## TECHNOLOGY ADOPTION AND TECHNICAL EFFICIENCY OF OIL PALM SMALLHOLDER PLANTATION IN RIAU AND WEST KALIMANTAN

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Abstract: This study was conducted to assess the role of adoption of oil palm cultivation technology that has been recommended by the government (RI Regulation of the Minister of Agriculture No 131 / Permentan / OT.140 / 12/2013 concerning Guidelines for Good Oil Palm Cultivation) on production efficiency from smallholder plantations on the dependent smallholder and independent smallholder in Riau and West Kalimantan. Specifically, this study is: (1) to analyze the factors that influence the level of production and analyze the technical efficiency of smallholder oil palm in Riau and West Kalimantan, (2) to analyze the effect of intensity of technology adoption on productivity and efficiency of smallholder oil palm production in Riau and West Kalimantan, (3) To identify the factors affecting technical inefficiency in smallholder plantations in Riau and West Kalimantan. The research objectives were analyzed by using a stochastic frontier model to estimate productivity, the level of technical efficiency, and producer inefficiency simultaneously with allocative efficiency and economic efficiency. The results showed that smallholder oil palm farmers who adopt all recommended technologies compared to farmers who adopt not all recommended technologies had higher production efficiency. Analysis of technical efficiency showed that farmers in the dependent smallholder were more technically efficient than independent smallholders. Farmers who adopt more technology and had more experience, had higher efficiency than others. Farmers who were often associated with extension workers and more experience had higher efficiency than others.

Keywords: oil palm smallholder, technology adoption, technical efficiency, Riau, West Kalimantan

Abstrak: Studi ini dilakukan untuk mengkaji peran adopsi teknologi budidaya kelapa sawit yang telah direkomendasikan oleh pemerintah (Peraturan Menteri Pertanian RI No 131/Permentan/ OT.140/12/2013 tentang Pedoman Budidaya Kelapa Sawit yang Baik) pada efisiensi produksi dari perkebunan rakyat pada pekebun rakyat dan pekebun mandiri di Riau dan Kalimantan Barat. Secara spesifik penelitian ini adalah (1) menganalisis faktor-faktor yang mempengaruhi tingkat produksi dan menganalisis efisiensi teknis petani sawit di Riau dan Kalimantan Barat, (2) menganalisis pengaruh intensitas adopsi teknologi terhadap produktivitas dan efisiensi. produksi kelapa sawit rakyat di Riau dan Kalimantan Barat, (3) Mengidentifikasi faktor-faktor yang mempengaruhi inefisiensi teknis di perkebunan rakyat di Riau dan Kalimantan Barat. Tujuan penelitian dianalisis dengan menggunakan model stochastic frontier untuk mengestimasi produktivitas, tingkat efisiensi teknis, dan inefisiensi produsen secara simultan dengan efisiensi alokatif dan efisiensi ekonomis. Hasil penelitian menunjukkan bahwa petani kecil yang mengadopsi semua teknologi yang direkomendasikan dibandingkan dengan petani yang mengadopsi tidak semua teknologi yang direkomendasikan memiliki efisiensi produksi yang lebih tinggi. Analisis efisiensi teknis menunjukkan bahwa petani pada pekebun swadaya lebih efisien secara teknis dibandingkan pekebun swadaya. Petani yang mengadopsi lebih banyak teknologi dan memiliki lebih banyak pengalaman, memiliki efisiensi yang lebih tinggi daripada yang lain. Petani yang sering dikaitkan dengan penyuluh dan lebih berpengalaman memiliki efisiensi yang lebih tinggi daripada yang lain.

Kata kunci: kelapa sawit rakyat, adopsi teknologi, efisiensi teknis, Riau, Kalimantan Barat

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## **INTRODUCTION**

As the world's largest palm oil producer, Indonesia has a relatively lower productivity level compared to other major palm oil- producing countries (Zen Z et al. 2006; Woittiez LS et al. 2016; Ernah et al. 2016). This fact is indicated by Indonesia's average productivity level of only 16.87 tons per hectare per year in the form of fresh fruit bunches (FFB), which only ranks eighth in the world. It is Ffar behind compared to Guatemala, which was ranked first with a productivity level of 26.23 tons per hectare per year. Indonesia's competitors, namely Malaysia, ranked third with a productivity level of 21.77 tons per hectare per year (Ditjenbun, 2014). The low average level of Indonesian productivity is thought to be due to the relatively low contribution of productivity from smallholder farmers' plantation because oil palm is not only planted on large-scale plantations, but also with the local smallholders' involvement of local smallholders. The production of smallholder oil palm plantations is estimated to be only 50% lower than the potential results that can be achieved, while those of government Government and private plantations are estimated to have reached 85% -90% of the potential achieved (Lifianthi, 2012; Siswati L et al. 2012).

In smallholder oil palm cultivation in Indonesia, there are two types of farmers:, namely farmers with dependent smallholder and independent smallholders. Farmers in the dependent smallholder pattern are farmers who start oil palm cultivation with a management scheme under the guidance of the government or the private sector and the second, those who decide to adopt oil palm management independently (Baswir et al. 2010; Euler et al. 2015 and 2016; Vermeulen et al. 2006). In the partnership farmers, they supply their products to plantation companies or oil palm mills. Their relationship is based on contracts, while plantation companies remain responsible for technical and marketing assistance. While independent smallholder farmers are not bound or bound by contracts for plantation companies or CPO factories. They are free to sell to any buyer (Lee JSH et al. 2014)

The his research basic principle of this research is to find out how farmers who adopt recommended technology in full and farmers who do not adopt or only adopt a portion of recommended technology to the level of productivity and efficiency. And then to understand the factors that influence it. Thus the objectives of this study were: (1) to analyze the factors that influence the level of production and analyze the technical efficiency of smallholder oil palm in Riau and West Kalimantan, (2) to analyze the effect of intensity of technology adoption on productivity and efficiency of smallholder oil palm production in Riau and West Kalimantan, (3) To identify the factors affecting technical inefficiency in smallholder plantations in Riau and West Kalimantan.

