

Question asked to the general meeting of farmers on March 22nd in Meru at Kitheri Co-op.

1. How many people have heard of organic? 20% of western style and 75% of the general idea.
2. How many people are growing food on their coffee plantations? 100%
3. How many have their children help on the farm? 100%
4. How many have trees shading coffee? 90%
5. How many stopped using pesticides and fertilizers because of the costs involved already? 12 individuals
6. How many have animals on their farms? 100%
7. Could current yields be met with organic? They would produce little without fertilizers, they need alternatives, such as assess to adequate amounts of manure etc.
8. How many farmers have debt now? 100%
9. How many have to supplement their income? 0% because they grow their own food and then use the little money from coffee for materials.
10. How many have a good source to water? Everyone has water because it is mountainous but they don't trust it and there is no safe water alternative.
11. How many have suffered illness from pesticides? 15% said yes at first then after translation 60-70%
12. How many are growing Ruiru-11? 11-8 people (7 of them on the board)
13. How many are growing the SL-varietal? 100%
14. How many know about the second window? 99%, 15 people didn't know.
15. How many know about fair trade? One person on the Board.
16. How many have received information from the coffee research foundation? NO ONE NEVER.
17. How many think organic is possible? 100%
18. How many mix crops? 12 people