

Lesson 13

Strengthening cooperation with educational institutions

The institutional structure of the agricultural sector is a complex socio-economic system that includes economic, organisational, legal, moral, and ethical elements. The development of society in the process of market transformation leads to a change in the role and importance of individual agricultural institutions. Throughout the world, there is an agricultural structure dominated by small family enterprises based on private property. Over time, the number of enterprises has also increased with the expansion of the cultivated lands. Farm activities carried out with traditional perspectives and teachings are the biggest obstacle to the sustainability of small agricultural enterprises. Climate change, decrease in irrigable land, decrease in water resources, inappropriate crop rotation and unconscious use of chemicals threaten sustainable agricultural activities. The fact that agricultural production is carried out consciously by people with a certain education, regardless of scale, whether small or large scale, will increase productivity in agricultural production and product losses caused by the practices of uninformed people will be prevented. It is important to establish cooperation between organisations carrying out education and training activities in the field of agricultural production and people/institutions carrying out farm activities.

High schools, vocational schools, agricultural faculties, soil science departments, environmental engineering departments, associations and foundations that aim to disseminate good practices in the field of agricultural production can play a role in disseminating the correct technical information in the field of vermicompost production, which is an important approach in terms of sustainability in agricultural production.

Short-term skills and competence-building courses at Continuing Education Centers, Adult Education Centers and Lifelong Learning Centers will promote the dissemination of good practices in agricultural production and vermicompost production and usage.