#### METHODS

This research was carried out using secondary data derived from the 2014 survey of plantation business households, which had been carried out by BPS (Central Bureau of Statistics). The data used in this study selected 2 two smallholders of oil palm center provinces, namely Riau and West Kalimantan with a total of 2461 plantation households, which consists of 1915 households from Riau and 546 households from West Kalimantan. When viewed based on management patternsThese provinces, which consists of dependent smallholder patterns as many as 603 households and independent smallholder patterns as many as 1858 households., the The majority of smallholder oil palm farmers in Riau (89.4%) were independent smallholder farmers, and in West Kalimantan the majority (73.26%) were independent smallholder farmers. The criteria data used for this study was oil palm in the condition of vielding plants.

The production function model of the stochastic frontier is used to determine the factors that influence the production of smallholder oil palm plantations. To find out the factors that influence the production of smallholder oil palm plantations, the production function model of the stochastic frontier is used. The translog model is assumed to be part of the production limit. This model is relatively flexible because it does not impose assumptions about the constant elasticity of production or the elasticity of substitution between inputs.

The stochastic frontier production model applied in this study is (Amos, 2007; Alwarritzi et al. 2015; Hasnah et al. 2004) :

$$LnQ_{it} = \beta_0 + \sum_{j} \beta_j LnX_{ji} + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j} \sum_{k} \beta_{jk} LnX_{ji} LnX_{ki} + \varepsilon_i$$

Where, Xi representsed standardized and normalized input variables with each sample before transformed and showed the estimated technological parameters. The variables are as follows: Q (productivity measured in TBS (ton/ha)); Ln (area (ha)); Urea (urea fertilizer (kg/ ha)); SP36 (SP36 fertilizer (kg/ ha)); MOP (MOP fertilizer (kg/ ha)); Dol (dolomit fertilizer (kg/ha)); Pest (pestiside (liter/ha)); Tk (the number of manpower (people/ha)); UTM (the planting age (year)).

Technical efficiency analysis can be measured using the following formula:

$$TEi = E[exp(Ui)/\epsilon i], i = 1,2,3,...,n$$

Where: TEi (the technical efficiency of smallholder palm oil-i);  $exp(-E[Ui|\epsilon i])$  (the expected value (mean) of ui with the  $\epsilon i$  condition).

The inefficiency effect model used refers to the inefficiency model developed by Battese and Coelli (1988). The value of technical efficiency is between  $0 \le TE \le 1$ . The value of smallholder plantations' technical efficiency of smallholder plantations is categorized as efficient enough if it is  $\ge 0.7$  and is categorized as inefficient if it is < 0.7 (Coelli et al. 2005; Coelli et al. 1996; Susanti et al. 2017).

The ui variable used to measure the effect of technical inefficiency is assumed to be free and its distribution is truncated normally with N ( $u_{it}$ ,  $\zeta 2$ ). To determine the value of the distribution parameter (ui) the effect of technical inefficiency is stated as follows:

$$U_{_{1}}=\delta_{_{0}}+\delta_{_{1}}Z_{_{1}}+\delta_{_{2}}Z_{_{2}}+\ \delta_{_{3}}Z_{_{3}}+\delta_{_{4}}Z_{_{4}}+\delta_{_{5}}Z_{_{5}}+\delta_{_{6}}Z_{_{6}}$$

Where: Ui (the effect of technical inefficiency);  $\delta 0$  (intercept); Z1 (management pattern type (1 = dependent smallholder, 0 = independent smallholder)); Z2 (adoption (the number of adopted technology)); Z3 (age of farmer respondent (respondent (year)); Z4 (dummy of counseling (1 = exist, 0 = not exist)); Z5 (dummy of villageof village unit cooperatives (cooperatives (1 = member, 0 = non member)); Z6 (dummy of credit access (1 = access 0 = no access); Z7 (farmer income (Rp/hectare)).

## RESULTS

### Smallholder Oil Palm Production Function in Riau

The estimation of the Frontier translog stochastic model for smallholder oil palm farmers in Riau is presented in Table 1. All input variables in the model of smallholder oil palm farmers meet the expected criteria. The contribution of urea fertilizer, SP36 fertilizer, and MOP fertilizer was positive and very significant. This finding implies that urea, SP36 and MOP fertilizers were important factors in smallholder oil palm production in the study area, so the percentage increase in the amount of fertilizer will result in an increase in the total output of 0.02% and 0.015% and 0.028%, respectively. Likewise, the number of workers and plant age are important factors in oil palm production in Riau.

