

6th GFRAS Annual Meeting
Global Good Practices in Rural Advisory Services
14 - 17 September 2015, Issyk Kul, Kyrgyzstan

FIELD DAY PROGRAM

Fruit farming with drip irrigation on arid land (half-day)

In the Western parts of Issyk Kul region there are large areas of very arid land. In recent years, farmers have started to plant such land with fruit trees and build pumps to irrigate it. Drip irrigation is ideal for this purpose, but not (yet) widely used. We will visit two very different farmers who planted new fruit orchards and installed a drip irrigation system on such arid land. These farmers are getting consultations from an individual irrigation specialist who is also a drip equipment dealer. The farmers pay for these services. We will talk with the farmers and as well with the drip irrigation adviser and so get to know a RAS model that is based on private actors and provides advisory services linked to supply of means of production. The visit will also allow insights concerning deficiencies of the innovation system in Kyrgyzstan.

The main destination is the bigger one of the two farms to be visited in village Sary Kamysh in Issyk Kul raion at a distance of 80 km to the West of the conference venue. The second farm is on the way to Sary Kamysh.

Facilitator: Payazidin Jooshov, Irrigation Coordinator, TAIC (Training Advisory and Innovation Centre), and Manager, Kaplya Plus (sales of drip irrigation equipment and advisory service provision)

Other key persons: Bakyt, Nurlan (fruit farmers)

Program:

Time	Activity, discussion topics	Responsible
13.00 - 13.45	Departure from Sary Oi to village Choktal	<i>Facilitator</i>
13.45 - 14.30	Lunch at farmer's home	
14.30 - 14.45	Introduction. Current status of soil and water resources in Kyrgyzstan and in Issyk Kul Oblast (agricultural land, irrigated and rain-fed land, main crops, status of water sources etc.) Overview of TAIC and Kaplya Plus	Payazidin Jooshov
14.45 - 15.15	Story by farmer – how and when did he get land, what he grows, irrigation, where does the water come from, where did he get the drip irrigation equipment, who set it up, its cost, what advisory services were provided, how the drip irrigation system works and what is its effectiveness.	Farmer

15.15 - 15.45	Travel from Choktal to Sary Kamysh	
15.45 - 16.30	Story of farmer about his efforts in orchard development, services of advisers, costs of equipment, expectations on profits	Farmer
16.30 - 17.00	Discussions, ideas and recommendations by participants	Payazidin Jooshov, participants
17.00 - 18.00	Departure to Hotel (if time allows visit shore of Issyk Kul lake)	Facilitator