

Costs & Competitiveness Issues in Rice

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Areas of Costs

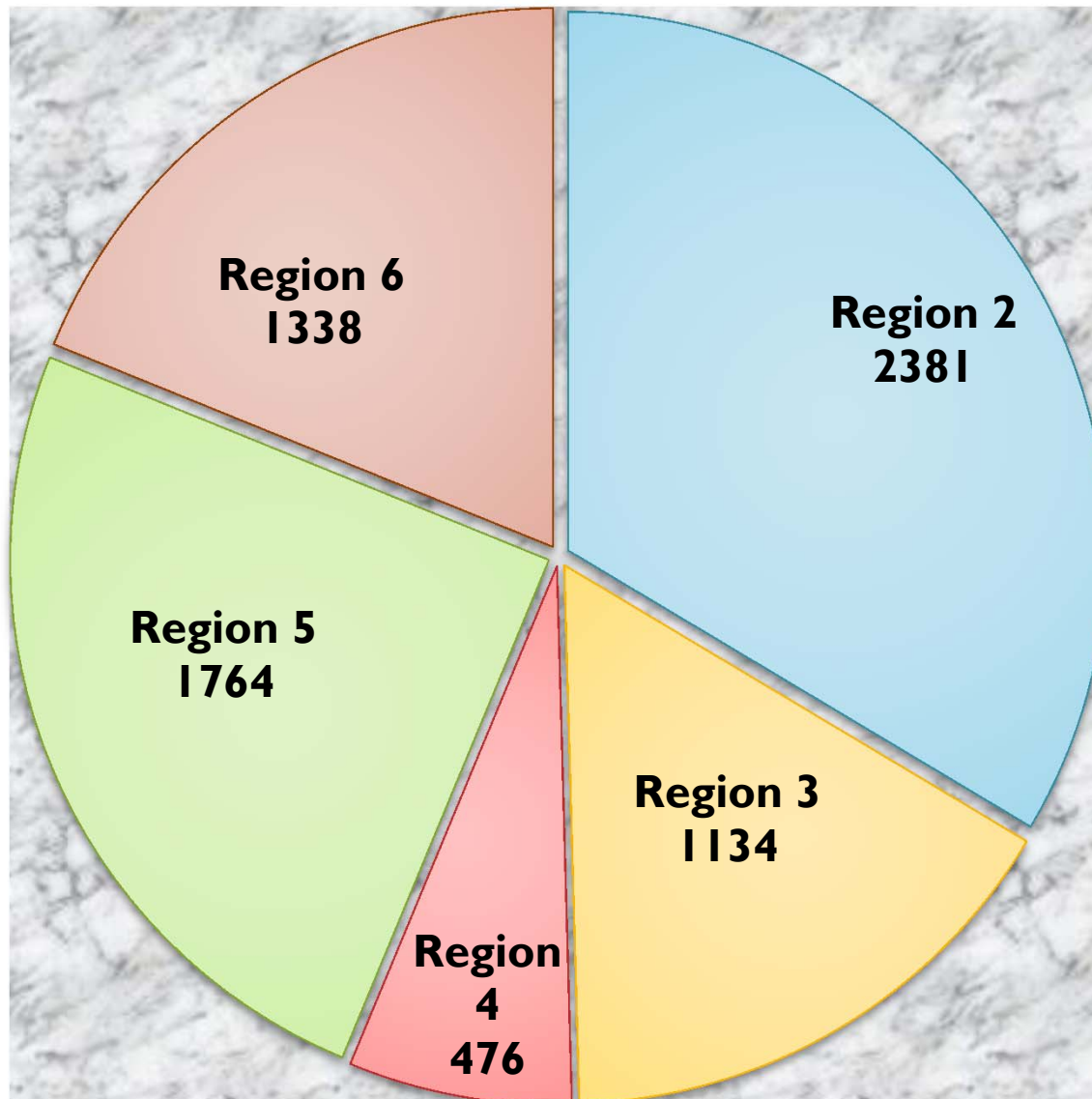
- Land preparation
- Inputs
- Labour
- Transportation
- Machinery
- Land charges



