



Canada

Significant achievements in 2010

- In response to a request from the Ministry of Agriculture in Barbados regarding an environmental concern, a mission in Canada was organized and supported by IICA to conduct an assessment of waste management practices on farms and major food production industries in Barbados. A waste management symposium also covered findings and options on effectively dealing with waste products. As a result, further projects are being examined, including the development of a Biogas and Composting Demonstration System.
- IICA signed a Letter of Intent, establishing an emergency management relationship between the Canadian Veterinary Reserve (CVR) of the Canadian Veterinary Medical Association (CVMA) and the Institute. This has set the basis for ensuring mutual communication and collaboration between IICA and the CVR in matters of emergency management, including prevention, preparedness, response and recovery.
- IICA provided financial support for a Canadian expert to speak at a symposium entitled “Quality Marks as an Instrument of Policy Valuation of Agricultural Products” held in Sao Paul, Brazil. The speech illustrated how factors that relate to Canada’s cultural and political environment, the products involved, and the target markets have impacted the effectiveness of agrifood quality marks and shared practical lessons based on the Canadian experience.
- The Institute facilitated trade of agricultural products from the Southern Cone to Canada by way of information sharing.
- The 2010 IICA Internships and Exchanges Program facilitated the participation of 15 individuals in exchanges, including eight young people from Quebec who participated in a mission to Chile to experience entrepreneurship in the agrifood chain. The group acquired a significant amount of new knowledge and forged new agribusiness linkages that will assist them in their farms in Canada.

- IICA worked in collaboration with La Financière Agricole du Québec Development International and Development International Desjardins in developing and preparing an initiative for agricultural insurance and credit in Haiti, to address immediate and long-term sustainable food security concerns.