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## Message from The Chairperson Of Isabe 2013

It is my honor to welcome you to the International Symposium on Agricultural and Biosystem Engineering 2013. Thank you all for gather here today at the Faculty of Agricultural Technology for attending this important meeting. The ISABE 2013 is held in August 28-29 organized by Department of Agricultural Engineering, Faculty of Agricultural Technology, Universitas Gadjah Mada and the Indonesian Society of Agricultural Engineering (PERTETA). The theme of ISABE 2013 is "Improving the role of agricultural and biosystem engineering toward food & energy self-sufficiency and sustainable agriculture". The objectives of the symposium are to disseminate knowledge, to promote research and development, to obtain the latest information, as well as to exchange technical information in agricultural and biosystem engineering innovation. Moreover, the symposium will provide opportunity to strengthen networking among Indonesia and international academia, government and industries. The meeting will feature a series of keynote speech in plenary sessions, presentations in technical sessions, poster sessions, cultural night, as well as excursion.

I am very pleased to welcome all the guest speakers: Prof. Dongil Chang (Chungnam National University, Korea), Dr. Takashi Okayasu (Kyushu University, Japan), Prof. Vinod Jindal (Mahidol University, Thailand), Ir. Patrick van Schijndel (Eindhoven University of Technology, Netherlands), Prof. Kenan Peker (Selcuk University, Turkey), Prof. Fajrettin Korkmaz (Ataturk University, Turkey), as well as Dr. Lilik Sutiarto (Universitas Gadjah Mada, Indonesia). And joining us to deliver a congratulatory speech is Prof. Seung-Je Park (President of Korean Society for Agricultural Machinery, KSAM). Thank you very much for all of you for your contribution in this symposium.

I am also pleased to greet participants of 92 selected papers, among them are 8 papers from Korea, 6 from Japan, 1 from Taiwan, 1 from Austria, 1 from Thailand, and the remaining 75 papers are from Indonesia, as well as 3 posters. For delegates who do not present papers, thank you for your participants. I hope you can enjoy all the agenda.

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## Design of Farm Road Construction at The Tertiary Plot of Paddy Field

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### Abstract

Farm roads are needed for transportation of agricultural inputs (seeds, fertilizers, pesticides and agricultural machinery and equipment), for transportation of agricultural products and for the operation and maintenance of paddy field's infrastructure. The objective of this research was to design the farm road construction which integrated with tertiary channels and to develop its prototype. The design of farm road construction was based on the specification of vehicle/equipment, the farm roads criteria, the tertiary channels criteria, and the characteristics of road's sub-grade. The compaction of road's sub-grade on prototype development was done by using tamping rammer, and the strength of prototype was measured by using dynamic cone penetrometer (DCP). The design of farm road in the tertiary plot are: 2 m top width, 0.90 m sub-grade height, 1:1.2 side slope, 7 cm pavement thick, and 0:50 m pipeline depth. The strength of prototype sub-grade represented by CBR were ranged from 7.62-21.90 %. These values satisfy the strength requirements of farm road (CBR minimum 5.70 %).

*Keywords: farm road, paddy field, tertiary plot*

### Introduction

Farm roads is one of important factors in agriculture development. The farm road is needed for agricultural inputs transportation such as seeds, fertilizers, pesticides and farm machinery/ equipment. Agricultural production is also often must be transported for further processing in order to reduce damage or yield loss. Farm roads are also used to carry out the operation and maintenance of irrigation and drainage facilities.

Under Act 38 of 2004 about the road, farm road can be classified into a special road, i.e. the road that its construction and maintenance is under the responsibility of the relevant department.

Nakagawa (1970) state that the farm road of the paddy field is classified into three classes, namely: the main road that connects the village or agricultural facilities center with the field, the branch road that connects one field lot to the other one and the small road which is the road in a field lot.

In general, farm roads in Indonesia are not sufficient, so that cannot be used optimally. Therefore it is necessary to develop a good farm road that meet the technical standards (Ministry of Agriculture, 2008)



During this time, irrigation channel in paddy fields is in the form of an open channel. To save the land, open channels can be replaced with a closed channel (pipe). The upper part can be used as a farm road. With the replacement of the open channel with closed channels (pipe), water loss can also be minimized.

This research aims to design and construct a prototype farm road that integrated with irrigation pipeline at tertiary plot of paddy field.

## Materials and methods

### Place and Time

The research was conducted at the Cikarawang Experimental Station, Bogor Agricultural University as in Figure 1. Tests on soil characteristics and Soil Mechanics were carried out at Laboratory of Physics, Institut Pertanian Bogor. This research was conducted from June to October 2011.

