



## Antigua and Barbuda

### Significant achievements in 2011

- The capacity of agri-entrepreneurs/ agro processors to improve their operational efficiencies and income stream was enhanced through the systematic assessments by IICA of the threats, opportunities, weaknesses and strengths of their business operations and the endorsement of recommendations contained in the assessments. The recommendations from the assessment will form the basis for IICA's intervention to that subsector in 2012.
- The Institutional Framework for the delivery of service and support to agriculture development and food production was strengthened through a number of focused interventions by IICA with the Ministry of Agriculture Housing Land and Environment (MAHLE). In particular technicians in the Ministry of Agriculture have increased their appreciation, knowledge and structure of sustainable agricultural development and the policy development processes through their participation (face to face and online) in consultations led by the IICA's Regional Specialist in Trade, Policy and Negotiations. A draft agriculture policy is in its initial stages of development. The documented review of the MAHLE which was initiated in 2010 was completed, presented to and accepted by the Cabinet of Ministers of Antigua and Barbuda.
- The Ministry of Agriculture's budget planning and preparation processes were strengthened through the direct support provided by the IICA Directorate of Planning and Evaluation to the various departments of the Ministry of Agriculture in the formalization of the Business Plans for the Financial Year 2012.