ABSTRACT

SUGENG WIDODO. Agricultural Extension Agents’ Competencies Based on Education: Case Study in Garut, Magelang and Tuban Regencies. Guided by BASITA GINTING, MARGONO SLAMET, PRABOWO TJITROPRANOTO as Advisory Committee.

The research was conducted in order to: (1) Identify required competencies by Agricultural Extension Agents based on Law no.16 of 2006 and Minister of Agriculture decree No.02 of 2008, Agricultural Extension Regulations and perception of Agricultural Extension Specialists as supervisor of Agricultural Extension Agents, (2) Analyze internal and external factors which affect the competencies (3) Analyze the performance of Agricultural Extension Agents which should be maintained or improved, and the critical needs of the performance which should be improved, either those who are SP/SPMA or D3 graduates, (4) Formulate strategies to improve the competence of Agricultural Extension Agents.

This research is a survey research. This research consists of three researches, which are: (1) Preliminary Research, (2) Main Research and (3) Performance Research. The identification obtained from the preliminary research is used for the next researches. Two hundred and thirty six Agricultural Extension Agents of the three districts of this research, which are Garut, Magelang and Tuban are respondents. The data collected consists of primary data and secondary data. The secondary data is collected from District Agricultural Extension Institution and the primary data is collected through prepared.

The result show that all internal factors such as age, length time of work, non-formal education, cosmopolitanism, motivation, and external factors such as organization, supervisors’ support, facilities support, technology support, agricultural extension trainings, availability of learning media, career development opportunity and professionalism development opportunity.

Key words: competencies, Agricultural Extension Agent.