

Factors Influencing Students in Selection of Agricultural Course

Rohila (1970) viewed that the choice of subjects in school is a development task common to youngsters in most modern societies. This study was undertaken among the 1st B. Sc. (Ag) students, Agricultural Colleges, Coimbatore and Madurai with an objective to know the situational and personal factors responsible for the selection of agricultural course by these students. The respondents for the study were selected adopting random sampling technique.

Table 1. Influence of factors upon the students to select agricultural course

S.No.	Name of factors	Number of factors associated
1.	Occupation of parents	7
2.	Influence of key individuals	6
3.	Trial and error method	6
4.	Job opportunity of the course	5
5.	Parental projection upon their wards	5
6.	Sib position of the student in the family	5
7.	Income of the parents	3
8.	Residential background of the student	3
9.	Aspiration of the student	2
10.	Academic achievement of the student -	

The test of significance revealed that among all the factors only six factors *viz.*, occupation of parents,

influence of key individuals, trial and error method, job opportunity, parental projection and sib position had significant association with 5 or more than 5 factors. Thus it can be stated that all these above 6 factors were mainly responsible to influence the students in their choice of the agricultural course. The personal factors of the student *viz.*, aspirations and academic achievement did not influence them to choose this course. Neither the income of the parent nor the residential background of the student did influence significantly the students in choosing the agricultural course.

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