The interaction coefficient between area (ha) and MOP fertilizer had a negative and significant effect at the 10% level. It indicatesIt indicates that if the area (ha) and MOP fertilizer used are higher than other variables, then the oil palm productivity of oil palm will decrease. It is because tThe increasing area (ha) (extensification) will reduce the efficiency of oil palm production. However, it differs from the interaction between area (ha) and dolomite. The interaction has a positive and significant effect at the 10% level. It is indicating that increased land use and a dolomite increase oil palm productivity in Riau. However, it differs from the interaction between area (ha) and dolomite, which has a positive and significant effect at the 10% level, indicating that increased land use and dolomite increase oil palm productivity in Riau. The interaction between area (ha) and total employment has a positive and significant effect at the 5% level, implying that increases in co-use of land and labor lead to increased oil palm productivity of oil palm. The interaction coefficient between SP36 and dolomite fertilizers was negative and significant at 10%. It implies the increase in co-use between SP36 and dolomite fertilizers causes a decrease in oil palm productivity. Consequently, the use of SP36 and dolomite together will reduce productivity. The interaction coefficient between SP36 and dolomite fertilizers was negative and significant at 10% that implies the increase in co-use between SP36 and dolomite fertilizers causes a decrease in oil palm productivity, this implies that the use of SP36 and dolomite together will reduce productivity. Likewise, the interaction between SP36 fertilizer and the number of workers has a negative and significant effect at the 5% level, implying that an increase in the joint use of SP36 fertilizer and the number of workers causes a decrease in oil palm productivity in Riau. he interaction between dolomite and pesticides was positive and significant at the 5% level, which similar to dolomite and labor interactionThe interaction coefficient between dolomite and pesticides was positive and significant at the 5% level, as is the interaction between dolomite and labor.

This finding suggests that the increased use of dolomite with pesticides and dolomite with the number of workers together led to increased oil palm productivity in Riau. This suggests that the increased use of dolomite and pesticides as well as dolomite and the number of workers together led to increased productivity of oil palm in Riau.

Table1.Results of estimating the production function of oil palm per hectare in Riau (MLE translog method), in2014

Variable	Parameter	Coefficient		Std Error	t-ratio
Constants	β0	1.217548		0.212101	5.740424
Ln(Lahan)	β1	0.044794		0.086026	0.520700
Ln(Urea)	β2	0.021070	***	0.008502	2.478186
Ln(SP36)	β3	0.015791	**	0.008599	1.836265
Ln(MOP)	β4	0.028795	***	0.010234	2.813586
Ln(Dol)	β5	0.009435		0.018332	0.514669
Ln(Pest)	β6	0.013178		0.013160	1.001373
Ln(Tk)	β7	0.162860	**	0.080468	2.023914
Ln(UTM)	β8	0.943129	***	0.132895	7.096772
0.5([Ln(Llahan)]2)	β11	0.107140	**	0.061125	1.752787
0.5([Ln(Urea)]2)	β22	0.004112	***	0.001398	2.940536
0.5([Ln(SP36)]2)	β33	0.004424	***	0.001466	3.018689
0.5([Ln(MOP)]2)	β44	0.004416	***	0.001577	2.800555
0.5([Ln(Dol)]2)	β55	0.003916		0.003673	1.066379
0.5([Ln(Pest)]2)	β66	0.002199		0.002090	1.052075
0.5([Ln(Tk)]2)	β77	0.086144	*	0.060556	1.422549
0.5([Ln(UTM)]2)	β88	-0.353564	***	0.054602	-6.475245
[Ln(Llahan)] [Ln(Urea)]	β12	0.002671		0.002587	1.032532
[Ln(Llahan)] [Ln(SP36)]	β13	0.000333		0.002732	0.121820
[Ln(Llahan)] [Ln(MOP)]	β14	-0.003847	*	0.002663	-1.444947
[Ln(Llahan)] [Ln(Dol)]	β15	0.006709	*	0.003510	1.911297
[Ln(Llahan)] [Ln(Pest)]	β16	0.001516		0.002273	0.666784
[Ln(Llahan)] [Ln(Tk)]	β17	0.115653	**	0.057284	2.018918
[Ln(Llahan)] [Ln(UTM)]	β18	-0.010967		0.032905	-0.333287
[Ln(Urea)] [Ln(SP36)]	β23	0.000037		0.000166	0.223713
[Ln(Urea)] [Ln(MOP)]	β24	-0.000188		0.000163	-1.151167
[Ln(Urea)] [Ln(Dol)]	β25	0.000123		0.000262	0.470329
[Ln(Urea)] [Ln(Pest)]	β26	-0.000067		0.000161	-0.415542
[Ln(Urea)] [Ln(Tk)]	β27	0.001945		0.002648	0.734780
[Ln(Urea)] [Ln(UTM)]	β28	-0.002182		0.002515	-0.867570
[Ln(SP36)] [Ln(MOP)]	β34	-0.000133		0.000138	-0.966645
[Ln(SP36)] [Ln(Dol)]	β35	-0.000253	*	0.000179	-1.408930
[Ln(SP36)] [Ln(Pest)]	β36	-0.000062		0.000139	-0.444482
[Ln(SP36)] [Ln(Tk)]	β37	-0.004904	**	0.002568	-1.909791
[Ln(SP36)] [Ln(UTM)]	β38	0.000678		0.001889	0.359074

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[Ln(MOP)] [Ln(Dol)]	β45	0.000094		0.000196	0.480096
[Ln(MOP)] [Ln(Pest)]	β46	0.000081		0.000156	0.517695
[Ln(MOP)] [Ln(Tk)]	β47	-0.001856		0.002611	-0.710684
[Ln(MOP)] [Ln(UTM)]	β48	-0.000257		0.002676	-0.096183
[Ln(Dol)] [Ln(Pest)]	β56	0.000402	**	0.000204	1.974823
[Ln(Dol)] [Ln(Tk)]	β57	0.005677	**	0.003241	1.751711
[Ln(Dol)] [Ln(UTM)]	β58	0.000449		0.002697	0.166485
[Ln(Pest)] [Ln(Tk)]	β67	0.005060	**	0.002333	2.169119
[Ln(Pest)] [Ln(UTM)]	β68	0.001712		0.001727	0.991321
[Ln(Tk)] [Ln(UTM)]	β78	-0.024731		0.029962	-0.825416
Sigma-square ( $\sigma$ 2)		0.650917		0.066277	9.821203
Gamma (y)		0.997513	***	0.001088	916.981160
log likelihood function					-870.161340
L-R test					622.688050

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Description : \*\*\*, \*\* : significant on the level of  $\alpha = 1\%$ , 5%, and 10% Source : Plantation household survey BPS, 2014 (processed)

This study shows that more attention must be paid to the use of fertilizers to increase their fertility rates, as a means of increasingto increase the productivity of the smallholder oil palm. ThusThus, a program to complement the existence of a subsidized fertilizer program will help increase output on smallholder oil palm plantations in Riau. In addition, oil palm requires a lot ofmuch fertilizer when it is young to help in shapinge the leaves and make larger fruit groups when oil palm produces fruit. It is shown that in the model, the age of the plant is positive and significant. With increasing age, the output increased by 0.94%.

