1. Family Farmers and Smallholders
Family farming: the basis of agriculture in many countries
I. Introduction

* Family farmers and smallholders: relative advantages from several viewpoints

- Operational Efficiency
- Food Security
- Sustainable Agricultural Development
The argument for corporate agriculture and large farms:

“Bigger is better” -- Large farms can take advantage of ‘economies of scale’
II. Operational Efficiency

* Expanded farm size does not necessarily translate into improved productivity.

* Rice production costs were the lowest on the farm size of 1.5 ha to 2 ha especially in Korea.
The argument for corporate agriculture and large farms:

Corporate agriculture = expansion of markets = food security
III. Food Security

Corporate farms

VS

Family farms
Family farms have a strong attachment to farmland and they generally pass down it to subsequent generations.

Family farmers have more incentive to preserve farmland for the next generation.
IV. Sustainable Agricultural Development

* The contributions of family farming outside of the market:
  
  - Preservation of cultural heritage
  - Maintenance of ecosystems and rural landscapes
  - Maintenance of rural communities
2. Agricultural Cooperatives
I. Introduction

- The individual farmer and corporate agriculture
  - Economic disadvantage

- The individual farmer and society
  - Social disadvantage

- Organization is the key to overcoming these disadvantages and improving both income and status
II. Why Agricultural Cooperatives

* Agricultural cooperatives are autonomous associations - user-owned, user-controlled businesses that distribute benefits on the basis of use

* Agricultural cooperatives strive to maximize the economic benefits they generate for their members

* Agricultural cooperatives seek to better the social and cultural status of farmers
III. Tasks ahead

* To heighten public awareness of the importance of family farming in sustainable agricultural production

* To serve as an interface for family farmers and government in the formation of agricultural policies
Thank you!