

# Optimization of Intercropping Rice, Corn, and Soybeans in the Border Area of Sanggau Regency: a goal programming approach

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**Abstract.** This study uses a goal programming approach for the dual purpose of planning the production of rice-corn-soybean intercropping in the Border Area of Sanggau Regency. In this study, seven objectives were formulated, (1) maximizing the income of rice-corn-soybean intercropping in a year, (2) minimizing farming costs, (3) minimizing labor, (4) maximizing urea fertilizer, (5) maximizing NPK fertilizer, (6) maximizing manure and (7) minimizing land area. The study was conducted in September-December 2019. The study used a survey method. The data collection method used purposive sampling. Respondents were farmers who plant intercropping rice-corn-soybean. The numbers of respondent was 30 people, data collection by random sampling. The method of data analysis was using income analysis, R/C, and Multi-Goal Programming. The results showed that optimization can be achieved with a yearly income goal of IDR 85,566,600; farm costs IDR 31,249,250, the labor of 6,024 people, use of urea fertilizer as much as 400 kg, use of NPK fertilizer as much as 1,500 kg, use of manure as much as 3,000 kg, and land area 6,140 ha. Optimization is achieved when farmers cultivate intercropping rice-corn with an area of 1.99 ha and intercropping with soybean with an area of 0.95 ha.

## 1 Introduction

The threat of global food security is influenced by the increase in human population and the decrease in harvested area. Modernization of traditional systems with production-oriented and production-oriented planting practices and economics as a food security strategy for future generations [1]. Food self-sufficiency in rice, corn, soybeans for the Indonesian state must be achieved in the next few years. Commodities of rice, corn and soybeans as food and animal feed commodities. Corn commodity is needed by the animal feed industry. Soybean commodities are needed to meet the home industry of making tofu, tempeh, soy sauce, milk and so on. Fulfillment of food needs is still vulnerable, this condition occurs because it is still imported. Corn needs are met by 4% of imports, while the needs of soybeans are met by 80% of imports. The target of corn production is to increase to 23.16

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million tons (up about 18.10% from the previous year), soybean production to decrease by 0.89 million tons of soybeans or -8.06%[2].

West Kalimantan's food production in 2019 includes; rice is around 847,875 tons, corn is about 238,745 tons (productivity 3.6 t/ha), soybeans is around 530 tons (productivity is 0.58 tons/ha) [2]. Corn production in Sanggau Regency in 2019 reached 18,561 tons with a harvested area of 4,387 ha, productivity 4.23 t/ha, higher productivity than the province of West Kalimantan (3.6 t/ha). Soybean production reaches 12 tons with a harvested area of 13 ha, so its productivity reaches 0.56 tons/ha. Corn and soybean commodity prices in the market tend to fluctuate depending on the harvest season. Although the prices of these two commodities fluctuate, demand for corn and soybeans is relatively high. Until now soybean is still a controversial commodity. Soybean agribusiness issues include; the selling price is relatively low so that the response of farmers to farming is less. The need for soybean-based foods such as tofu and tempeh is increasing every year. This condition causes the demand for soybeans as a food raw material to increase. This encourages the government to continue to strive to meet the needs of corn and soybeans in the community[18].

National soybean and corn production cannot meet domestic demand, so they must be imported [6]. This condition often triggers the fall in commodity prices of corn and soybeans. The government is trying to maintain the supply of soybeans to meet domestic production. One of the efforts to fulfill domestic corn and soybean production is through intensification and extensification. Corn and soybeans can be planted on dry land during the rainy season. The intercropping pattern of corn, rice, and soybeans is expected to meet domestic production.

Dry land is a potential and prospective land resource for agricultural land which reaches an area of about 20.15 million ha. The potential for extensification (area expansion) of food production reaches 13.26 million ha. However, the problem in dry land is that its productivity tends to be low and it is not used optimally. This condition depends on rainfall as a source of water supply. Water availability is an important factor in agricultural production. The availability of this water has contributed about 16% of the increase in production [5,6,7,12] .

