



# Rice Production Training

**Make More Money  
Produce More Rice  
Understand Your Fields  
Reduce Your Costs  
Organic Rice**

*Use Less Chemicals!*

**An ATSP "Agriculture Productivity" Services Opportunity**

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## Services Overview

The basis of this service is rice production training based on the well developed Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Farmer Field School (FFS) model promoted across Cambodia and Asia, lasting the entire rice production season with a group of up to 30 farmers meeting on a weekly basis. The emphasis is on learning the basic ecology of the field combined with scientific rice production technologies. Depending on the goals of the client, ATSA will adjust the course so that the focus can be on gaining high production, low chemical input or organic rice production techniques. Regardless of the technology goals, the object of the service is on overall productivity and profit. Learning incorporates farmers immediate issues in the field solving real problems based on practical demonstrations, observations and research.



## Training Agenda Topics

- Basic Rice Physiology
- Basic Rice Cultivation Techniques
- Predator Insects
- Parasitic Insects
- Agro-ecosystem Analysis
- Field Ecology Studies
- Group Cohesion Dynamics
- Effects of Pesticides on Ecology

## ATSA Training Personnel

Services are provided by a network of more than 500 District-based expert trainers with many years experience supported by more than 1500 community-based expert farmer trainers lead this powerful course. They are provided technical and training backup by central ATSA staff with International experience in IPM and FFS who help tailor and update course content.

## Expected Outputs

1. 15-60% increase in rice production
2. 20-40% reduction in costs
3. Improved understanding of field ecology
4. Better independent decision-making skills
5. Group cohesion and cooperation
6. Application of skills to additional problems and crops

## Costs

Cost per season long 3-month FFS is \$650 for 30- 40 farmers. Courses can be adjusted to fit local budget and time considerations.

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