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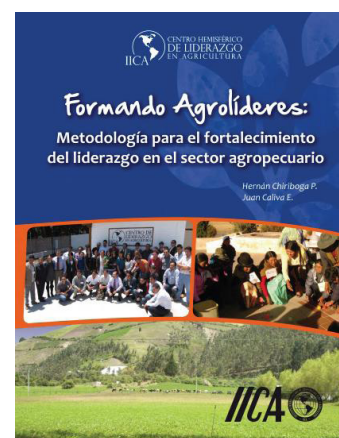
Agriculture - Leadership

Formando líderes: metodología para el fortalecimiento del liderazgo en el sector agropecuario

IICA supports the development of agricultural leaders in the Americas imbued with an overarching vision for the creation of sustainable and modern agriculture, food security and rural prosperity at the hemispheric, regional, national and territorial levels. Through a participatory process, the Institute has developed a methodology designed to enhance the capacity to exert a positive influence over decision makers, so they understand the need to strengthen the agricultural sector and thereby make an effective contribution to poverty reduction and development efforts.

The methodology is designed to be used to reinforce values, develop confidence, improve negotiating skills and promote commitment, empathic listening and effective communication, among other factors. The methodology proposed is divided into ten modules, each of which provides tools for enhancing leadership skills in relation to a specific issue.

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Biotechnology

LOTASSA: Bridging genomics and pastures in the XXI century

This publication presents a working methodology of great scientific value, designed to solve problems and fill important gaps in knowledge about large marginal areas of Latin America's Southern Cone countries. This project involved technical and scientific cooperation between European and Latin American institutions, under the auspices of the Sixth Framework Programme of the European Union. It took advantage of the close relationship between forage Lotus species and the model legume Lotus japonicus for genetic and genomic research. The document describes LOTASSA's most important results, which are presented in chapters for ease of comprehension, and includes a list of all those who took part.

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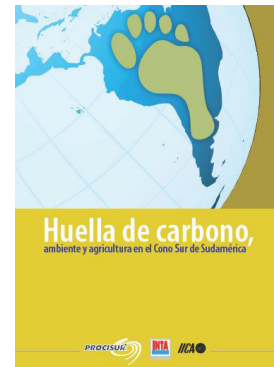


Climate change

Huella de carbono, ambiente y agricultura en el Cono Sur de Sudamérica

This work addresses the emerging issue of carbon footprints, warns of the threats to the growth of production in the region and identifies those responsible, and looks at the region's integration into international trade. It contains an important synthesis of information on the subject that agricultural leaders in the region will find indispensable. The book is very easy to read and understand; the carbon footprint and its implications are explained in simple, non-technical language.

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Rural development

Pobreza rural: concepções, determinantes e proposições para a construção de uma agenda de políticas públicas V Fórum Internacional de Desenvolvimento Territorial

IICA, through the SRD Forum, presents as a special edition, the publication “Pobreza rural: concepções, determinantes e proposições para a construção de uma agenda de políticas públicas V Fórum Internacional de Desenvolvimento Territorial.” Produced under the project “The new face of rural poverty in Brazil: transformations, profile and challenges for public policies,” it is based on the results of the Fifth International Forum on Territorial Development: Strategies to combat rural poverty.

The book is divided into two parts. In the first, the authors comment on and discuss the main issues addressed by the five panels that took place during the Fifth Forum, including changes in Brazil's rural areas, the determinants of rural poverty, ideas for public policies designed to reduce rural poverty and, lastly, the elements that should be considered when drawing up a public policy agenda. The second part includes the proceedings and the report on the Fifth Forum.

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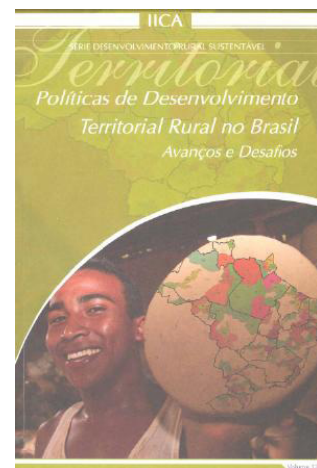
Políticas de desenvolvimento territorial rural no Brasil: avanços e desafios

This book is the twelfth volume in the Sustainable Rural Development Series, produced and published by IICA and the SRD Forum. It analyzes Brazil's experience with the implementation of territorial development policies in areas where agriculture is practiced mainly on family farms and agrarian reform settlements, and in traditional rural and agricultural communities. The Ministry of Territorial Development, with strong support from IICA, has promoted the debate on territorial development in Brazil by means of seminars, research and the systematization of experiences on the subject.

