



## Dominica

### Significant achievements in 2011

- Advancement in the establishment of the proposed coordinating mechanisms for food safety in Dominica, was achieved. In close collaboration with the Bureau of Standards a comprehensive assessment of Farm Inspection and Certification Systems existing in Dominica was undertaken. IICA further strengthened the capacities of ten (10) Extension personnel, and (40) farmers on GAP systems including record keeping, GAP, GHP, and food safety principles.
- Leadership and participation of members of the Agricultural Women Movement in CWA activities were strengthened and increased, particularly in the CANROP, farmers' forum and ART (Agricultural Round Table) sessions. The group ability to engage in agricultural activities was further strengthened through the securing of funding under the Canadian Funding for Local Initiatives (CFLI) which made it possible for ten members of the group to establish plots of onion.
- Consumer confidence in the Agricultural Health and Food Safety Systems has increased IICA in collaboration with Environmental Health Unit, Division of Agriculture and the Dominica Bureau of Standards held a national consultation on food safety policy and established an advisory committee to spearhead establishment of a National Agricultural Health and Food Safety System for Dominica.
- The capabilities and capacities of five (5) agricultural service providers, twenty (20) farmers and fifteen (15) extension personnel to respond to market demands strengthened through a training workshop on Cost of Production that improved their ability to determine cost of production for selected commodities and be able to determine market competitiveness of these commodities.

- Entrepreneurs engaged in organic agriculture have discussed and advanced the draft organic certification proposal developed by IICA in collaboration with the Division of Agriculture. Members will be reviewing and discussing the document early in 2012 with a view to endorsement.