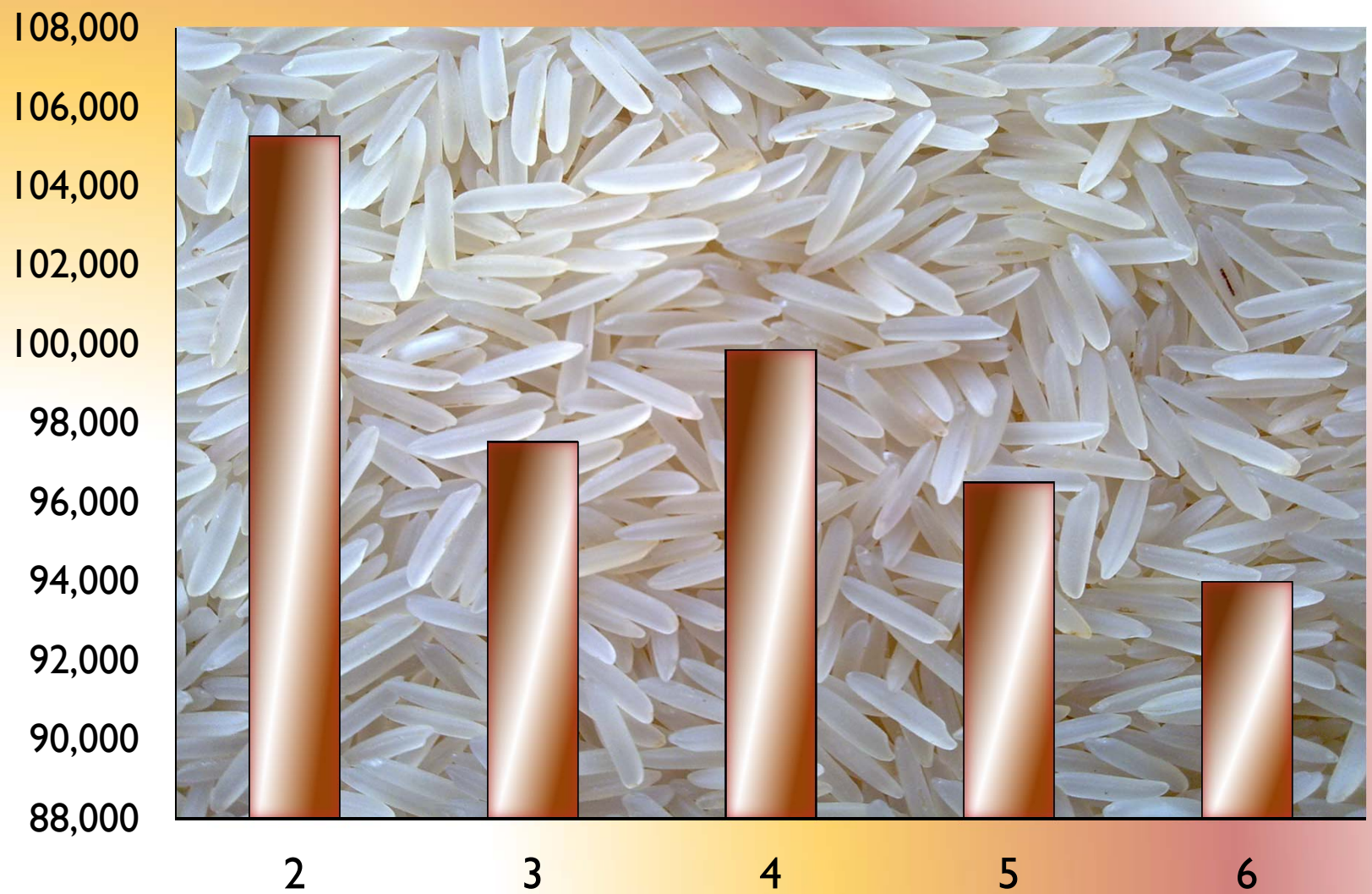
Methodology

- Information was computed using:
 - farmers' register
 - surveys using pretested questionnaire
 - 75 farmers per region sampled randomly
 - personal interviews

