

Observation diary excerpt^{xxvi}

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| 10-Apr-13 | General Market Observation | There is a severe shortage of ginger seeds in Makwanpur at present. Due to poor production (quality and quantity) this year, farmers do not have enough quantity of quality seeds for this planting season. According to Mrs Ram (ginger trader) 40 tons of high quality seeds have been collected from Makwanpur and transported to Ilam by FAO. |
| 12-Apr-13 | General Market Observation | On average 75 tons of ginger passes through the Birgunj border to India on a daily basis during December to February. Two officers from the Plant Quarantine office provided this information which is in contrast to the previous information provided by traders from Makwanpur - that ginger trade through Birgunj border is limited due to problems <i>en route</i> . |
| 12-Apr-13 | Lesson learned | Farmer to farmer communication is found to be more effective in disseminating information regarding events compared to other media like radio and newspapers. Pamphlets might be another effective means for alerting farmers to these kinds of event. |
| 12-Apr-13 | Market Player behaviour | Some agro-vets from adjoining locations requested ABC to conduct similar demonstrations in their area so as to inform the farmers about rhizome rot disease management through use of bio-fungicides. ABC provided plant protection materials for carrying out demonstrations in 3 additional sites in Makwanpur. |
| 15-Apr-13 | General Market observation | Most of the farmers in these areas have already planted ginger, despite the fact that it has not rained yet. Due to this there is less possibility of <i>trichoderma</i> demand in the plantation season following demonstrations. However, the farmers who were present to view the demonstration might purchase <i>trichoderma</i> in the drenching season or maybe in the next plantation season after seeing the effectiveness of the product in curing the disease. |
| 07-May-13 | General Market observation | With the increasing number of tea farmers who want to shift to organic tea cultivation, there is a high demand for bio fungicides in Ilam. But since the farmers do not have linkage with authentic bio-fungicide suppliers, the sales are very low. Farmers are dubious about the organic bio-fungicides even though these products have organic certification from IMO or NAASA. They ask for yearly renewal certificates from agro-vets when they come to buy these products. |