

IPM CRSP Trip Reports

Country Visited: Ecuador

Dates of Travel: July 4th - July 31st, 2012

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Purpose of Trip: Starting with the data cleaning process of 400 surveys filled out by potato farmers in Carchi, Ecuador.

Sites Visited:

Institutions: National Autonomous Institute of Agricultural and Livestock Research (INIAP stands for it in Spanish), Santa Catalina experimental station.

July 5-8: Personal time.

July 9: I arrived at INIAP in Santa Catalina experimental station and received 232 surveys and 9 modules in excel from Dr. Victor Barrera, Site Project Coordinator in order to start the data cleaning process. I worked in module 1B.

July 10: In the morning, I met with Dr. Jeff Alwang and Dr. Victor Barrera at Santa Catalina experimental station in order to talk about the data collected and the techniques to be used during the data cleaning process. I worked in module 2.

July 11: I worked in modules 1A.

July 12: I worked in modules 3A and 4B.

July 13: I worked in modules 3B, 3C, 3D, and 3E, finding out that these modules need to be revised, and the respective values retyped, since in some cases wage costs were duplicated.

July 14 and 15: Weekend (Personal time).

July 16: I worked in module 4A.

July 17: I worked in modules 5A, 5B and 6, finding that modules 5A, 5B, 6 and 7 in Microsoft Word need to be reviewed, since several values shown in the modules in Excel format are not being specified/ explained in the modules in Word format.

July 18: I worked in modules 7, 8 and 9, finding that in module 8, answers to question V7 should be entered in a different module, stating the number of response and the value of importance assigned by each farmer.

July 19 - 31: Personal time.

Note: July 4 and 31: Travel to and from Ecuador.

Observations/follow up:

- 1) Dr. Barrera will mail us the 404 surveys, once the information has been systematized.