

# Interest of some managers on SRI in Iraq

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After experience with SRI methods in Iraq during two years and obtaining their benefits, we decided to expand SRI trials and demonstration fields in many sites to extend these advantages to others. Many lectures and training courses for using SRI methods have been provided that encourage managers to see our work and to get them to help us for expanding SRI knowledge and cooperation.

On a field day held 22 October 2007, Fleyeh Abed Jaber, director of MRRS, gave a great part of his speech on SRI, and he has assumed a great burden in this season to expanding SRI. The following pictures show the interest of managers for SRI in MRRS and some demonstration and comparison fields (2007 season).

**Attendees at Field Day on 22 October 2007, from left to right: Director of Rice Development Department; General Director of State Board of Agricultural Research; Head of Najaf Agricultural Committee; and Director of Najaf Directorate of Agriculture**



**Director of Directorate of Agriculture in Najaf (second from right) saw leveling of field by machine before mechanical transplanting**



**Middle: Director of Al-Manadhira agriculture Department in comparison field**



**Left: Head of Consultation Council in Al-Herah sub-district in comparison field**



**Middle: Director of Rice Development Department visited trial fields and SRI trials in MRRS**



**Second from right: Head of training of functioning forces department  
Third from right: Head of Crop Extension Department, from State Board of Agriculture Extension and Cooperation, viewing mechanical transplanting**



**Second from right: Chief of College of Agriculture Mishkhab (Kufa University) in Najaf; on left, Large farmer from Najaf; second from left, Teacher from College of Agriculture**



**Second from right: Director of Al-at Agriculture Department in comparison field showing difference between SRI and non-SRI, visiting SRI trials in MRRS**