The condition of land ecosystems in West Kalimantan Province consists of: wetlands covering an area of 3,659,736 ha (24.99%), dry land with a slope of < 15% covering an area of 4,356,790 ha (29.74%) and a slope of > 15% covering an area of 6,441 . 956 ha (44.0%). The use of land for agriculture is only about 13.85% of the total area. The West Kalimantan region belongs to a wet climate, the average annual rainfall varies from 2,663 to 4,191 mm, and agro-climatic zones A, B1, and C. This area has various parent materials consisting of alluvium, organic sedimentary matter, volcanic rocks. old, intrusive, sedimentary, and metamorphic rocks that make up the soil orders Histosols, Entisols, Inceptisols, Spodosols, Ultisols, and Oxisols. From the results of the analysis of the potential of land resources for the development of food commodities, it is directed at (a) land intensification for rice fields covering an area of 221,381 ha, secondary crops (corn, upland rice, legumes, tubers) covering an area of 173,581 ha, plantation crops. (rubber, oil palm, coconut, pepper, and coffee), including fruit trees covering an area of 570,266 ha, and for ponds covering an area of 7,394 ha, and (b) expansion of land for rice fields covering an area of 869,133 ha, fields for food crops 1,316,058 ha, plantations (oil palm, rubber, coconut, pepper, coffee) covering an area of 3,098,269 ha (priority on a 15-25% slope) and 1,300,374 ha (second priority on a slope of 25-40%), and 25,437 ha for large ponds[10].

Application of technological innovation of soybean-corn intercropping system (turiman) in dry land is very prospective. Corn and soybean are prospective intercrops [7,13]. Several research results of the two crop intercropping system showed that the productivity of rice and legumes was higher than that of the monoculture system. Some of the advantages of intercropping rice and soybeans, among others, provide a complementary effect.

Intercropping of cassava, upland rice, corn, soybeans, beans is very potential and prospective [5,8]. The upland rice-sweet corn intercropping system tends to have higher yields than other crop intercropping systems.

The research objectives to be achieved in this research are: (a) to determine the intercropping model of food crops, (b) To determine the target constraints that can be achieved, (c) To determine the sensitivity to the optimum solution that has been achieved.

## 2 Research Method

### 2.1 Location, Time of Research, Data Processing and Sampling Methods

In this study was using a survey method. The survey method is a systematic method for collecting information from a sample of the population to describe a larger population [19]. The study was conducted in villages in Sekayam District with the consideration that these villages already have a wider rice, corn and soybean cropping pattern than other villages. These villages include Pengadang Village, Kenaman Village, and Bungkang Village. The research period is from October to December 2019. The research is directed at farmers who grow rice, corn and soybeans based on information from the Field Agricultural Extension Officer, Sekayam District. The data collection method used interview with a structured questionnaire. Random sampling of respondents with the number of respondents is 30 people.

### 2.2 Data Processing and Analysis Techniques

Data collection is displayed in tabular form. Calculation of farmers' income from farming rice, corn, paddy, corn and soybeans using gross income analysis, net profit analysis with the following formula [19].

$$GM = GFI - TVC \tag{1}$$

$$NFI = GFI - TVC - TFC \tag{2}$$

Where:

- GM = Gross margin/ha
- GFI = Gross farm income/ha
- TVC = Total variable cost/ha
- TFC = Total fixed cost/ha
- NFI = Net farm income/ha

Completing the optimization of rice, corn, soybeans using the QM program for window version 5 [16].

Purpose Function:

The function of the maximum (minimum) income from the intercropping pattern of rice, corn, and soybeans is mathematical. The general model of multi-purpose programming is as follows:

Minimum

$$Z = \sum_{i=1}^m (d_i + d_i^+) \tag{3}$$

Bond terms:

$$\sum_{j=1}^n a_{ij}X_j + d_i - d_{+i} \tag{4}$$

For  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$

$$\sum_{j=1}^n g_{kj}X_j <or> C_k \tag{5}$$

For  $K = 1, 2, \dots, p$

$J = 1, 2, \dots, n$

With assumption

$X_j, d + j, d - j \geq 0$

$d + j, d - j = 0$

Where:

$d_i +, d_i -$ : the number of units of deviation that are deficient (-) or excess (+) relative to objective ( $b_i$ );

