

Summary Representation

One of the participants sketched and submitted at the end of the conference a “graph” reproduced below that was entitled “A Phyllophysical Explanation for the Superiority of SRI against Conventional System, in terms of Ecosystem Analysis.” This two-dimensional graph had *Water Availability*, from low to high, on the X axis, and *Yield* on the Y axis.

In his view, this representation summarized what he and colleagues had learned about SRI from their three years of evaluations. A footnote added to the diagram said: “If we could hear the rice plants crying out, our lowland rice would be begging us: ‘*Help me! Do not flood me anymore....?*’”

