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Saint Vincent and the Grenadines

Most significant results 2010-2017

- **Strengthening of the pork industry.** The intervention of IICA in the pork value chain resulted in the formulation of a plan and a strategy to implement changes in the industry, as well as the development of new institutional mechanisms in the Ministry of Agriculture to provide technical support and training to pork producers. Furthermore, as one of the tasks of the Agriculture Policy Programme (APP) financed by the European Union and partly implemented by IICA in the Caribbean, several analyses of the pork value chain were undertaken by the Institute. These were related to producer groups, market situation and access to financial resources, a baseline and a starting point for IICA to make significant interventions geared toward fostering chain upgrades.
- **Focused on empowering women.** IICA assisted the Saint Vincent and the Grenadines Network of Rural Women Producers in developing a medium-term plan (2013-2016) to strengthen its structure and operations, with the aim of strengthening its positioning as a major producer organization in the country. The Institute also assisted the Network with the formalization of a proposal to the Australian Agency for International Development, in order to secure funds to diversify vegetable production. Another proposal was made to the Canada Fund for Local Initiatives, to strengthen poultry production and agribusiness management by rural women.
- **Enhanced capabilities in AHFS.** The national Agricultural Health and Food Safety (AHFS) systems were strengthened with technical assistance from IICA, especially in animal disease surveillance and detection, as well as response to exotic diseases. Enhancement of the systems was also possible through the SPS program (financed by the European Union and implemented by IICA) in the areas of HACCP, good agricultural practices, food inspection, bio-security and food-traceability.



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- **Promoting climate-smart agriculture.** The main benefits obtained by the Ministry of Agriculture of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines within the framework of a project implemented by IICA to promote climate-smart agriculture in the Caribbean are tools to guide the planning and execution of actions related to climate change mitigation and adaptation, and a broader knowledge of climate change to build resilience in agriculture. As part of this initiative, the vulnerability of agriculture to climate change and adverse environmental events was assessed. Technicians from the Ministry can now recommend practices for adaptation of family farming systems, such as rainwater harvesting and other soil and water management techniques. Technicians also received capacity-enhancing training on risk mapping to support climate smart agricultural practices by producers.