

**Name:**

Farmers' training level

**Definition:**

Based on IRENA 6 indicator, it reflects the level of training reached by the farmer, both previous and recent.

**Calculation method:**

Score achieved for previous and for current season training.

I= Previous training + Current season training

Previous training:

Practical experience .....	2
Basic training .....	4
Full agricultural training .....	6

– 'Practical experience': experience acquired through practical work on an agricultural holding

– 'Basic training': any training course completed at a general agricultural college, and/or an institution specialising in certain subjects (including horticulture, viticulture, silviculture, pisciculture, veterinary science, agricultural technology and associated subjects). A completed agricultural apprenticeship is regarded as basic training

– 'Full agricultural training': any training course continuing for the equivalent of at least two years full-time training after the end of compulsory education and completed at an agricultural college, university or other institute of higher education in agriculture, horticulture, viticulture, silviculture, pisciculture, veterinary science, agricultural technology or an associated subject.

Season farmer training (attendance to training courses and/or seminars) :

No attendance (0 hours) .....	0
Attendance (1 to 5 hours) .....	1
Attendance (6 to 10 hours) .....	2
Attendance (11 to 15 hours) .....	3
Attendance (16 to 20 hours) .....	4
Attendance (21 to 25 hours) .....	5
Attendance (more than 25 hours).....	6

**Interpretation:**

The more farmer's training, the higher degree of professionalism in the farm's management. A higher degree of knowledge also implies a higher level of environmental awareness, because of a better consciousness of the risks associated with the agricultural activity.

The continuous training (attendance to seminars and training courses, recently received) updates the knowledge and skills and provides the tools to improve farm's management.

**Information source:**

Data obtained from a farmers survey.

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