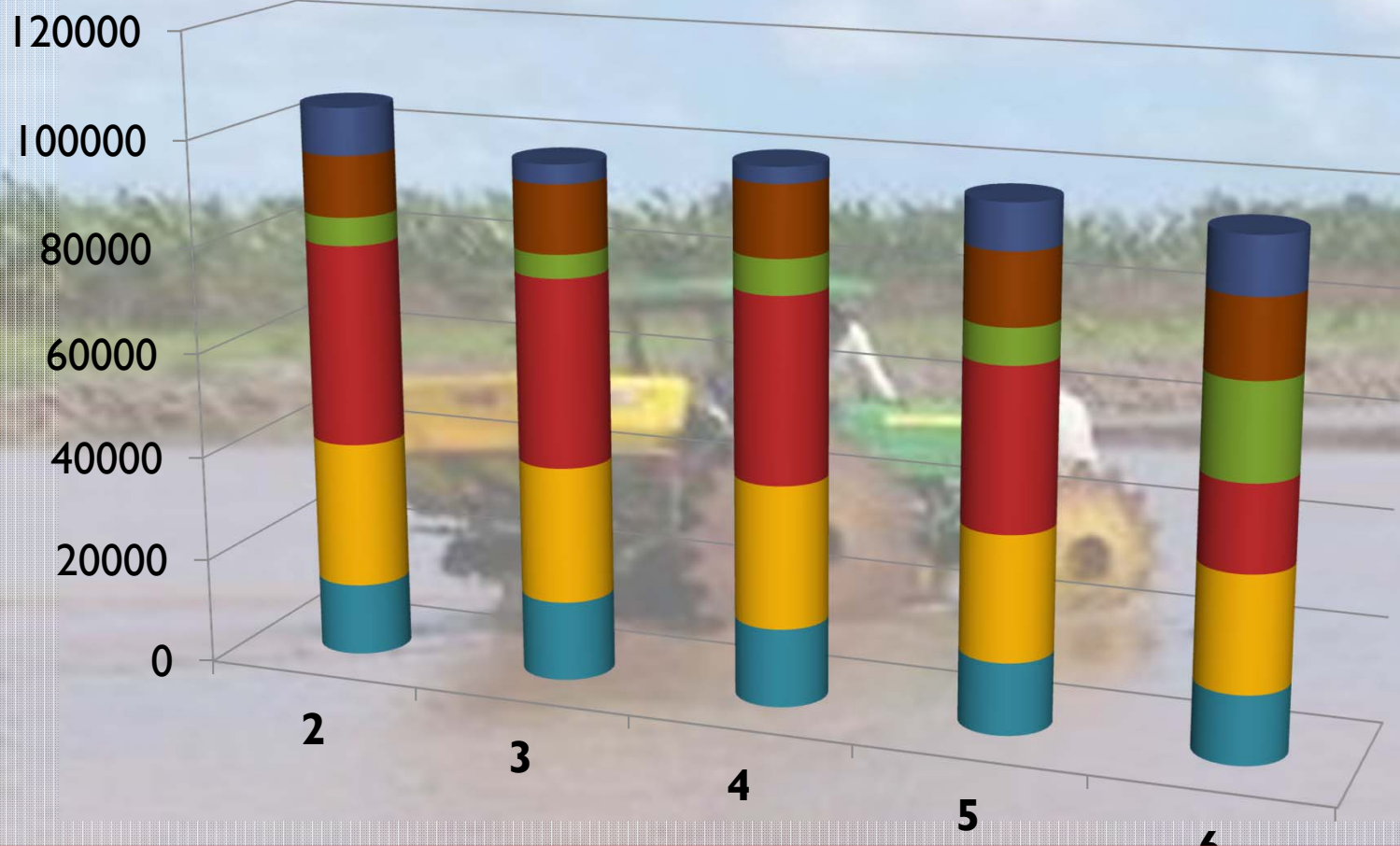
Number of farmers by region



Average cost of production by region

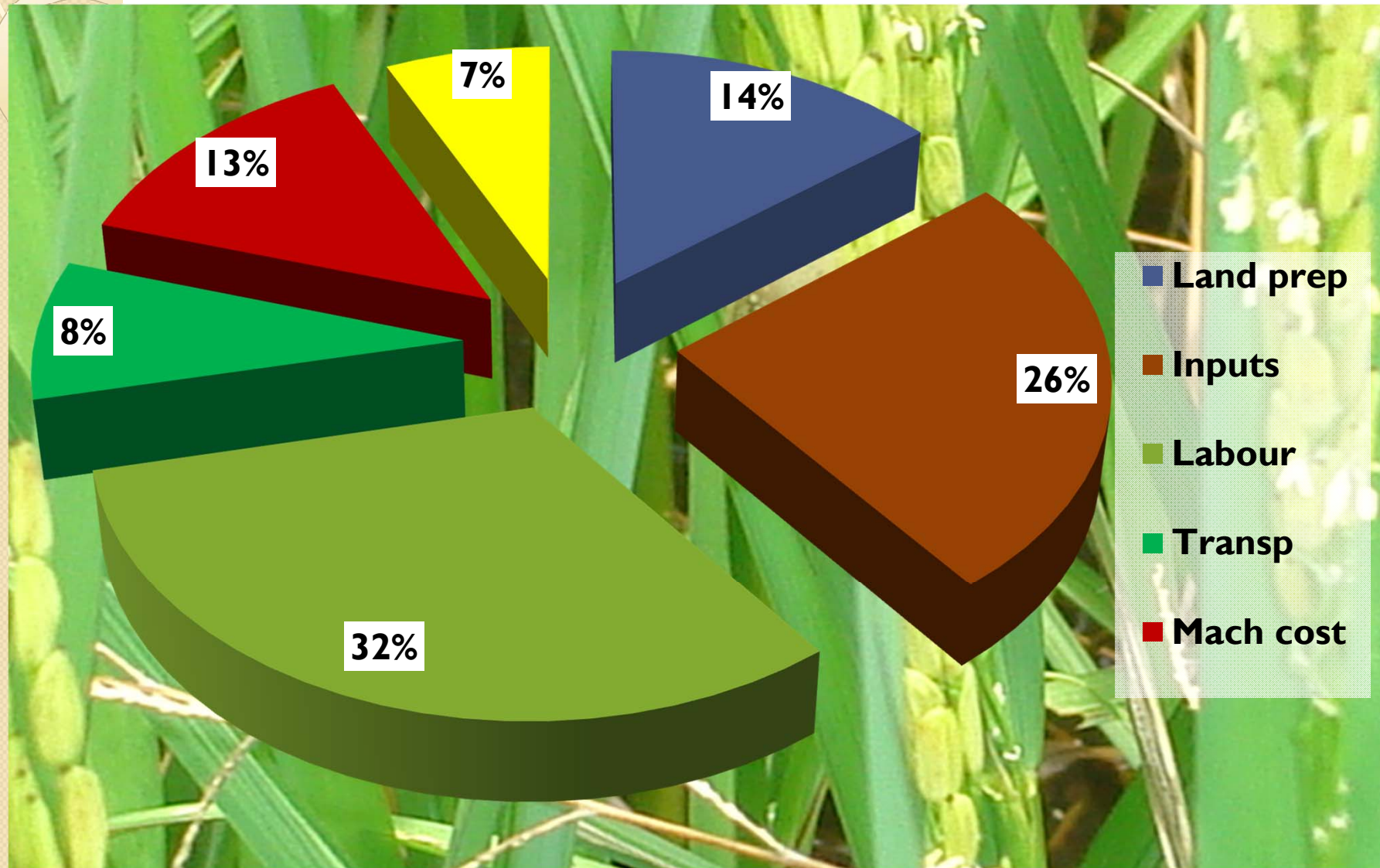


Average cost per operation by region



■ Land charges ■ Mach Cost ■ Transp ■ Labour ■ Inputs ■ Land Prep

