

TRENDS IN RICE FARMING SYSTEMS



The rice sector in Asia is shifting from labor-intensive and time-consuming traditional practices to mechanized production and post-production practices. These technology shifts are allowing rural families to pursue other more lucrative employment options. While stress tolerant high-yielding varieties are being introduced to replace traditional varieties, other "precision farming" technologies like integrated pest, weed, water and site-specific nutrient management are shaping the future of rice farming in Asia.

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