

IMPROVED BANANA CULTIVATION -2012-13

Shri Rajasekar, aged 45 is a banana farmer of Samanthipuram village in Polur taluk of Thiruvannamalai district. He has 5 acres of cultivable land. He used to cultivate karpooravalli banana variety in his 4 acres of land. One acre has been utilized for cultivating paddy to meet out his family food requirement.

He depends majorly on banana crop for his family income. But, the banana farming has started becoming less remunerative due to higher incidence of diseases and increase in cost of cultivation. It was during the time, the KVK team met him first time and inspected his field as a part of the PRA exercise conducted in his village as his village was selected as operational village by the KVK. He along with fellow farmers intensively trained at KVK on improved production technologies of banana.

Total number of 20 banana farmers including him visited several successful banana farmers fields at Puducherry state with the help of NABARD's FTTF fund. The demonstrations on improved banana production technologies were also conducted at his field by the KVK team to prove the worthiness of the advanced technologies. His started adopting the technologies learn from the KVK in his banana field.

The result was really good. He obtained an average productivity of 82.5 tonnes per hectare which was 26.92 % higher than his usual yield. The cost of cultivation was also reduced to a considerable extend. An additional gain of rupees 78000 per hectare was accrued by him with the a higher BC ratio of 3.9 : 1. At present, is one of the successful banana growers of the village living prosperous life.

