



INCOME AND FEASIBILITY OF LOWLAND RICE FARMING IN PARIGI MOUTONG REGENCY, CENTRAL SULAWESI

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Abstract—The agricultural sector is the leading sector in an agrarian country and has several supporting sub-sectors, one of which is the food crops sub-sector. Food crops are the most important sub-sector as a support to meet the needs of many people, especially the basic needs of human food. Food is a basic human need other than clothing and shelter. Food is needed as an effort for human survival. Parigi Moutong Regency is one of the potential food storage areas in Central Sulawesi Province, especially for rice production. The area of paddy fields in Parigi Moutong Regency in 2020 was recorded at 313,315 Ha, with a productivity of 5.89 Tons/Ha. This research aims to determine the income of farmers and the feasibility of lowland rice farming in Parigi Moutong. The results showed that the income of lowland rice farmers in Torue District, Parigi Moutong was IDR 25,298,971/ 0.87 Ha/ planting season and lowland rice farming were feasible to be cultivated and developed regarding the R/C value of more than 1, which was 4.12.

Keywords: Paddy Rice, Production, Income, Feasibility

I. INTRODUCTION

The agricultural sector, the leading sector in an agrarian country, has several supporting sub-sectors, one of which is the food crops sub-sector. Haris (2017) explained that food crops are an important sector in Indonesia's development in line with the establishment of the main target of strengthening the food supply and diversifying food consumption in Indonesia's growth for the period 2014 to 2019, namely increasing the availability of food sourced domestically for essential commodities, including rice, corn, and soybeans (Barinda and Ayuningtyas, 2022; Nasikh et al., 2021). The importance of the role of rice commodities in the

economy is a major issue in realizing rice self-sufficiency (Agus et al., 2019; Malahayati and Masui, 2022).

Fulfillment of food as a basic human need has prompted President Joko Widodo and all ranks of the Indonesian Working Cabinet for 2014 - 2019 to formulate the concept of the NAWACITA priority agenda, which includes an agenda to "realize economic independence by moving strategic sectors of the domestic economy", including food affairs which are the domains and responsibilities of the Ministry of Agriculture in an effort to realize food sovereignty and farmers' welfare (Ismail, 2018). Increasing agricultural production as the basis for realizing food security shows very significant progress, even the increasing population growth does not make food security decrease, what happens is the production of rice and corn increases, as well as other strategic food commodities (Bell et al., 2022; Frimawaty et al., 2013).

Food self-sufficiency is one of the Ministry of Agriculture's target programs that must be realized immediately, including self-sufficiency in rice, corn, soybeans, and increasing beef and sugar production (Kementerian Pertanian, 2015b). Efforts to increase rice productivity and rice production in Indonesia to achieve rice self-sufficiency, cannot be separated from lowland rice farming activities cultivated by farmers. (Boly and Sanou, 2022; Rozaki, 2021).

Food is a basic human need other than clothing and shelter. Food is needed as an effort for human survival (Hairiah et al., 2022; Widyatmanti and Umarhadi, 2022). The fulfillment of food needs from various aspects such as safety, affordability, and other aspects is often associated with food security. One of the basic human needs is fulfilled from the food aspect. Food contains nutrients that are used to maintain life (Saputro and Fidayani, 2020). Agriculture is the most important sector as a support to meet the needs of people's lives, especially the basic needs of human food as a form of improving the welfare of the nation and state (Nasikh et al., 2021; Sofiyuddin et al., 2021).

Parigi Moutong Regency is one of the potential food storage areas in Central Sulawesi Province, especially the production of rice/. Based on the description of the background that has been stated, this study aims to determine the income and feasibility of lowland rice farming in Parigi Moutong Regency.

II. RESEARCH METHOD

A. Research Location and Sample

The research location was determined purposively in Parigi Moutong Regency, due to the location being one of the centers of lowland rice production. This research was conducted from July to September 2022. The number of samples used was 65 farmer respondents from a total population of 341 farmers. Respondents were taken by proportional random sampling technique. The determination of respondents is done using a simple random sampling method (Ghasempour Ardakani and Shahvandpour, 2021; Stehman and Xing, 2022).

B. Data Type and Source

The data taken in this study include primary data, obtained directly from respondents and secondary data, obtained from literature studies and other sources (Hox and Boeije, 2005).

C. Data Analysis Method

In order to answer the stated objectives, the income equation and the feasibility of lowland rice farming (Wang et al., 2022; Yan et al., 2021) are described as follows :

a. Income Analysis, with the following formula:

$$\pi = TR - TC \quad (1)$$

Description:

π = Rice paddy income (IDR)

TR = Total Revenue (IDR)

TC = Total Cost (IDR) (Soekartawi, 2014)

b. Feasibility Analysis:

The feasibility of farming is calculated by the following equation:

$$R/C = \frac{TR}{TC} \quad (2)$$

Description:

R/C = Revenue/Cost Ratio

TR = Total Revenue (IDR)

TC = Total Cost (IDR)

By the criteria:

R/C > 1, business has advantages so it is worth working on,

R/C = 1, business is at the break-even point,

R/C < 1, the business is not worth working on.