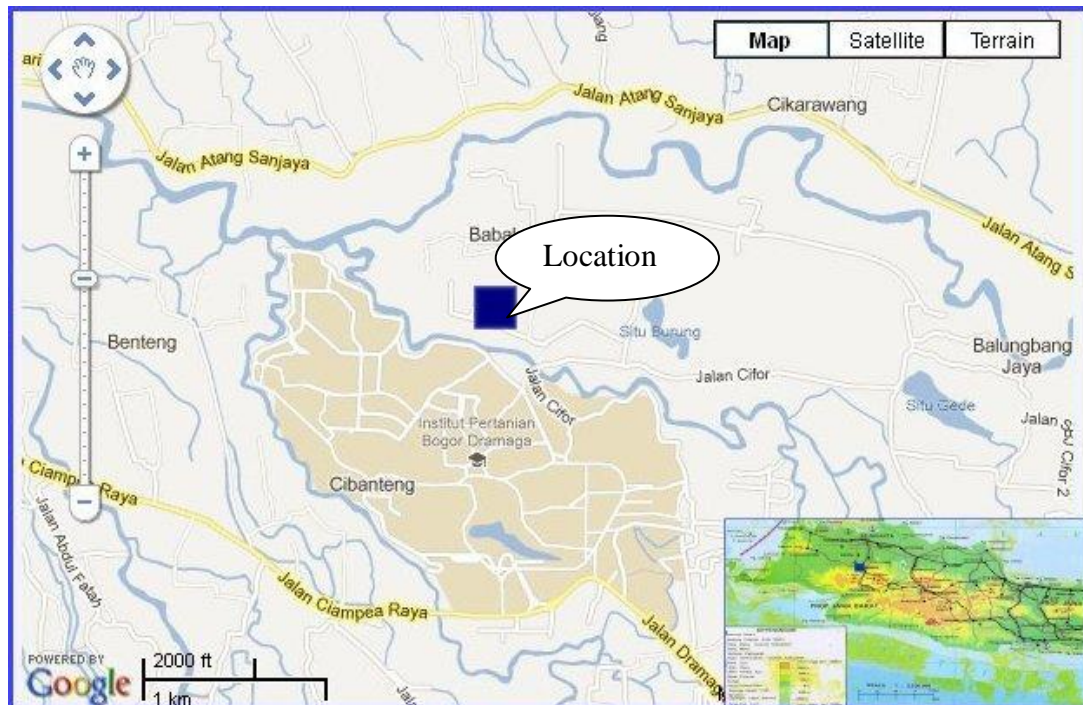


Figure 1. Research location

### Materials and Equipment

Materials used in this research were soil from Cikarawang experimental field, Bogor Agricultural University and 6-inch PVC pipe. The characteristics of soil are listed on Table 1.

Table 1. The characteristics of soil

Parameter	Depth (cm)		
	0 - 25	25 - 55	55 - 110
Particle density, Gs	2.66	2.73	2.81
Liquid limit (%), LL	78.85	72.95	78.71
Plastic limit (%), PL	50.23	44.73	42.71
Optimum water content on compaction test (%)	38.38	37.30	37.61
Maximum dry density on compaction test, pd (ton/m <sup>3</sup> )	1.24	1.29	1.30
CBR soaked (%)	5.7		

The equipment used in this research were: 1). soilsampler. 2). water content. 3). specific gravity. 4). particle size distribution. 5). consistency. 6). compaction testing/Proctor standard. 7). California Bearing Ratio (CBR). 8). Dynamic Cone Penetrometer (DCP). 9) Soil compactors (tamping rammer with shoe size 285mmx340mm, 690 impacts per minute, the impact force 1300kg/impact, self weight 64kg).

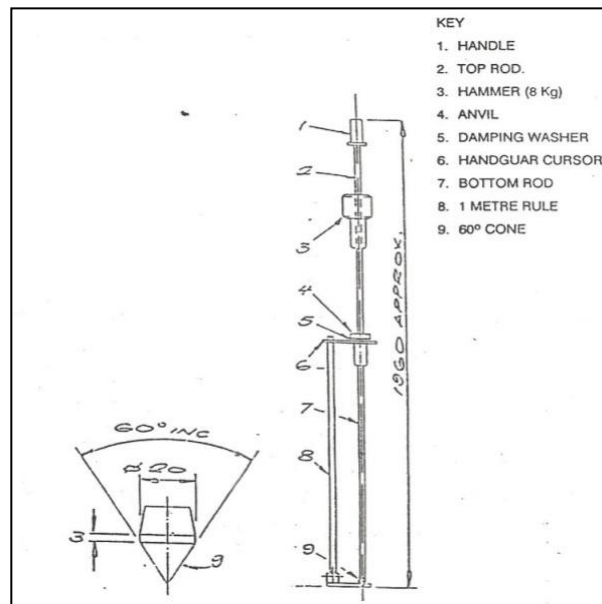


Figure 2. Dynamic Cone Penetrometer (DCP)

## Methodology

This research were conducted by several step as shown on Figure 3.

