Table 1 Socioeconomic characteristics of soybean farmers ( $\mathrm{N}=267$ )

| Characteristic | Frequency | Percentage |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Gender |  |  |
| Male | 208 | 77.9 |
| Female | 59 | 22.1 |
| Age |  |  |
| 0~19 | 6 | 2.2 |
| 20~39 | 166 | 62.2 |
| 40~59 | 91 | 34.1 |
| 60 and above | 4 | 1.5 |
| Marital status |  |  |
| Single | 62 | 23.2 |
| Married | 193 | 72.3 |
| Divorced | 9 | 3.5 |
| Widow | 3 | 0.5 |
| Household size |  |  |
| 1~3 | 85 | 31.8 |
| 4~6 | 98 | 36.8 |
| 7~9 | 54 | 20.2 |
| 10 and above | 30 | 11.2 |
| Educational status |  |  |
| No formal education | 22 | 8.2 |
| Primary education | 20 | 7.5 |
| Secondary education | 149 | 55.8 |
| Tertiary education | 76 | 28.5 |
| Land ownership |  |  |
| Yes | 155 | 58.1 |
| No | 112 | 41.9 |
| Farm size (ha) |  |  |
| 1~2 | 259 | 97.0 |
| 3~4 | 8 | 3.0 |
| Farm experience (years) |  |  |
| 1~3 | 40 | 15.0 |
| 4~6 | 76 | 28.5 |
| 7~9 | 44 | 16.5 |
| 10 and above | 107 | 40.1 |
| Access to credit |  |  |
| Yes | 224 | 83.9 |
| No | 43 | 16.1 |
| Access to extension services |  |  |
| Yes | 219 | 82 |
| No | 48 | 18 |
| Cooperative membership |  |  |
| Yes | 155 | 58.1 |
| No | 112 | 41.9 |