In addition, Table 1 shows that the gamma value  $(\gamma)$ was 0.99 and had a significant influence on the level of 1 percent. This result means that technical efficiency differences caused 99% of the variation in smallholder oil palm farmers' results. In comparison, the remaining 1% percent was caused by stochastic effects outside the model, such as climate influences, natural disasters, pest and disease attacks. This means that 99% of the variation in results among smallholder oil palm farmers was caused by technical efficiency differences while the remaining 1% percent was caused by stochastic effects outside the model such as climate influences, natural disasters, pest and disease attacks. The gamma value  $(\gamma)$ in this study was higher than the gamma value ( $\gamma$ ) in the study of Hasnah et al. (2004) on smallholder oil palm farmers in the dependent smallholder-trans scheme in West Sumatra of 0.94; Bonkole et al. (2018) in oil palm

farmers in Edo state in Nigeria of 0.74. However, it is still lower than research by Alwarritzi et al. (2015) on oil palm farmers with a dependent smallholder-trans scheme in Pelalawan District of Riau with a value of more than 1. While in the research of Juyjaeng et al. (2019) on oil palm farmers members and non-members of the LAPS scheme in Prachuap Khiri Khan Province, Thailand with has the same value that was equal to 0.99.

# Technical efficiency and inefficiency of Oil Palm Farmers in Riau

Table 2 shows that smallholder oil palm farming in Riau was technically inefficient because the average value of technical efficiency was 0.60 with a value of technical efficiency ranging from 0.04 to 0.99. According to Fadwiwati (2013); Situmorang (2013), Kumbakar and Lovell (2001), Bakhsh and Ahmad (2006), farming is efficient if it has an average value above 0.80. Smallholder oil palm farming's technical efficiency in Riau in the dependent smallholder pattern was higher than that of smallholder oil palm farming in the independent smallholder pattern. This result is indicated by the average technical efficiency of oil palm farming in the dependent smallholder pattern of 0.78 with a range of 0.08 to 0.98. The technical efficiency of smallholder oil palm farming in Riau in the dependent smallholder pattern was higher than that of smallholder oil palm farming in the independent smallholder pattern.

This is indicated by the average technical efficiency of oil palm farming in the dependent smallholder pattern of 0.78 with a range of 0.08 to 0.98. Whereas in the independent smallholder pattern of smallholder oil palm farming, the average value of technical efficiency was only 0.58 with a range of 0.04 to 0.99. The average variation value of technical efficiency in the dependent smallholder pattern and the independent smallholder pattern looked very high because farmers have entered the old plant age. The variation average value of technical efficiency in the dependent smallholder pattern and the independent smallholder pattern looked very high because there are farmers that have entered old plant age. In addition, it is due to otherto other reasons, namely the various land areas.

These results indicate that in Riau as a whole, smallholder oil palm farmers can increase technical efficiency at the technology level and existing inputs by 40% (1-0.60/0.99) in Riau as a whole. On smallholder oil palm farming with dependent smallholder patterns, farmers can increase technical efficiency at the technology level and existing inputs by 22.22% (1-0.78/0.98), and on oil palm farming with independent smallholder' patterns can increase the technical efficiency of farming by 42.2% (1-0.58/0.99).

Differences in the level of technical efficiency achieved by farmers in the study locations indicate different levels of mastery and application of technology and farming management. The difference in the application of technology is in terms of the use of production inputs besides being caused by the level of mastery of technology, also due toand the ability of farmers to obtain production inputs related to farmer capital.

While in Table 3 shows that smallholder oil palm farming in Riau is technically based on the level of technology adoption. It can be seen that farmers who adopted the technology are getting better levels of technical efficiency and better production levels. Farmers who did not adopt technology had an average technical efficiency of 0.51, with an average production of 10.4 tons/ha. It is lower than oil palm farmers in the partial adopter and full adopter categories, namely, each with a technical efficiency level of 0.60 average productions of 13.47 tons/ha and 0.66 with an average production of 15.53 tons/ha.Farmers who did not adopt technology only had an average technical efficiency of 0.51 with an average number of production of 10.4 tons/ha, which is lower compared to oil palm farmers in the partial adopter and full adopter categories, namely each with a technical efficiency level of 0.60 average production of 13.47 tons/ha and 0.66 with an average production of 15.53 tons/ha. This finding shows that the adoption of technology can improve the level of efficiency and production of FFB of smallholder oil palm farmers in Riau.