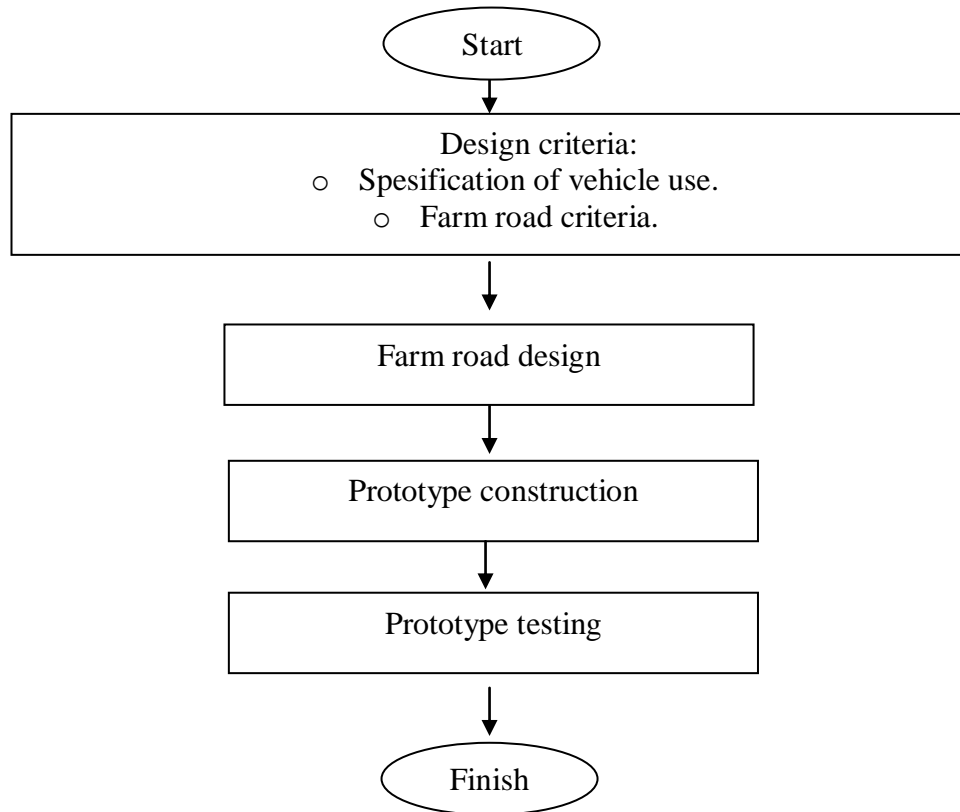


Figure 3. Research steps

## Result and discussion

### Farm Road Design

Vehicle specification refers to: a). Type of vehicle or conveyance is equipped with a hand tractor wagon. b). Width dimensions of the left and right tires vehicle is 0.86m to 1.1m. c). Long-haul vehicles front tires with the rear tire wheel barrow 2.5m to 3m. d). Vehicles and cargo load of 1 tonas shown in Figure 4.



Figure 4. Vehicle

### 1. Top width of Farm Road

In farm road dimension determination, the road cross section refers to the specifications of the vehicle that will pass through the farm roads

- a) The maximum vehicle width is 110 cm or 1.10 m.
- b) The distance of the two sides of the vehicle is set 45 cm or 0.45 m each.
- c) Then the top width of the farm road is  $1.10 \text{ m} + 2 \times 0.45 \text{ m} = 2 \text{ m}$ .

### 2. High of farm road

High of farm road depends on site condition. Based on high of pipe irrigation inlet (0.2 m from plot surface) and depth of the pipe (0.5 m), therefore the high of farm road from surface of paddy plot is 0.7 m.

### 3. Side slope

Based on Ministry of Public Work (2006), for the road with A-7-5 soil and high  $< 5 \text{ m}$ , the side slope is 1:1.2.

### 4. Irrigation pipeline

Irrigation pipeline was installed at a depth of 0.5 m below the surface of farm roads. The dead load (overburden) and live load (load vehicles and cargo) which act to the pipe is  $436 \text{ kg/m}$ . The strength of the PVC pipe is  $504 \text{ kg/m}$ .

Design of farm road construction on tertiary plot is shown in Figure 5.

## Construction of Subgrade Prototype

Construction of subgrade prototype of farm road was done layer by layer. Each layer of soil, about 20 cm thick and at optimum water content, was compacted by tamping rammer as much as 5 times, as shown in Figure 6.