$W_i$  : the balance (ordinal or cardinal) against a unit deviation on the goal ( $b_i$ )

$a_{ij}$  : relates to the objective of decision-making variables ( $X_j$ )

$X_j$  : the variable of decision making or activity that you want to find,  
 for example production, selling, buying and credit activities

$B_i$  : goals or targets to be achieved

$G_{kj}$  : technology coefficient of ordinary constraint function;

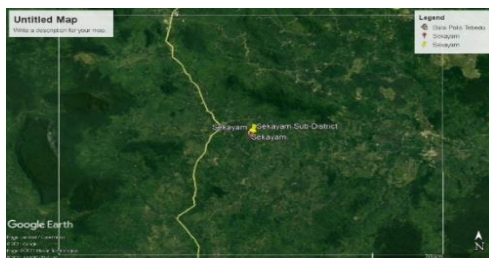
$C_k$  : the amount of  $k$  resources available

$Z$  : the scalar value of the decision making criteria, that is objective function

### 3. Result and Discussion

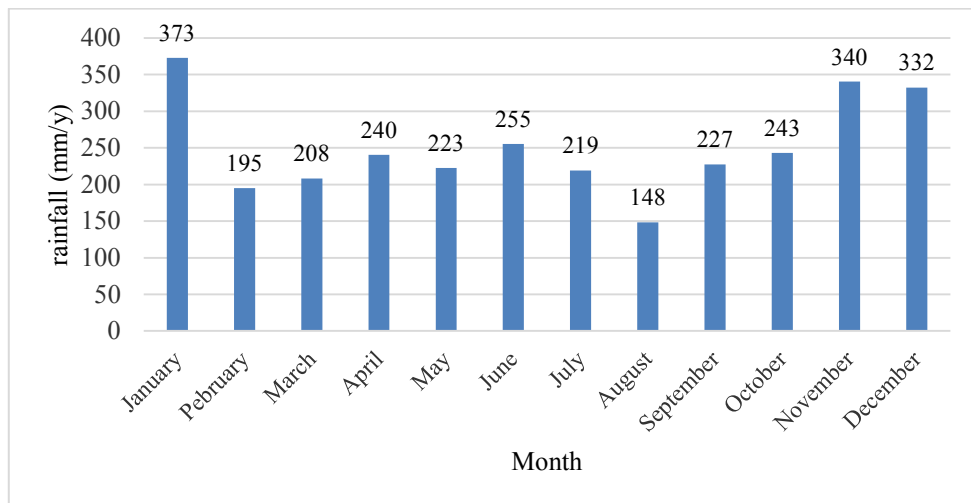
#### 3.1 Geographical Location, Climate and Planting Pattern

The geographic position of Sekayam sub-district is located at North Latitude (LU): 0°49'10.05" and East Longitude (BT): 110°25'31.65". (Fig.1). The area of Sekayam sub-district is around 841.01 km<sup>2</sup> or 84,101 ha. Rainfall in 2019 was recorded as much as 2,164 mm, with an average of 180 mm per month and monthly rainy days 13. Air temperature 22.3<sup>0</sup> - 34<sup>0</sup> C, humidity 86.6%, solar radiation 50-73%. Most of the soil types found in Sekayam District are solid rock-red and yellow podsolic soil types [5].



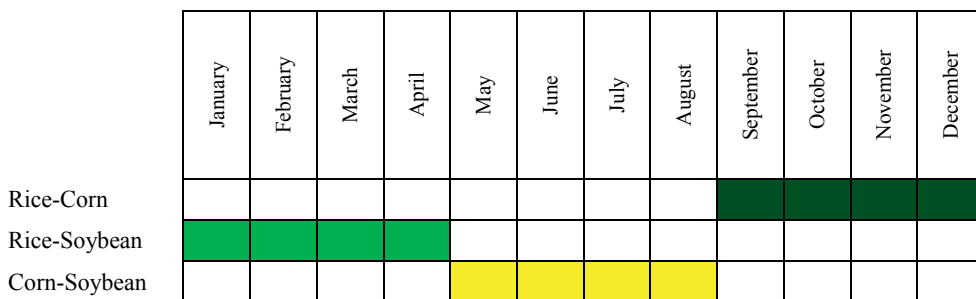
**Fig. 1.** Sekayam sub-district map

Based on the average rainfall data for 2011-2019 in Sanggau Regency, average per month about 250 mm. The average number of rainy days is 14 days. The rainy season starts from September / October to February. The dry season starts from March/April to August (Figure 2).



