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Agriculture - employment and work

Emprego e trabalho na agricultura brasileira (2009)

In recent decades, both the productive structure and Brazilian society as a whole have undergone major economic and political transformations. Numerous studies have been carried out on the effects of those transformations on the urban job market and the redefinition of the rural space and the expansion of so-called “non-agricultural rural occupations.” However, there has been no broader analysis of work and employment in the agricultural sector. This book is designed to fill that gap with a collection of 17 unpublished texts, grouped under three headings: the regional dimension, labor relations, and regulations and conflicts.

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Agriculture in Latin America and the Caribbean - outlook

Situación y desempeño de la agricultura en ALC desde la perspectiva tecnológica: Informe de 2008 (2009)

This document was used as the base document for the Fifth International Meeting of FORAGRO, held in Montevideo in 2008. It contains the analysis carried out for that year of the challenges in relation to technological and institutional innovation in a context characterized by volatile food prices and growing demand for technologies to tackle the effects of climate change. It also underlines the need to take better advantage of the growing political will to promote technological services for agriculture.

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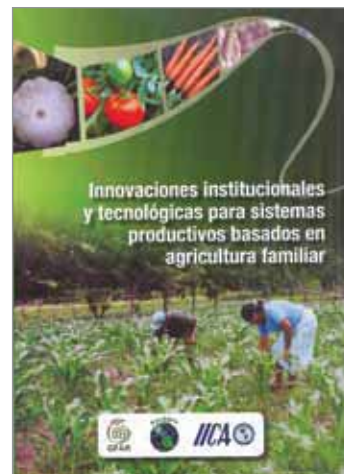


Family agriculture - innovation and technology

Innovaciones institucionales y tecnológicas para sistemas productivos basados en agricultura familiar (2009)

This document is the result of a joint effort involving FORAGRO, IICA and GFAR. Its main objective is to establish the state of the art of technological innovation in the context of family agriculture. It focuses on the main needs of that subsector in terms of technology, policies and institutional arrangements.

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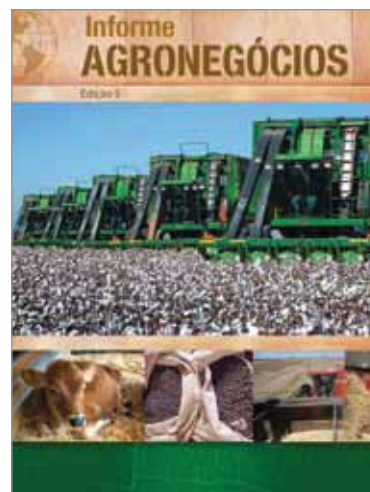
Agribusiness

Informe agronegócios: edição 5

This report is part of a series of semiannual documents produced by the IICA Office in Brazil on the subject of agribusiness. Its basic objectives are to:

- Disseminate experiences, knowledge and the results of the debates and discussions on the state of the art of the policies that have arisen out of the development of agroindustry and the interventions of public and private actors.
- Create a mechanism for the exchange of information, knowledge and experiences that could be useful for decision-making in the public policy arena, such as the contributions to the debate, the design of proposals and new programs and projects for rural development and agroindustry.
- Visualize and compare the different economic situations at the national level (regions of Brazil) and regional level (MERCOSUR).

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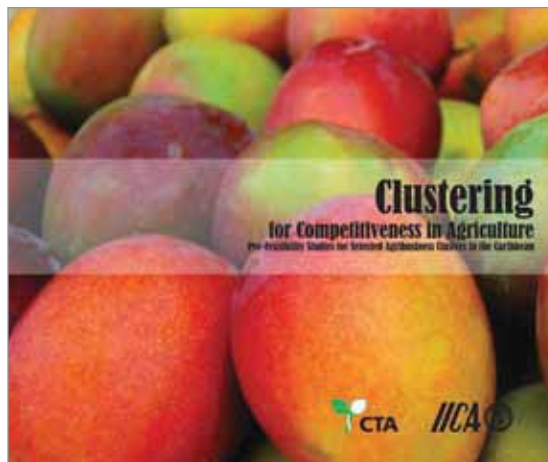


Agribusiness - Clusters

Clustering for competitiveness in agriculture: pre-feasibility studies for selected agribusiness clusters in the Caribbean (2009)

This document formed part of the IICA/CTA Project entitled Support to the Caribbean Regional Agricultural Policy Network (CaRAPN) in 2006, managed by IICA's Trade Policies and Negotiations Program in the Caribbean.

