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SUNFLOWER RESEARCH IN CENTRAL LUZON STATE UNIVERSITY; PHILIPPINES
(ITS PRESENT SCENARIO)

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Researchers have succeeded in the developing technology for sunflower production in the late 70's. This has been strengthened with the introduction of foreign varieties under the FAO Cooperative Network on Sunflower which paved the way for the acceptance of sunflower as part of the cropping systems in Philippine agriculture. In order to sustain this acceptance there needs to produce good quality seeds found promising along this line.

Continued efforts should be done towards improving further cultural production management especially with respect to pollination and crop protection. Likewise, researchers have succeeded in developing a technology for utilization other than for oil known as Sunflower Crackseeds which has been developed as a cottage-industry in the locality.