The publication consists of five chapters:

1. Trends in studies on territorial development policy
2. Background to and evolution of territorial planning in Brazil
3. Evolution of the “Program for the sustainable development of rural territories and territories of the citizenry”
4. Territorial dynamics in Brazil: an analysis of four case studies
5. Future of territorial development policies in Brazil.

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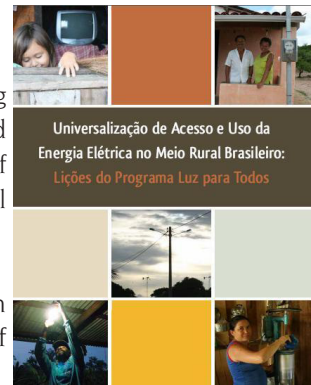
Rural development - electrification

Universalização de Acesso e Uso da Energia Elétrica no Meio Rural Brasileiro: Lições do Programa Luz para Todos

One of the areas on which IICA has focused its work is sustainable rural development, contributing to the implementation of public policies related to the issue. This study argues that access to, and the use of, electricity in rural areas is a key factor for people's work. The joint action of the Ministry of Mines and Energy and the Electricity for Everyone Program has paved the way for a debate on national priorities and the dissemination of practices that can be applied throughout the Americas.

This publication is also intended to be used as an instrument for promoting the mobilization of resources among IICA Member States for joint efforts to meet the universal challenge of providing access to electricity in rural areas.

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Sustainable rural development - Venezuela

Promoviendo el desarrollo rural sostenible en Venezuela. La experiencia del Proyecto Yacambú-Quíbor en el Estado Lara

This publication was produced to disseminate the lessons learned in formulating the Project for the Integrated Management of Water Resources, part of the Yacambú-Quíbor Project (GIRH-YQ Project) implemented in Lara State, Venezuela. The lessons included in the document constitute a theoretical framework of reference and a proposal for action that could be used for future efforts to formulate projects designed to promote the sustainable rural development of other territories, both in Venezuela and in other Latin American and Caribbean countries.

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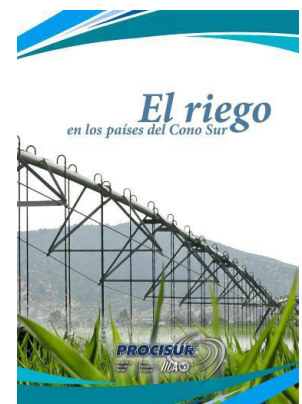
Irrigation

El riego en los países del Cono Sur

This publication contains important information about issues of key importance for the development of irrigation in the region. It deals with water resources, irrigation policies and the institutional framework, research and development, available technologies, and new, emerging technological advances in the different production systems that make use of irrigation in the Southern Cone.

This information is especially valuable for regional cooperation on an issue that is important not only for agriculture but also for integrated territorial development. Irrigation's impact on development will increase in the years ahead for a number of reasons, including the need to raise productivity to contribute to food security, mitigate the effects of climate change (especially in terms of precipitation variability), and help reduce the water footprint in more efficient production systems. The intensification of agriculture in irrigation areas also generates new jobs, agroindustries and numerous associated services, and drives the development and application of new technologies.

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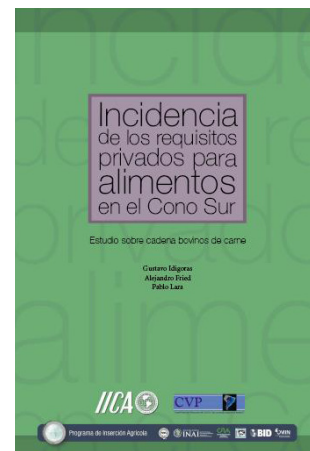
Food safety

Incidencia de los requisitos privados para alimentos en el Cono Sur

The impact of private standards was discussed within the framework of the technical cooperation of IICA and the Standing Veterinary Committee (CVP) of the Southern Cone, and it was decided that a study was needed to identify the financial and legal effects of such standards on beef production and trade in the southern region. A profile for a regional activity was designed in collaboration with the Programa de Inserción Agrícola and the parties involved carefully monitored the progress of the study.

This publication presents the study carried out and the results obtained, and is intended as a contribution to the analysis and discussion of this important issue by public and private sector stakeholders.

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Agrifood systems

Guía metodológica para la activación de Sistemas Agroalimentarios Localizados (SIAL)

This publication is targeted at technical personnel, advisers, managers, trainers, coordinators and leaders of both rural organizations and producers' associations, and governmental and civil society development agencies. It is designed to be used to support the development of small production and rural services units in specific regions. The instrument is based on the Local Agrifood Systems (LAS) model. It provides a permanent source of reference for individuals responsible for supporting the development of organizations that articulate rural agricultural production units, known as "development promoters."

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