**Fig.2.** Annual rainfall in Sanggau district 2011-2019

Based on the results of the Focus Group Discussion at the farmer level, the cropping pattern was intercropping rice, corn, and soybeans. The following intercropping patterns were obtained (Figure 3). Rice-corn intercropping is planted in September, harvesting in December. Rice-soybean intercropping is planted in January harvest in April. The corn-soybean intercropping is planted from May to August.



**Fig. 3.** The intercropping pattern of rice, corn, and soybean

The land potential in Sekayam District that can be planted with intercropping rice, corn and soybeans is around 6,140 hectares, consisting of 4,590 hectares of dryland and 1,550 hectares of land. From an area of 6,140 hectares, it is planned that around 1,131 hectares. Existing food plant commodities include; field rice, corn, cassava, sweet potatoes, peanuts. Existing vegetable crop commodities include; large chilies, bird's eye chilies, eggplant, and long beans.

The productivity of intercropping rice-maize (X1) is 2.23 tons/ha of rice, 5.6 tons/ha of corn. The productivity of rice-soybean intercropping (X2) was 2.72 tons/ha, soybeans 1.39 tons/ha. The productivity of corn-soybean intercropping (X3) was 4.48 tons/ha, soybeans 1.14 tons/ha. Research on corn-soybean intercropping by [18]. As a result, maize productivity of the Nasa-29 variety was around 9.34 tons/ha, and the productivity of Anjasmoro, Dena, and Devon soybean varieties reached 1.9 tons/ha in rainfed rice fields in Central Lampung, Lampung Province. The results of the intercropping research conducted by [19] stated that rice productivity reached 2.17 tons/ha and corn productivity reached 3.95 tons/ha. The result of his research stated that average productivity of corn reached 14.1 tons/ha and soybean productivity reached 2.37 tons/ha.

The results of the analysis of farmers' income per hectare based on the intercropping model of rice, corn and soybeans carried out by farmer's are presented in Table 1 below. From the analysis of gross income from 3 intercropping models of rice, corn and soybean, it can be seen that the intercropping model of corn rice is the largest income with a total income of IDR 33,699,000, a profit of IDR 22,504,000 with an R/C ratio of 3.04. The overlapping cropping pattern of upland rice and maize was also investigated by Hipi et al. (2020). The research was conducted on dry land in Gorontalo Province. The average productivity of rice is around 2.17 t/ha, while maize productivity can reach 3.61 t/ha.

**Table 1.** Costs and Income of the Intercropping Model of Rice, Corn and Soybean in Sekayam, 2019

Description	Rice-Corn (X1)		Rice-Soybean (X2)		Corn-Soybeans (X3)	
	Input	Output	Input	Output	Input	Output
Material Cost	5,895,500		3,711,250		5,542,500	
Labour wages	5,180,000		5,260,000		5,660,000	
Total cost	11,075,500		8,971,250		11,202,500	
Rice production	2,239		2,727			
Price	5,000	11,195,000	5,000	13,635,000		
Soybean production			1,397		1,140	
Price			8,000	11,176,000	8,000	9,120,000
Corn production	5,626				4,484	
Price	4,000	22,504,000			4,000	17,936,000
Total Revenue		33,699,000		24,811,000		27,056,000
Profit		22,504,000		13,635,000		15,853,500
R/C Ratio		3.04		2.77		2.42

Soy-corn intercropping technology can increase farmers' income in the Tambang Emas Village, Pamengan Selata, Merangi Regency, Jambi Province from 2018-2019. Soy-corn intercropping farmers' income is IDR. 18,000,000-IDR21,000,000 per season or higher, around IDR. 5,450,000-IDR11,700,000 per season for monocultures of rice or soybeans. The R/C of the intercropping pattern was 1.72-2.04 compared to the monoculture pattern of 1.13-20 [20] The rice-corn intercropping pattern increased rice production to 5.19-5.85 tons ha-1 and corn reached 5.43-6.28 tons ha-1, with a B/C ratio of 2.68, an R/C ratio of 3.12 compared to monoculture pattern of rice or corn with B/C ratio 1.24 and 1.88 [22].

