

The Cassava Economy of Java

Walter P. Falcon, William O. Jones, Scott R. Pearson, and Others. The staple food of some 400 million people, cassava is the world's cheapest source of food calories. This study seeks to determine whether increases in cassava production are technically and economically feasible, and, if so, whether increased production might improve food security in Indonesia. Although the volume focuses on Java, it has much broader applications. It illustrates the insight that can be obtained from analyzing a complete commodity system; it gives empirical meaning to global interdependence; and it contributes substantially to the meager research on cassava. \$38.50

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