



Antigua and Barbuda

Significant achievements in 2010

- The Institute enhanced the capabilities of the Veterinary and Livestock Division to engage in surveillance of bovine tuberculosis and avian influenza, thanks to the participation of Division staff members in two IICA training workshops.
- In collaboration with the Central Board of Health in the Ministry of Health, IICA trained food service workers in the “Five Keys to Food Safety,” improving their ability to prepare safe food for consumers.
- Producers from Antigua and Barbuda enhanced their capability to plan and execute profitable crop production enterprises by participating in a workshop on Costs of Production facilitated by IICA in Trinidad and Tobago. The workshop concluded with a field trip to three vegetable farms in Antigua.
- The capacity of youth to lead the development of the agriculture sector was enhanced as a result of the participation of the President of the Antigua and Barbuda Agriculture Forum for Youth in two regional training workshops coordinated by IICA, in the Caribbean Agriculture Forum for Youth held in St. Vincent and Grenada and in the Forum for Young Leaders organized by IICA and the University of Nebraska, held in Nebraska.
- Three members of the Antigua and Barbuda Agroprocessors Association strengthened their capacity to conduct successful agribusiness enterprises by participating in two training workshops coordinated by IICA and CANROP and held in St. Lucia and Grenada.
- One hundred key stakeholders and supporting organizations improved their ability to respond to natural disasters thanks to their participation in a symposium on disaster risk management and agricultural insurance sponsored by the Antigua and

Barbuda Ministry of Agriculture, IICA, the World Bank-European Union- African, **Caribbean** and **Pacific** Group of **States** consortium, FAO, the Caribbean Disaster Emergency Management Agency (CDEMA), CARDI, the Caribbean Common Market (CARICOM), and the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB).

- In response to the need to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, IICA and the Ministry of Agriculture held a training workshop on how to use the sun in drying agricultural products. Thanks to their participation in the workshop, sixty people have the capacity to preserve fruits and vegetables by harnessing the sun's energy.
- Thanks to their participation in an IICA training workshop on Good Manufacturing Practices for Agro-processing, twelve agroprocessors now have a better understanding of the health and sanitation requirements for food manufacturing and of the importance of complying with these requirements. The agroprocessors also participated in an IICA training workshop to acquire new knowledge regarding various food preservation techniques.
- Selected Home Economics teachers increased their understanding of the principles and techniques of food preservation through their participation in an IICA workshop and practical sessions on food preservation.
- The Christian Valley Mango Festival and the fifth installment of IICA's Most Outstanding Agroprocessors Award Competition provided an occasion for producers and agroprocessors to increase their income. Over 4,000 patrons attended the event, at which there were stalls of local produce and agroprocessed products.
- Five secondary schools in the twin island state received a boost to their agricultural science program through their participation in the Second Inter-school Garden Competition, organized by the Antigua and Barbuda Agriculture Forum, the Ministry of Agriculture, the Ministry of Education and IICA.