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Saint Kitts and Nevis

Most significant results 2010-2017

- **Adding value to mango.** IICA developed a training program with farmers and agro-processors of mango, one of the most prolific and productive fruits grown in Saint Kitts and Nevis, whose value-adding process is just beginning. Training included preparation of mango-based juices and other derivatives with improved measures for food safety handling, sanitation and quality, with the objective of ensuring sustainability of the industry and food security by reducing food spoilage and facilitating access to regional and international markets.
- **Agro-processors with improved capabilities in business and production.** Several activities organized by IICA, or with the Institute's collaboration, sought to improve the knowledge and conditions of the agro-processors to do business or elevate the quality of their products. They received training in product labeling (as part of the APP program financed by the European Union) allowing them to include information on contents, avoid health risks and ensure traceability. Agro-processors were part of the select audience for instructional videos on food processing methodologies, and were the beneficiaries of an extensive training program in HACCP. Together with other manufacturers, they received training in lot trading, individual serial tracking, market and data recording, entrepreneurship, costs of production, finance, marketing and leadership to improve their management capacities.
- **Promoting youth agriculture.** In order to rejuvenate the farming population and promote growth and development of agriculture, IICA supported the access of young people (including at-risk youths) to greenhouse and shade house technologies, including their construction in schools, in order to address the nutritional concerns of students and broaden their knowledge on efficient use of water. The Institute also participated in the development of a project in agro-tourism in the New River Community, aimed at maximizing land use and the cultural resources of the area.



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- **Climate change awareness.** IICA provided training to the Ministry of Agriculture, farmers and strategic partners in policies for adaptation to climate change, good agricultural practices and integrated pest management. In addition, with partners like the Caribbean Climate Smart Agriculture (CCSA), the Institute promoted a competition for farmers in the Eastern Caribbean States that highlighted programs and innovations to build resilience and increase agricultural productivity in a climate change environment.