

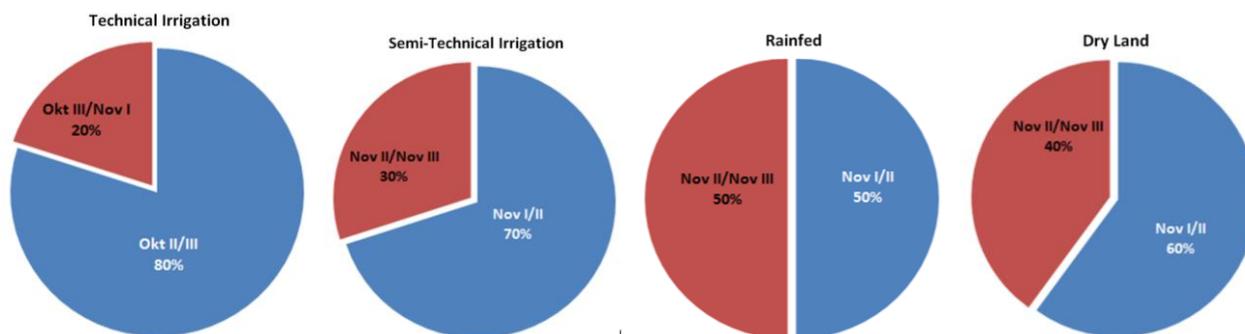


Figure 3. The existing onset of planting season in Subang district, West Java Province, Indonesia

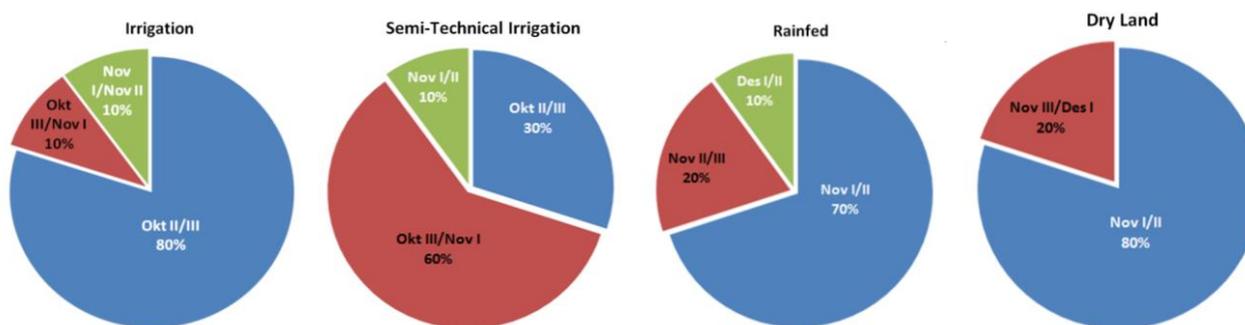


Figure 4. The existing onset of planting season in Pati district, Central Java Province, Indonesia

The irrigation management in Serang and Subang districts is better than other study areas since the location of this district is near the Jatiluhur reservoir, West Java, Indonesia. This reservoir is one of irrigation sources for the many surrounding farming areas. Therefore, water supply for technical irrigation was not influenced by the climate anomaly. The same case was also like the irrigated areas in Pati district. The alteration of crop rotation was conducted by farmers in rainfed lands and dry lands in Serang districts. In Subang, the crop modification was found on the technical irrigation, rainfed and dryland areas, while in Pati the plant rotation was found in semi technical irrigation, rainfed and dryland areas.

In the third planting season (PS III) the cropping index is decreased and no crop farming in almost all agriculture

lands. For PS I in a dry land, the farmer generally didn't grow rice but palawija (secondary crop). In Serang for the same planting season, farmers cultivated peanut and maize, whereas, in Subang and Pati, farmers planted corn.

In a dry year, farmers in the study area dealt with the dry condition in several ways (Table 4). Most of the farmers try to irrigate their land from other water sources or delay the onset of planting season. Roughly 75 % of farmers in Serang in irrigated land anticipated drought conditions by delaying the onset for around two weeks and 25 % of farmers don't postpone the onset since water is still available. In the rain fed areas, 65% of farmers decided to find another water source and 35% agree to postpone the onset for even more than four weeks. Moreover, in dryland during dry conditions, around 30% of farmers pump water

from the river to irrigate their land but 70% of farmers adapt to that situation by delaying their onset.

