

Significant achievements in 2014



Grenada

- In collaboration with the Grenada Ministry of Agriculture and the Grenada Organic Agriculture Movement (GOAM), IICA conducted a Workshop for farmers on the types, availability and use of organic pesticides. The workshop focused on Integrated Pest Management (IPM), which provides a range of pest management options best suited for organic agriculture. As a result of this workshop, 16 farmers are better equipped with updated and local alternatives to synthetic pesticides for use in organic agriculture.
- IICA trained 56 farmers on the measures necessary to be compliant Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) and the process of achieving compliancy. In this current climate of globalization, and where food safety is an important criterion in the health of the nation's people, every country must ensure that their farmers comply with standards to prevent their exports being subject to non-tariff barriers.
- IICA sponsored a workshop on 'Team Building and the Role of the Executive'. The 20 participants from the executive bodies of the various women groups obtained hands on training in team building and the roles each member must play in achieving the goals of the team.
- In its pursuit of enhancing business management for agricultural enterprises, IICA sponsored a training exercise on Financial Management for rural groups. As a result of the training, 18 members from the various groups were more knowledgeable of the business concepts of fixed vs. variable costs and revenue vs. profit, as well as their distinguishing features.
- IICA held a training session for rural women on how to reduce post-processing losses in value chains. Twenty-six women were trained on how to prevent contamination and losses of their products by knowing the types of microorganisms involved, their effects on the products and the types of preventative control plans required. These women are now better able to improve the quality and extend the shelf life of their products.
- Under the CONACYT-IICA 100 scholarships program supported by the Government of Mexico, two professionals from Grenada are doing their master's and doctoral studies in Mexican Universities.