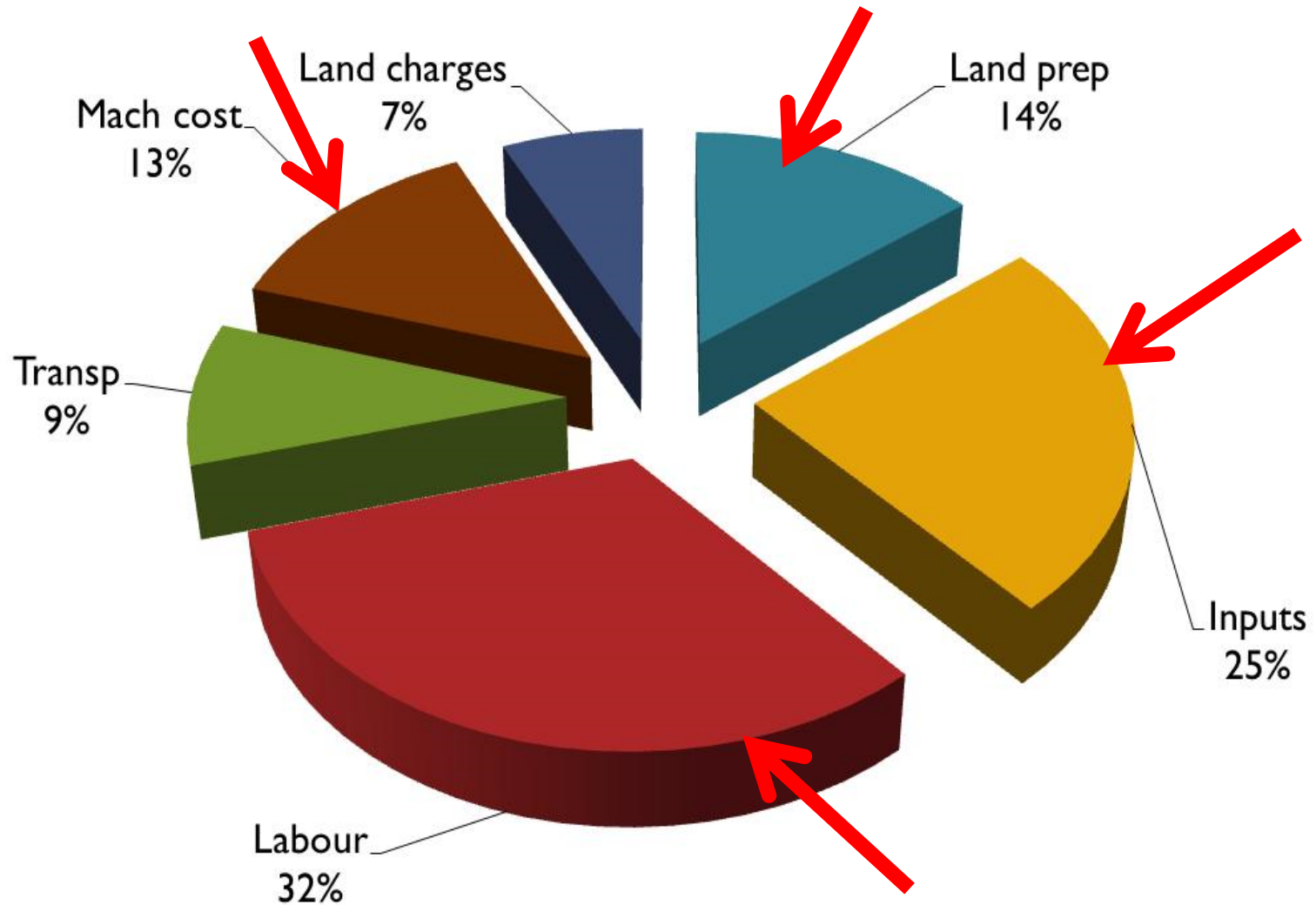
Overall average cost per operation



Comparative Cost Benchmarks

	Guyana	India	Thailand	Vietnam
Average cost/acre (G\$)	98,625	73,185	100,040	87,740
Cost(US \$)	481	357	488	428
Average yield (bags/acre)	36	30	36	43
Cost / bag (G\$)	2,740	2,439	2,778	2,040
Cost /ton (G\$)	43,125	38,396	43,733	32,115
Cost /ton (US \$)	210	187	213	156

Areas for Improvement to increase competitiveness



How can this be done?

Where can we improve?

- Land Preparation?
- Inputs?
- Labour?
- Machinery Costs?



Your suggestions are welcome!!