The document promotes the development of agribusiness clusters. Clusters have had a positive impact on productivity, competitiveness, and the creation of new enterprises and their subsequent expansion. Globalization has ushered in a new scenario of production and coordination among the different countries.



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International Trade

Propuesta de estrategia para el desarrollo de la exportación de productos agropecuarios para beneficiarse de los acuerdos de libre comercio (2009)

The purpose of the proposal is to facilitate the development of agricultural exports so that Panama can benefit from the free trade agreements. The document integrates various efforts to inform public and private actors in the agricultural sector of the opportunities offered by the trade agreements. The document is a compilation of technical and practical experiences, the result of meetings, consultations and one-on-one interviews with actors of the agrifood chains and public sector institutions involved in the issue, and technical personnel of MIDA's different national directorates. It includes the contributions and expertise of IICA regional specialists in trade negotiations, agribusiness and agricultural health and food safety (AHFS).



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Rural development - agroenergy

Agroenergia e desenvolvimento de comunidades rurais isoladas

This publication is volume 7 of the Sustainable Rural Development series published by the IICA/SRD Forum. The book focuses on agroenergy and the development of isolated rural communities. It is divided into two parts: the first examines the potential of agriculture and rural territories for producing bioenergy, and the possible social and environmental impact. The second part presents the global context, including actions in the area of agroenergy, as well as a discussion of the national policies and commercial technologies available. It concludes with a series of recommendations for the sustainable production of energy in isolated areas.

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Fruit production - Panama

La fruticultura en Panamá: su potencial socioeconómico e iniciativas para su desarrollo (2009)

This document includes the proposals of producers' organizations, representatives of agroindustry, merchants, agro-exporters and other actors in this agrifood chain, who participated in a series of workshops in David, Divisa and Las Tablas, Panama, with a view to identifying the problems of the fruit-growing industry and the actions that should be taken at the national level.

The document is divided into three parts: a) the current situation of fruit growing in Panama; b) the possibilities for development; and, c) a proposed action plan to promote the sector.

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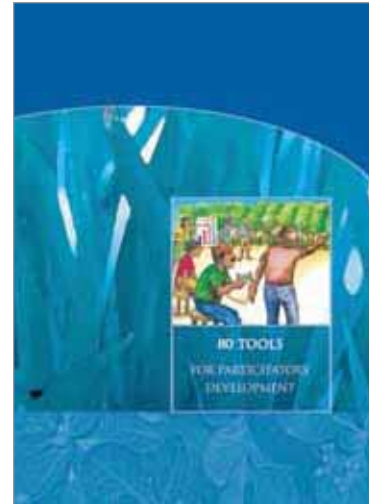
Participation processes - tools

80 herramientas para el desarrollo participativo (2009, 8 ed.)

The document provides a set of tools presented in a simple format (diagrams, illustrations) and precise language, which makes it easy to use in participatory and work-related processes.

It contains general techniques for dialogue, observation and group dynamics; participatory assessments of social and general aspects of the community, natural resource management, production systems, animal production, gender, communication and extension; analysis of problems and solutions; and planning, monitoring and participatory evaluation.

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Agricultural health and food safety - Sanitary and phytosanitary measures

Manual de aplicación. Instrumento desempeño, visión y estrategia (DVE) para los servicios nacionales de sanidad agropecuaria e inocuidad de alimentos (SAIA) y medidas sanitarias y fitosanitarias (MSF) (2009)

As part of the process of modernizing its technical cooperation with innovative tools, IICA developed an instrument to help modernize national agricultural health and food safety (AHFS) services and national sanitary and phytosanitary (SPS) systems. This document is a model tool that the Member States can use to adapt their national AHFS and SPS services and systems, and develop the capabilities required to meet the challenges posed by globalization successfully.

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