Level of	Dependen	t smallholder	Independer	t smallholder	Com	oination
Technical Efficiency (%)	Number of Farmer	Percentage (%)	Number of Farmer	Percentage (%)	Number of Farmer	Percentage (%)
0-10	1	0.49	30	1.75	31	1.62
11-20	0	0.00	60	3.50	60	3.13
21-30	5	2.46	116	6.78	121	6.32
31-40	3	1.48	199	11.62	202	10.55
41-50	10	4.93	267	15.60	277	14.46
51-60	19	9.36	274	16.00	293	15.30
61-70	24	11.82	226	13.20	250	13.05
71-80	26	12.81	214	12.50	240	12.53
81-90	37	18.23	166	9.70	203	10.60
91-100	78	38.42	160	9.35	238	12.43
Total	203	100.00	1712	100.00	1915	100.00
Minimum	8.50		4.10		4.10	
Maximum	98.31		98.63		98.63	
Average	78.31		57.84		60.01	

Table 2. The results of the technical efficiency of smallholder oil palm- based on management pattern

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In addition to analyzing technical efficiency, this study also analyzed the factors that influence smallholder oil palm farming's technical inefficiency in Riau. Six variables areIn addition to analyzing technical efficiency, this study also analyzed the factors that influence the technical inefficiency of smallholder oil palm farming in Riau. There were six variables that are suspected to be sources of technical inefficiencies in oil palm farming, namely management patterns (Z1), technology adoption (Z2), farmer's age (Z3), counseling (Z4), Village Unit Cooperative membership (Z5) and credit access (Z6).

Table 4 shows that the management pattern variables, technology adoption, age of farmers, counseling, Village Unit Cooperative membership, and access to credit were negatively marked on smallholder oil palm farming's inefficiency. Of the six variables, only management pattern variables, technology adoption, membership in Village Unit Cooperative, and access to credit had a significant influence on the level of 1% on smallholder

oil palm farming's inefficiency in Riau Province. Table 4 shows that the management pattern variables, technology adoption, age of farmers, counseling, Village Unit Cooperative membership and access to credit were negatively marked on the inefficiency of smallholder oil palm farming. Of the six variables only management pattern variables, technology adoption, membership in Village Unit Cooperative, and access to credit had a significant influence on the level of 1% on the inefficiency of smallholder oil palm farming in Riau Province.

The dependent smallholder and independent smallholder's management pattern had a significant influence at the level of 1%. This influence means that independent smallholder patterns can reduce smallholder oil palm farming's technical inefficiency in Riau. Simultaneously, the dependent smallholder pattern will be easier to accept or adopt technological changes so that it affects the management of farming and will reduce inefficiency in farming. The management pattern of the dependent smallholder and independent smallholder had a significant influence at the level of 1%. This means that the form of independent smallholder patterns can reduce the technical inefficiency of smallholder oil palm farming in Riau. While the dependent smallholder pattern will be easier to accept or adopt technological changes so that it affects the management of farming and this will reduce inefficiency in farming.

Level of Technical	Non Adopter		Partial Adopter		Full Adopter	
Efficiency (%)	Number of Farmer	Percentage (%)	Number of Farmer	Percentage (%)	Number of Farmer	Percentage (%)
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91-100	78	38.42	160	9.35	238	12.43
Total	203	100.00	1712	100.00	1915	100.00
Minimum	4.10		5.47		8.83	
Maximum	98.63		98.39		98.36	
Average of Technical Efficiency (%)	50.83		60.31		66.52	
Average of FFB production (ton/ha)	10.40		13.47		15.53	
Source : Plantation household survey B	PS, 2014 (proc	essed)				

Table 3 Results of technical efficiency	v of smallholder oil nalm farmers	based on technology adoption in Riau
Table 5. Results of teeninear efficience	y of sinalinoider on pann farmers	based on teenhology adoption in Riad

Variable	Coefficient		Standard-error	t-ratio
Constant	1.024786		0.147153	6.964075
Dummy of Management Pattern (z1)	-0.644000	***	0.207610	-3.101967
Technology Adoption(z2)	-0.015840	***	0.001894	-8.363994
Age of Farmer (z3)	-0.002898		0.002587	-1.120225
Dummy of Counseling (z4)	-0.038179		0.139568	-0.273553
Dummy of Village Unit Cooperative membership (z5)	-0.867982	***	0.191778	-4.525970
Dummy of Credit Access (z6)	-0.250649	***	0.088938	-2.818251

 Table 4.
 The results of estimating parameters model on the influence of technical inefficiencies in the production function of the stochastic frontier of smallholder oil palm farmer in Riau, 2014

Description : \*\*\*, \*\* : significant on the level of  $\alpha = 1\%$ , 5%, and 10%

Source : Plantation household survey BPS, 2014 (processed)

The credit access dummy variable had a coefficient of -0.25 and has a significant influence at the level of 1%. Farmers who access credit can reduce the level of technical inefficiency in oil palm farming in Riau. his efficiency is because, with access to credit, farmers can get capital to buy farming inputs and do farming so that they can get maximum production results. This is because with the access to credit farmers can get capital to buy farming inputs and do farming so that they can get maximum production results.

## Smallholder Oil Palm Production Function in West Kalimantan

The results of estimating the translog production function using the MLE method on smallholder oil palm farming in West Kalimantan can be seen in Table 5. It shows that the gamma value ( $\gamma$ ) was 0.92 and had a significant effect on 1 percent. This effect means that technical efficiency differences caused 92% of the variation in smallholder oil palm farmers in West Kalimantan. In comparison, the remaining 1% was caused by stochastic effects outside the model, such as climate influences, natural disasters, pests, and disease attacksIt shows that the gamma value ( $\gamma$ ) was 0.92 and had a significant effect on the level of 1%. This means that 92% of the variation in results among smallholder oil palm farmers in West Kalimantan was caused by differences in technical efficiency while the remaining 1% percent was caused by stochastic effects outside the model such as climate influences, natural disasters, pest and disease attacks. The value of the generalizedlikelihood (LR) ratio in this study was 772.99, which was still greater than the real Kodde and Palm table values at  $\alpha = 5\%$ . This value means that there were influences on the efficiency and technical inefficiencies of farmers. The parameter estimation value (estimate parameter)

in the stochastic frontier production function can show the elasticity value of the inputs used. Input variables that significantly influenced had a significant influence on smallholder oil palm production in West Kalimantan were land area and SP36 fertilizer.

