

Think Before You Sign Contract

Rights of Farmers

We can't sell our products. The buyers are giving us a very low price. They promised us a higher price. What should we do?

Contract farming might help to overcome this problem because normally the investors will be responsible for production inputs, techniques and market. So you don't have to worry about where to sell your products.

But you must be the one that makes these decisions. It is your right to sign the contract. Don't let other people sign it on your behalf. After signing, you need to take a copy of the signed contract.



Elements of Contract Document

What should we consider before making decisions on contract farming?

First, you need to know about your responsibilities and then responsibilities of the company. Check carefully the price for different qualities, quantity of product and time for selling. You should also check the minimum price guaranteed?

You should also mention other risk like what are the responsibilities of both the parties in case of natural disaster



Conflict Resolution Mechanism

What should we do in case of violation of contract terms?

You should file a written complaint with the following details:

1. Name and address of the person or a company violating the contract.
2. Name, age and your address of applicant
3. The problem, evidence (if available) or minutes of previous meetings
4. Your signature with date and location. Then sign and stamped by the village authority.

You can ask for supports from District Justice Office, or Committee for Economic Conflict at the Provincial Justice Office. You can also consult with the Lao Bar Association as the following address:

Vientiane capital: 021 990445-6, Champasack: 031 252410, Oudomxay: 081 211548; Department of Justice Management: 021 412052 and Department of Justice, National Assembly: 021 413504.

