

Implications of Conversion from Agricultural to Non-agricultural Lands on Rice Production and to Living Conditions of Farmers in Barangay Sta. Rita, Bulacan

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Abstract

Conversion from agricultural to non-agricultural uses is very evident in the fringes of Metro Manila. In the case of Barangay Sta. Rita in Guiguinto, Bulacan, the forces contribute to land conversion are proximity of it to Metro Manila, accessible transport and population explosion. Converted agricultural lands affect the living condition, economic and food availability of the current farmers in the area. The presence of these subdivisions in the barangay greatly influenced the quality and quantity of rice yields. Also, food sufficiency in terms of rice production is an emerging concern.