The interaction coefficient between area (ha) and SP36 fertilizer had a positive and significant effect at the 10% level, that indicatesing that if the area (ha) and SP36 fertilizer used are higher, oil palm productivity in West Kalimantan will decrease. he difference with the interaction coefficient between SP36 and MOP fertilizers was negative and significant at 1%. The difference implies that the increase in the joint use of SP36 and MOP fertilizers causes a decrease in oil palm productivity. This decrease implies that the use of SP36 and MOP together will reduce coconut productivity oil palm in West Kalimantan. The difference with the interaction coefficient between SP36 and MOP fertilizers was negative and significant at 1% that implies that the increase in joint use of SP36 and MOP fertilizers causes a decrease in oil palm productivity, this implies that the use of SP36 and MOP together will reduce coconut productivity oil palm in West Kalimantan. Likewise, the interaction between SP36 fertilizers and pesticides and SP36 fertilizers and the number of workers had a negative and significant impact at the 10% level, implying that the increased joint use of SP36 fertilizers and pesticides and the number of workers led to a decrease in oil palm productivity in West Kalimantan. The interaction coefficient between pesticides and oil palm plant age was positive and significant at 1%. That implies that the increase in pesticides based on plant age leads to increased oil palm productivity in West KalimantanThe interaction coefficient between pesticides and dolomite oil palm plant age was positive and significant at 1% that implies the increase of the use of pesticides and

plant age leads to increased productivity of oil palm in West Kalimantan.

The land area variable had a significant influence on the level of 5% and had a coefficient of -0.11. Thus, if the input land area is raised by 1%, it will reduce oil palm production by 0.11%. The SP36 fertilizer variable had a significant influence on the level of 5% and had a coefficient of 0.018. This finding means that every addition of 1% SP36 fertilizer input will increase production by 0.018%. The use of SP36 fertilizer can increase soil fertility so that it can increase the growth of oil palm plants. Land area variable had a significant influence on the level of 5% and had a coefficient of -0.11. This means that if the use of input land area is raised by 1%, it will reduce oil palm production by 0.11%. The SP36 fertilizer variable had a significant influence on the level of 5% and had a coefficient of 0.018. this means that every addition of 1% SP36 fertilizer input will increase production by 0.018%. The use of SP36 fertilizer can function to increase soil fertility so that it can increase the growth of oil palm plants.

Table 5. Results of estimating the production function of oil palm per tree in West Kalimantan (MLE translog method), in 2014

Variable	Parameter	Coefficient		Std Error	t-ratio
Constant	β0	3.061627		0.099511	30.766689
Ln(Llahan)	β1	-0.112827	**	0.064635	-1.745607
Ln(Urea)	β2	0.004861		0.007951	0.611375
Ln(SP36)	β3	0.018110	**	0.009253	1.957315
Ln(MOP)	β4	0.005691		0.009854	0.577463
Ln(Pest)	β6	0.016129		0.014474	1.114286
Ln(UTM)	β8	-0.175723		0.839400	-0.209344
0.5([Ln(Llahan)]2)	β11	0.001551		0.050384	0.030779
0.5([Ln(Urea)]2)	β22	0.001464		0.001610	0.909385
0.5([Ln(SP36)]2)	β33	0.005834	***	0.001882	3.099282
0.5([Ln(MOP)]2)	β44	0.000207		0.001869	0.110990
0.5([Ln(Pest)]2)	β66	0.001732		0.002256	0.767695
0.5([Ln(UTM)]2)	β88	-4.675493		7.892571	-0.592392
[Ln(Llahan)] [Ln(Urea)]	β12	0.002467		0.004734	0.521032
[Ln(Llahan)] [Ln(SP36)]	β13	0.005737	*	0.004226	1.357347
[Ln(Llahan)] [Ln(MOP)]	β14	-0.002874		0.004543	-0.632523
[Ln(Llahan)] [Ln(Pest)]	β16	-0.004615		0.003703	-1.246144
[Ln(Llahan)] [Ln(UTM)]	β18	0.087992		0.355259	0.247685
[Ln(Urea)] [Ln(SP36)]	β23	-0.000208		0.000469	-0.443294
[Ln(Urea)] [Ln(MOP)]	β24	-0.000146		0.000333	-0.439967
[Ln(Urea)] [Ln(Pest)]	β26	0.000152		0.000396	0.385007
[Ln(Urea)] [Ln(UTM)]	β28	-0.007997		0.031615	-0.252959
[Ln(SP36)] [Ln(MOP)]	β34	-0.000466	***	0.000182	-2.559176
[Ln(SP36)] [Ln(Pest)]	β36	-0.000312	*	0.000217	-1.439724
[Ln(SP36)] [Ln(UTM)]	β38	-0.032195	*	0.023914	-1.346258
[Ln(MOP)] [Ln(Pest)]	β46	-0.000037		0.000258	-0.143346
[Ln(MOP)] [Ln(UTM)]	β48	-0.030093		0.026617	-1.130591
[Ln(Pest)] [Ln(UTM)]	β68	0.056588	***	0.021107	2.680970
Sigma-square ( $\sigma$ 2)		0.054152	***	0.004343	12.469904
Gamma (y)		0.929999	***	0.028658	32.452152
log likelihood function		148.655220			
L-R test		772.990890			