III. RESULT AND DISCUSSION

A. Lowland Rice Farming Income in Parigi Moutong

Farming income is the farm income minus the expenditure (Soekartawi 2002). Components of farm income include income on cash costs and income on total costs. Income on cash costs is the total revenue minus cash costs, while income on total costs is the total revenue minus calculated costs (Bellotti et al., 2018; Hairiah et al., 2022). The amount of total revenue and total costs or production costs incurred by rice farmers will affect the total income of farmers. Production costs consist of variable costs and fixed costs (Hardaker et al., 2022; Liu et al., 2020).

Increasing the income and production of lowland rice farmers cannot be separated from the cultivation process carried out by each farmer, both traditional and modern (Komatsu et al., 2022; Silva et al., 2022). Increased farm production is an indicator of the success of developed farming, but the high production of

commodities obtained per unit area of land does not guarantee high rice farming incomes because it is influenced by the prices received by farmers and the costs of using farm production inputs (Munizar dan Tangkesalu, 2019).

Rice farming production costs can be classified based on the relationship between changes in production volume, which are variable costs and fixed costs, in this study, the variable costs included are seed costs, fertilizer costs, drug costs, and labor wages (Agus et al., 2019; Paman et al., 2014). The sum of the two costs can produce the total cost in one rice planting season in Torue District, Parigi Moutong Regency. The details of the costs are presented in Table 1.

Table 1. Average Cost of Lowland Rice Farming in Torue District, Parigi Moutong Regency, 2022

No	Details	Total (IDR)	Percentage (%)
1	Variable Costs:		
-	Seed Costs	477,077	5.88
-	Fertilizer	486,515	5.99
	Costs	222,486	2.74
-	Drug Costs	5,386,154	66.34
-	Labor wages	6,572,232	80.95
	Total Variable Cost		
	Fix Costs:		
-	Field Rent	1,350,000	16.63
-	Tax	13,942	0.17
-	Tool Shrink	52,116	0.64
-	Other	130,385	1.61
	contribution	1,546,443	19.05
	Total Biaya Tetap		
2	Total Costs (TC)	8,118,605	100.00

Source: Data Analysis Result, 2022.

The costs incurred by farmers in one planting season for lowland rice in Torue District, Parigi Moutong Regency, farmers spend a total cost of IDR 8,118,605 or IDR 9,339,988/ha (Table 1). The total cost spent by rice farmers is the sum of the total variable costs plus the total fixed costs for one growing season. Labor costs are costs with the highest value and percentage of 66.34% because rice farming activities in Torue District have a series of activities ranging from land processing, planting, fertilizing, pest eradication, and harvesting with a labor wage of IDR 100,000/day.

Rice farmers' income is the result of subtraction from the receipts received by lowland rice farmers with the total costs incurred, in line with Ningrum (2016), the income received by farmers is the difference between total revenues and total costs incurred during one planting season (Nitta et al., 2020; Ojo and Baiyegunhi, 2021). Increased farm production is an indicator of the success of farming carried out, but the increase in commodity production obtained per unit area of farmer's land does not guarantee an increase in lowland rice farming income because it depends on the price received and input costs for farming use (Munizar dan Tangkesalu, 2019). The income received by lowland rice farmers in Torue District, Parigi Moutong Regency is presented in Table 2.

Table 2. Average Production, Price, Revenue and Income of Rice Farming in Torue District, Parigi Moutong Regency, 2022.

No	Details	Total (0,87 Ha)
1	Production (Kg)	3,543
2	Price (IDR)	9,432
3	Total Revenue (IDR)	33,417,576
4	Total Income (IDR)	25,298,971

Source: Data Analysis Result, 2022

Table 2 shows that the average lowland rice production in Torue District is 3,543 kg (4,076 kg/ha), and the price level received by farmers is IDR 9,432, thus farmers receive income from lowland rice farming of IDR 33,417,576/0, 87ha/ planting season (IDR 38,442,914/ha/planting season). The average income received by paddy rice farmers is IDR 25,298,971/0.87 ha/planting season or IDR 29,136,226/ha/planting season.

B. The Feasibility of Lowland Rice Farming in Parigi Moutong District

Business feasibility is a measure to find out whether a business is feasible or not to be developed. It is feasible in the sense that it can generate benefits for farmers (Masse & Afandi, 2017). The Revenue-Cost Ratio (R/C) is an indicator that can be used to determine the feasibility of a business. Analysis of the R/C ratio is calculated by comparing the revenue (revenue) with the Total Cost (TC). The R/C value of lowland rice farming in Torue District, Parigi Moutong Regency is presented in Table 3.

Tabel 3. Results of Feasibility Analysis (R/C) of Lowland Rice Farming in Torue . District, Parigi Moutong Regency, 2022

No	Details	Total (IDR)
1	Total Revenue	33,417,576
2	Total Cost	8,118,605
3	R/C	4.12

Sumber: Hasil Analisis Data, 2022

Table 3 shows that the $R/C > 1$, this means that for every production cost of IDR 1.00, an income of IDR 4.12 will be obtained, thus rice farming is carried out by farmers in Torue District, Parigi Moutong deserves to be developed and cultivated. The results of this study are in line with research conducted by Ica, et al., (2021) that lowland rice farming in Tatakalai Village, North Tinangkung District is feasible to be cultivated with an $R/C > 1$ or 5.49.

IV. CONCLUSION

Based on the results that have been presented, it shows that the income of lowland rice farmers in Torue District, Parigi Moutong Regency, is IDR 25,298,971/ 0.87 ha/ planting season with an R/C of more than 1, which is 4.12. This value means that lowland rice farming is feasible to be cultivated and developed.

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