Income, production costs, availability of labor, availability of fertilizers, and land area are important aspects of farming planning. Problems of income, productivity, production costs will be attempted if farmers are faced with limited resources, both land area, capital for production facilities and paying labor wages. The implication is, although an intercropping model can provide the highest income, it is not necessarily the best choice to implement because of the area, productivity, and farming costs. How to determine the objectives of more than one activity, so that the intercropping farming model is optimal (can maximize income). The results of the analysis applying multi object (goal) programming which can be presented below can solve this problem.

**Table 2.** Priority Function Objectives

No	Factor	Description
1	P1	Maximizing intercropping farm income in a year IDR 85,566,000
2	P2	Minimizing the cost of intercropping farming in a year not more than IDR 31,249,250
3	P3	Minimize the number of workers not to exceed 6,024 people
4	P4	Maximizing the amount of urea fertilizer used is 4,00 kg
5	P5	Maximizing the amount of NPK fertilizer used is 1,500 kg
6	P6	The maximum amount of manure used is 3,000 kg
7	P7	Minimizing the land used by 6,140 ha

Destination function: Minimization

$$Z = P_1 (d_1 + d_1^+) + P_2 (d_2 + d_2^+) + P_3 (d_3^-) + P_4 (d_4 + d_4^+) + P_5 (d_5 + d_5^+) + P_6 (d_6 + d_6^+) + P_7 (d_7^-) \quad (6)$$

Constrain:

$$3699000X_1 + 24811000X_2 + 27056000X_3 + d_1 - d_1^+ = 85566000 \quad (7)$$

$$11075999X_1 + 11075000X_2 + 112025000X_3 + d_2 - d_2^+ = 31249250 \quad (8)$$

$$64X_1 + 65X_2 + 67X_3 + d_3 = 6.024 \quad (9)$$

$$150X_1 + 100X_2 + 150X_3 + d_4 - d_4^+ = 400 \quad (10)$$

$$600X_1 + 400X_2 + 500X_3 + d_5 - d_5^+ = 1.500 \quad (11)$$

$$1500X_1 + 1500X_3 + d_6 - d_6^+ = 3.000 \quad (12)$$

$$X_1 + X_2 + X_3 + d_7 = 6.140 \quad (13)$$

$$d_1^+ + d_2^+ + d_4^+ + d_5^+ + d_6^+ + d_7^- + d_1 + d_2 + d_3 + d_4 + d_5 + d_6 + d_7 + X1 \quad (14)$$

$$+ X_2 + X_3 + > 0 \quad (15)$$

From the results of the multi-objective analysis (Goal) Programming, the deviation variable values were obtained (Table 3). That the value of the deviation for the first target constraint to maximize the income of intercropping farming in a year is IDR 85,566,000. The second target of intercropping farming budget in a year is not more than IDR 31,249,250. The fifth target is the amount of NPK fertilizer used is 1,500 kg. The sixth amount of manure used is 3,000 kg and the seventh target area of land used not to exceed 6,140 ha is zero. This means the goals (goals) for the first, second, fifth, sixth, and seventh goal constraints. Meanwhile, the deviation value under the third, fourth, fifth and seventh constraints is not zero, meaning that the goal is not achieved. The variable value for upland rice-corn intercropping (X1) = 1.9 ha upland rice-soybean intercropping (X2) = 0.73 ha and corn-soybean intercropping (X3) = 0.0950 ha farmers are advised to plant intercropping. upland rice-corn and corn-soybean intercropping.

