



Dominica

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Significant Achievements

- IICA provided support to the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Fisheries (MOAFF) to strengthen the capacities of its senior technicians in programme planning and monitoring, including the formulation of their 2019-2020 work plan, alignment of the budget to the plan, as well as development of an evaluation and monitoring system. The cooperation efforts, which took place via webinars and face-to-face workshops, enhanced the capacities of 20 middle and senior managers in the MOAFF in the areas of strategic planning, programming and work plan development.
- A training workshop on Determining and Calculating Cost of Production was held in collaboration with the MOAFF, enabling more than 25 farmers to improve their ability to make sound business decisions. Participants were introduced to a simple methodology to calculate production costs for their respective agribusinesses.
- In support of the implementation of the National Farm Certification Programme, IICA worked closely with the Dominica Bureau of Standards to instruct 30 extension personnel on Global GAP requirements and farm certification requirements for fresh produce. The programme (training workshop and consultations) was part of efforts to implement the Fresh Produce Quality Control Act 2009 that mandates that the Bureau monitor the quality and safety of fresh produce exports.
- IICA assisted ten farmers to upgrade their farms to meet national farm certification requirements, by providing materials, including signage, personnel protection devices and pesticide storage bins. These locations will also serve as demonstration sites for the training of farmers and extension personnel. Prior to establishing the demonstration sites, IICA supported the Dominica Bureau of Standards and the Ministry of Agriculture in determining the extent to which farms met national certification requirements, by conducting twenty farm audits, in accordance with the Global GAP Checklists.
- IICA, in collaboration with the Government of Argentina, supported the MOAFF and the Dominica Beekeepers Cooperative to train beekeepers. Experts from the University of Southern Argentina provided technical advice on the management of apiaries, pest and disease management, and identification of opportunities within the apiculture sector. They conducted a two-day field exercise that involved visiting apiaries across the country, interfacing with over fifteen beekeepers, and held a one-day workshop that instructed 24 participants in beekeeping techniques and hive management.
- In response to the Ministry of Agriculture's desire to establish an Agricultural Global Resilience Centre in Dominica, IICA facilitated a face-to-face meeting that enabled key stakeholders to discuss and clearly define the Global Resilience Centre concept and to reaffirm commitments among seven regional partners.

