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ABSTRACT

This research is undertaken to study three major factors that affect the rice production in Malaysia, namely the size of land, the irrigation system, and the subsidies from government. The issues that arise in this study are why Malaysia still has to import rice despite of producing it our self and what are the factors can affect the rice production in this country. The data are taken from various sources such as Department of Agriculture, Department of Irrigation and Drainage, BERNAS, and also from FAOSTAT. The data covers the time series data from year 1975 to year 2005. The data gathered are analyzed using SPSS and measured using Pearson Correlation, Correlation of Determination, Durbin Watson, and also the T-statistics. The finding from this study show significant relationships between the rice production and two independent variables, namely the size of farm and the irrigation. The subsidy does not portray significant relationship. Even though only two of the independent variables are significant, all of three independent variables have positive relationship with the rice production.

LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

BERNAS : Lembaga Padi dan Beras Negara

FAO : Food and Agriculture Organization

HA : Hectare

MT : Metric Tonne

RM : Ringgit Malaysia

RMK 9 : 9th Malaysian Plan

SPSS : Statistical Package for Social Science

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