**Table 3.** Output Model Multi-Objective (Goal) Programming

Decision Variable	Z	
X1=1.990	12.019	
X2=0.73		
X3=0.0950		
Variable Deviatonal	Target	Information
DA1	0.000	Reached
DB1	0.000	
DA2	0.000	Reached
DB2	0.000	
DB3	5,848.209	Reached
DB4	26.520	Reached
DA5	0.000	
DB5	13,507.030	Reached
DA6	0.000	
DB6	0.000	Reached
DA7	0.000	
DB7	6,137.265	Reached

### 3.2 Sensitivity Analysis

Sensitivity analysis is used to identify sensitive variables, so special attention can be taken in estimating and selecting solutions with almost all of the good values. The sensitivity range of agricultural resources that is subject to this binding state is shown in the right hand side ranges (Table 4), which explains the sensitivity. the value of the optimal program for changes in resource availability or the value to the right. From the results of the sensitivity analysis in completing the right hands side ranges, there are 2 LINGO outputs showing that the target of maximizing rice, corn and soybean intercropping revenues of IDR. 85,560,000 per year can still be increased by IDR. 436,892, - and can be reduced to infinity. The target cost of farming can be increased by IDR 102,926,700 and reduced to infinity. The workforce target can be increased to infinity and reduced to 5,848 people. The target of using urea fertilizer can be increased to infinity and reduced by 26.519 kg. The target of using NPK fertilizer can be increased to infinity and reduced to 7,030 kg. The target of using manure can be increased to 185.1071 kg and reduced to 373,4585. Meanwhile, target land area can be increased to infinity and reduced to 6,137.26 kg.

**Table 4.** Value of Agricultural Resource Sensitivity Range in Right Hand Side Ranges

Activities		Current Values	Allowable Increase	Allowable Decrease
	Simbol			
Revenue	P <sub>1</sub>	85,560,000	436,892,4	Infinity
Farming Cost	P <sub>2</sub>	31,249,350	102,926,700	Infinity
Labour	P <sub>3</sub>	6.024	Infinity	5.848,209
Urea Fertilizser	P <sub>4</sub>	400	Infinity	26,519
NPK Fertiizier	P <sub>5</sub>	1.500	Infinity	7,030
Manure fertilizier	P <sub>6</sub>	3.000	185,071	373,4585
Land area	P <sub>7</sub>	6.140	Infinity	6.137,265



The intercropping farming of rice-corn, rice-soybean, corn-soybean can be successful if farmers fully implement the technology package recommendation. Crop intercropping technology can increase production optimize land, save production costs, increase farmer's income. The factors that influence the application of intercropping are age, experience and farmer's perception [22].

The application of intercropping rice-corn ( $X_1$ ), planting rice-soybean ( $X_2$ ), corn-soybean ( $X_3$ ) at the farmer level is successful if farmers adopt intercropping based on the recommended technology package, planting time. The response of farmers to the corn-soybean intercropping technology is very good. Farmer's responses to the technology component of soybean intercropping include; processing (69.57%), seed treatment (78.26%), spacing (95.65%), ease of planting corn (95.65%), ease of harvesting turman-jale (69.57%) and the ability to increase IP (65.22%)[23].

## 4 Conclusion

The results showed that (1) the income of rice-corn intercropping farming was IDR 33,699,000, RC = 3.4, rice-soybean intercropping farm income is IDR 24,811,000, R/C = 2.77. The income of corn-soybean intercropping farming is IDR 27,056,000, R/C = 2.42. (2) The maximum income of food crop intercropping is IDR 85,566,600 at a cost of IDR 31,249,250 with an area of 1 rice-corn intercropping 1.99 ha and rice-soybean intercropping covering an area of 0.73 ha. Food crop intercropping income optimization is achieved with the availability of a workforce of 6,024 HOK, the availability of urea fertilizer as much as 400 kg, the availability of NPK fertilizer as much as 1,500 kg, the availability of manure as much as 3,000 kg and the availability of land 6,140 ha. Based on the sensitivity analysis, it can be seen that all of the target constraints can fulfill the objective function.

Optimizing farmers' income is achieved by planting rice-maize intercropping model covering an area of 1.90 ha and rice-soybean 0.73 ha. The planting time of rice-corn intercropping is September-December. The planting time of rice-soybean intercropping is January-April.

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