## Technical efficiency and inefficiency of Oil Palm Farmers in West Kalimantan

Table 6 shows that oil palm farming in the dependent smallholder in West Kalimantan was technically inefficient. The average value of technical efficiency was 0.74, with a value of the technical efficiency range of 0.21 to 0.94. While oil palm farming's technical efficiency in independent smallholder pattern was slightly lower than that of smallholder oil palm farming, the partnership pattern is indicated by the average technical efficiency of oil palm farming in self-help patterns of 0.70 with a range of 0.11 to 0.95. While in combination with the smallholder oil palm farming in West Kalimantan, the average value of technical efficiency was 0.73, with a range of 0.11 to 0.95. These results indicate that in West Kalimantan as a whole, farmers can improve technical efficiency at the technology level, and the input was 27.5% (1-0.73/0.98). Table 6 shows that oil palm farming in dependent smallholder in West Kalimantan was technically inefficient because the average value of technical efficiency was 0.74 with a value of the range of technical efficiency of 0.21 to 0.94. While the technical efficiency of oil palm farming in independent smallholder pattern was slightly lower than that of smallholder oil palm farming, the partnership pattern is indicated by the average technical efficiency of oil palm farming in self-help patterns of 0.70 with a range of 0.11 to 0.95. While in combination on the smallholder oil palm farming in West Kalimantan the average value of technical efficiency was 0.73 with a range of 0.11 to 0.95. These results indicate that in West Kalimantan as a whole, farmers can improve technical efficiency at the technology level and the input was 27.5% (1-0.73/0.98).

While in Table 7 shows that smallholder oil palm farming in West Kalimantan is technically based on the level of technology adoption. It can be seen that farmers who adopt technology were getting better levels of technical efficiency and better production levels. Non-adopter smallholder oil palm farmers only had an average technical efficiency of 0.46 with an average production of 9.72 tons/ha, lower than oil palm farmers in the partial adopter and full adopter categories, each with a technical efficiency level of 0.58 with an average production of 13.6 tons/ha and 0.64 with an average production of 15.40 tons/ha. This result shows that the adoption of technology can improve the level of efficiency and production of FFB of smallholder oil palm farmers in West Kalimantan.

Level of Technical	Dependent s	mallholder	Independent smallholder		Combination	
Efficiency (%)	Number of Farmer	Percentage (%)	Number of Farmer	Percentage (%)	Number of Farmer	Percentage (%)
0-10	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
11-20	0	0.00	2	1.37	2	0.37
21-30	9	2.25	3	2.05	12	2.20
31-40	16	4.00	11	7.53	27	4.95
41-50	12	3.00	12	8.22	24	4.40
51-60	30	7.50	20	13.70	50	9.16
61-70	51	12.75	8	5.48	59	10.81
71-80	88	22.00	26	17.81	114	20.88
81-90	160	40.00	51	34.93	211	38.64
91-100	34	8.50	13	8.90	47	8.61
Total	400	100.00	146	100.00	546	100.00
Maximum	93.96		94.72		94.72	
Minimum	20.94		11.10		11.10	
Average	74.63		70.30		73.47	

Table 6. Results of technical efficience	y of smallholder oil	palm farmers in West Kalimantan
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An addition to analyzing technical efficiency, some factors influence smallholder oil palm farming's technical inefficiency in West Kalimantan. Five variables are suspected to be sources of technical inefficiencies in oil palm farming, namely farmer's age (Z1), Education (Z2), oil palm cultivation experience (Z3), number of family members (Z4), and a dummy of access to credit (Z5). In addition to analyzing technical efficiency, there were factors that influence the technical inefficiency of smallholder oil palm farming in West Kalimantan. There were five variables that are suspected to be sources of technical inefficiencies in oil palm farming, namely farmer's age (Z1), Education (Z2), oil palm cultivation experience (Z3), Number of family members (Z4), and dummy of access to credit (Z5).

Table 8 shows that management pattern technology adoption, farmer's age, counseling, Village Unit Cooperative membership, access to credit, and income were negatively marked by smallholder oil palm farming's inefficiency in West Kalimantan. From the seven variables, management pattern, technology adoption, Village Unit Cooperative membership, credit access, and farmer's income significantly influenced oil palm farming's inefficiency in West Kalimantan. Table 8 shows that management pattern technology adoption, farmer's age, counseling, Village Unit Cooperative membership, access to credit and income were negatively marked by the inefficiency of smallholder oil palm farming in West Kalimantan. From the seven variables, management pattern, technology adoption, Village Unit Cooperative membership, credit access, and farmer's income significantly influenced the inefficiency of oil palm farming in West Kalimantan.

Table 7.	Results of technical efficiency of smallholder oil palm farmers based on technology adoption in West
	Kalimantan

Level of Technical	Non Ao	dopter	Partial Adopter		Full Adopter	
Efficiency (%)	Number of Farmer	Percentage (%)	Number of Farmer	Percentage (%)	Number of Farmer	Percentage (%)
0-10	1	2.86	0	0.00	0	0.00
11-20	4	11.43	4	3.23	8	2.07
21-30	10	28.57	8	6.45	17	4.39
31-40	2	5.71	21	16.94	21	5.43
41-50	4	11.43	16	12.90	40	10.34
51-60	1	2.86	24	19.35	94	24.29
61-70	6	17.14	14	11.29	51	13.18
71-80	2	5.71	11	8.87	42	10.85
81-90	3	8.57	8	6.45	63	16.28
91-100	2	5.71	18	14.52	51	13.18
Total	35	100.00	124	100.00	387	100.00
Minimum	6.92		15.81		14.99	
Maximum	96.22		96.96		98.41	
Average of ET (%)	46.30		58.26		64.94	
Average of FFB production (ton/ha)	9.72		13.60		15.40	

