



THE TRAINING NEEDS OF AGRICULTURAL STAFF IN THE CONTROL OF SUNN PEST AND ITS RELATIONSHIP WITH SOME VARIABLES IN THE PROVINCE OF NINEVEH

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ABSTRACT

This research aimed to identify the training needs for agricultural officials in the control of sunn pest affecting wheat in general, and to identify the correlation between training needs and the independent variables surveyed, namely (age, educational level, gender, managerial position and a number of years of service), and to order the items of training needs according to the needs of agricultural officials. The search included all agricultural personnel in Nineveh province, (172) employees, where a simple random sample of them

represented by 40% with a rate of (69) employees, were taken. A questionnaire consisting of two parts, was designed. The first part included a number of questions to obtain personal and vocational information for agricultural officials, while the second part included scale to measure the training needs, which included (32) items relating to the training needs, for control of sunn pest affecting the yield of wheat. The questionnaire was offered to the specialists in agricultural extension and in education, to make sure face validity and was also offered to specialists in the plant protection to ensure the content validity for items of the scale. The reliability of the scale was found in split-half method. Data was collected during December, 2010.

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