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Een managementsysteem dat de Landbouwcoöperatie Kwatta instaat kan stellen invloed uit te oefenen op de prijsontwikkeling binnen de tuinbouwsector



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Summary

The subject of this research is the use of a management system that could lead to stable prices of agricultural products, namely vegetables. The Agricultural Cooperative Kwatta and Region (Cooperative) is thereby manager of this managementsystem. The Cooperative will mobilize members in various areas (growers, buyers and retailers) to join and make use of this system.

Issue

To what extent can Agricultural Cooperative Kwatta, by applying the agricultural management system, contribute to price stabilization within the vegetable sector?

In certain periods of the year, scarcities or surpluses of vegetables (products) are common. This fluctuation in scarcities or surpluses often has negative effects on the entire chain. For example: shortage in production will result in high prices, surpluses will result in low prices and for the actors in the entire chain unstable income. The purpose of this research is to use a management system with a different approach, where the Cooperative as manager can influence the price movement in the vegetable sector.

The important factors that cause price fluctuation in Suriname are the weather conditions linked to mismanagement and the unregulated market (growers, buyers and resellers). To manage these factors in Suriname and for an example to use as guidance, research is done by how developing countries deal with this problem. Their different instruments are used to address this problem, depending on the nature of the problem. By applying these instruments under Suriname conditions, the following solutions can be proposed:

- ✓ Instrument A: provides the necessary inputs or affordable loans, investing in modern farming techniques and creating good market sales.
- ✓ Instrument C: contracts/agreements should be closed between the Cooperative and the members. These agreements, made between the two, should result in: regulation and price stabilization in the vegetable sector.

Using the plan-do-check-act management system should help implement the instruments A and C and the further approach.