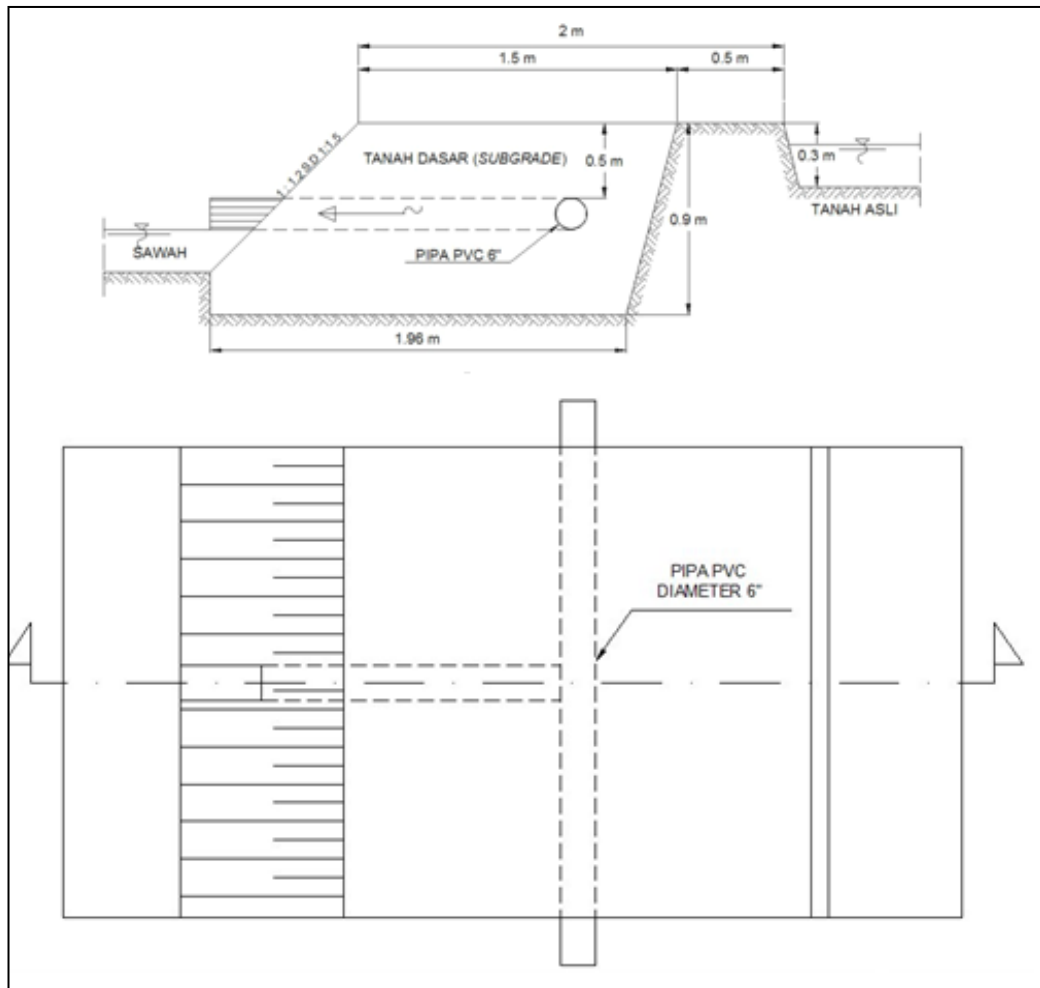


Figure 5. Design of farm road construction on tertiary plot



Figure 6. Construction of subgrade prototype

Once the prototype achieving the planned dimensions, the irrigation pipeline (PVC) was installed at a depth of 0.5 m. Then, soil compaction was continued as shown in Figure 7.



Figure 7. Irrigation pipeline installment

The final form of the subgrade prototype of farm roads integrated with irrigation pipeline is shown in Figure 8.



Figure 8. Subgrade prototype of farm road integrated with irrigation pipeline

### The Strength of Subgrade Prototype

The strength of subgrade prototype of farm road was measured using DCP (Dynamic Cone Penetrometer) and correlated with the value of CBR (California Bearing Ratio) as shown in Table 2. The relation of DCP with CBR follows the formula (Transport and Road Research Laboratory, 1990 in Dahlan, 2000).

$$\log CBR = 2.48 \log DCP - 1.057$$

Table 2. The CBR values of subgrade prototype

Layer	Depth (m)	CBR (%)
A	0 - 0.34	7.62
B	0.34–0.59	19.67
C	0.59–0.95	21.91

Table 2 shows that the CBR values obtained were 7.62%, 19.67% and 21.91%. Those CBR values are greater than the value of the designed CBR (5.7%). This is recognized that the strength of subgrade prototype of farm road was fulfilling the requirement.

## Conclusion

The dimension of farm road at tertiary plot of paddy fields, there are : the top width is 2 m, the high is 0.90 m, the side slope is 1:1.2, the thickness of pavement layer is 7 cm. The CBR values obtained were 7.62%, 19.67% and 21.91%. Those CBR values are greater than the value of the designed CBR (5.7%). This is recognized that the strength of subgrade prototype of farm road was fulfilling the requirement

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