Variable	Coefficient		Standard-error	t-ratio
Constant	0.121153		0.045595	2.657171
Dummy of Management Pattern	-0.004860	***	0.001064	-4.569964
Technology Adoption	-0.002278	**	0.001133	-2.010504
Farmer age	-0.003825		0.004617	-0.828631
Dummy of Counseling	-0.006334		0.034373	-0.184266
DummyVillage Unit Cooperative	-0.060689	**	0.033442	-1.814785
Dummy of Credit Access	-0.114128	***	0.033018	-3.456541
Farmers' income	-0.000061	***	0.000003	-20.800458

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Description : \*\*\*, \*\*, \* : significant on the level of  $\alpha = 1\%$ , 5%, and 10%

Source : Plantation household survey BPS, 2014 (processed)

#### **Managerial Implications**

When smallholder oil palm farmers increase the intensity of technology adoption and their productivity, they are self-help patterns by adopting all recommended palm oil technologies, will be more productive. When smallholder oil palm farmers increase the intensity of technology adoption, their productivity increases. Therefore, because smallholders, especially self-help patterns by adopting all recommended palm oil technologies, will be more productive. It is shown that farmers who adopt technology were higher in productivity than oil palm farmers who were not adopters or partial adopters of the recommended technologies.

The occurrence of inefficiencies was found among smallholder oil palm farmers. Hence, the number of technological improvements adopted was found to improve smallholder oil palm farmers' efficiency. Thus, smallholder's management pattern was proven to increase efficiency among dependent smallholder and independent smallholders. Moreover, counseling had also been proven to increase efficiency among smallholders. In other words, if farmers can gain access to better technology and extension services, it might help reduce inefficiencies in palm oil production. It is shown that farmers who adopt technology were higher in productivity compared to oil palm farmers who were not adopter or partial adopter of the recommended technologies.

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#### **CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

#### Conclusions

Positive significant factors that intensity level of technology adoption in Riau are access to credit, members of farmer groups and assistance to farmers, farmer education, farmer income and plant age. Meanwhile, West Kalimantan shows that extension, plant age and farmer income are the main factors that significantly influence the intensity of technology adoption.

Information was obtained in Riau province that productivity shows an increase if smallholder oil palm farmers can use more inputs (urea fertilizer, SP36 and MOP). Likewise, the oil palm plantations' age with the positive effect on output implies as the average age of trees increases, oil palm productivity and labor use also had a significant effect on increasing oil palm productivity in Riau province. Meanwhile, in West Kalimantan, the area (ha) and the use of SP36 fertilizers are important factors in increasing smallholder palm oil productivity. The factors that influence smallholder oil palm farming's inefficiency in Riau are management patterns, technology adoption, Village Unit Cooperative membership, and access to credit. Meanwhile, in West Kalimantan, the influencing factors are management patterns, technology adoption, Village Unit Cooperative membership, and access to creditPositive significant factors that intensity level of technology adoption in Riau are access to credit, members of farmer groups and assistance to farmers, farmer education, farmer income and plant age. Meanwhile, West Kalimantan shows that extension, plant age and farmer income are the main factors that significantly influence the intensity of technology adoption.

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#### Recommendations

Oil palm productivity increases as the number of technologies adopted show that cultivation with the recommended technology will shift the production frontier to the top. Therefore, it is recommended that smallholder oil palm farmers adopt the recommended technology and practice the best in their agriculture to increase their productivity. Smallholder oil palm farmers who have not been at optimal limits must also adopt the recommended technologies include certified seeds, the application of fertilizers (urea, sp36, MOP, dolomite), proper use of pesticides, plant density, and maintenance. The best management practices are, applying the right quantity and quality of fertilizers and palm oil care, such as

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This study revealed that the pattern of management, adoption, access to credit, and wage labor positively influenced the intensity of adoption, productivity, and technical efficiency. The study also recommended that producers must try to improve counseling and use labor in the plantation. It is also recommended that the Government and other stakeholders must provide training to oil palm farmers and employ workers about applying fertilizers correctly. Besides that, access to credit can be raised by smallholder oil palm farmers. One of the accesses that smallholders can use is the Oil Palm Plantation Fund Management Agency (BPDPKS) that is the management agency for the Oil Palm Plantation Fund. There are assistance schemes that can be utilized by smallholders, especially for replanting or through the People's Business Credit Program. One of the requirements to get access to the funding/credit is the strengthening of farmer institutions. This study revealed that the pattern of management, adoption, access to credit and wage labor positively influenced the intensity of adoption, productivity, and technical efficiency. The study also recommended that producers must try to improve counseling and use labor in the plantation. It is also recommended that the Government and other stakeholders must provide training to oil palm farmers and employ workers about applying fertilizers correctly. Besides that, access to credit can be raised by smallholder oil palm farmers. One of the accesses that can be used by smallholders is the existence of the Oil Palm Plantation Fund Management Agency (BPDPKS) that is the management agency for the Oil Palm Plantation Fund. There are assistance schemes that can be utilized by smallholders, especially for replanting or through the People's Business Credit Program. One of the requirements to get access to the funding / credit is the strengthening of farmer institutions.

There needs an active role from the Government (Directorate General of Plantation / Plantation Service) in providing guidance and mediation between smallholders and companies so that healthy and mutually beneficial partnerships are established between smallholders and companies. Companies can make healthy partnerships with farmers and transfer technology to smallholders. The technology packages carried out by smallholders can be better to increase productivity and quality of oil palm. There needs of the active role from the government (Directorate General of Plantation / Plantation Service) in providing guidance and mediation between smallholders and companies so that healthy and mutually beneficial partnerships are established between smallholders and companies. Companies can make healthy partnerships with farmers and also transfer technology to smallholders, so that the technology packages carried out by smallholders can be better to increase productivity and quality of oil palm.

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