

## **Activity-55: Interview farmers**

During your vacations or an organised school trips talk to Farmers and find out about the different practices and problems of Agriculture.

### **What to ask a Farmer:**

Here is a questionnaire which will be a useful guide:

1. For how long or how many generations has the farmer (or his family) been doing agriculture?
2. How much land does the farmer own? (area)
3. How many different crops does the farmer grow in a single season or a year?
4. If the farmer grows only one kind of crop, how many times can he grow them in a year?
5. How many times have his crops failed?
6. What are his water sources?
7. How much does he depend on rains?
8. What does the farmer do if there are pests?
9. Is the soil quality still good as it was couple of years back or couple of generations back?
10. Does the farmer use pesticides?
11. Does the farmer use fertilizers?
12. Can his crops grow well without using fertilizers?
13. Has the use of fertilizers and pesticides improved the yield or have just stabilized it from going down?
14. How many people are required to work in his field?
15. Does he use any machines in the fields?
16. Which crops are very profitable?

17. Which crops are very difficult to grow?
18. Which crops are very easy to grow but have no profit?
19. Which plants are very easy to grow, have good profits? Are there such plants and are they food sources for humans?
20. Does the farmer work all round the year? If not what does he do when he not working in the fields?
21. ...think and ask more.

**Go back to Activity-8: what will Happen? Now can figure out what is the Farmer's Feeling?**



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