In Subang, around 80% of respondents in irrigation areas decided to plant, and 20% of respondents delayed their onset approximately two weeks. Farmers in irrigated lands adapt to dry conditions by delaying the onset for about two weeks instead of finding the other water source. However, in technical irrigation 4-5, 85% of farmers delay the onset two weeks to deal with drought, and 20% try to find other water sources from the river. In the rain fed, 65% of farmers decide to find other water origin and 35% delayed the onset for more than four weeks. In dryland, 30% of farmers pump water from a river, and 70% delayed the onset.

In Pati, 75% of farmers in irrigated land anticipate drought by delaying the onset of planting season approximately two weeks and 25% decide to plant as water is still available. In technical irrigation, the farmer decides to delay the onset two weeks while waiting for water supply. But in semi technical irrigation, most of the farmers adapt to dry conditions by delaying the onset two weeks, leaving 20% of farmers to pump water from a river. In the rain fed, 65% of farmers try to find other water sources and 35% delay their onset four weeks. In dryland, 40% of farmers pump water from the river and 30% decide to delay the onset (Table 4).

Table 3. Farmer's response to adjust the crop rotation

Irrigation type	Normal year (%)				Dry year (%)				
	Rice-rice-palawija	Rice-rice	Rice-palawija-palawija	Palawija-palawija	Rice-rice-palawija (%)	Rice-rice	Rice-palawija-palawija	Palawija-palawija	Rice/palawija
Serang									
Technical irrigation	0	100	0	0	0	60	40	0	0
Semi technical irrigation	0	100	0	0	0	60	40	0	0
Rainfed	0	1	100	0	0	10	40	30	20
Dryland	0	1	0	100	0	0	0	20	80
Subang									
Technical irrigation	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Semi technical irrigation	100	0	0	0	20	80	0	0	0
Rainfed	0	100	20	20	0	20	80	0	0
Dryland	0	60	0	100	0	0	60	40	0
Pati									
Technical irrigation	0	0	0	0	20	80	0	0	0
Semi technical irrigation	100	0	0	0	20	80	0	0	0
Rainfed	0	60	20	20	0	0	50	50	0
Dryland	0	0	0	100	0	0	0	30	70

Table 4. The farmers responses to dry conditions in different land type

Land type	Farmer respondent (%)			
	Planting	Finding other water sources	Delayed 2 weeks	Delayed more 4 weeks
Serang				
Technical irrigation	25	0	75	0
Semi technical irrigation	0	25	75	0
Rainfed	0	65	0	35
Dryland	0	30	0	70
Subang				
Technical irrigation	80	0	20	0
Semi technical irrigation	0	20	85	0
Rainfed	0	65	0	35
Dryland	0	70	0	30
Pati				
Technical irrigation	25		75	0
Semi technical irrigation		20	80	0
Rainfed		65	0	35
Dryland		40	30	30

Since dry conditions cannot be avoided, farmers adapt to this situation by finding other water source or by delaying the onset of planting season and other activity to reduce the damage and loss caused by drought. It found that the response of farmers in different locations was varied. One reason for this is that the water availability for each site is different.

In general, in Subang farmers decide to find other water sources both in irrigation land or in the rain fed land. But several respondents delay the onset for about two weeks because the water source was far from their land. Unlike farmers in Subang, farmers in Pati in both technical or semi-technical irrigation delay their onset approximately two weeks instead of finding other water sources. This activity can be seen clearly in PS II in a dry year. In the rain fed land, the response of farmers is different significantly than the response in irrigated land. In the rain fed, the farmer decides to find other water sources instead of delaying the onset, and most of the farmers plant twice a year. The other water source that they used is pump water from the river. To do so, they must pay an extra cost. Those that delay their onset roughly one month are those farmers who plant only once a year.

In conclusion, the farmers in affected areas due to climate variability could adapt to shift the onset of planting season. Farmers in irrigated lands change their onset around 2-4 ten-days period becomes October II - December II, in rainfed area around 4-6 ten-days period becomes November I - January III and in dryland around 6-8 ten-days period from November II - February I. The cropping pattern rice-rice-palawija/fallow was applied in irrigated land, rice-rice/palawija/fallow-fallow in rainfed and palawija-palawija/fallow-fallow in dryland. In irrigated land, 75-80% of farmers decide to delay the onset two weeks while waiting for water supply. In rainfed areas, 65% of farmers try to find other water sources and 35% of them delay their onset four weeks. In dryland, 30-70% of farmers pump water from the river and 30-70% decide to delay the onset more than four weeks. Adaptation programs to deal with climate extremes in Serang and Pati vary more than in Subang. In Serang and Pati, during first planting season, farmers applied irrigation roughly 20%-30% pump water from river and during second planting season, in Pati farmers use water from well pump and even in Serang reach 100%.

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