



Saint Kitts and Nevis

Significant achievements in 2011

- IICA assisted the Ministry of Agriculture with the drafting of a Together structured operational plan which will guide the development of the sector over the medium term. The work was conducted in six working sessions, with the assistance of IICA office in Trinidad & Tobago. These efforts have led to enhanced capacity within the Ministry.
- The Department of Agriculture has incorporated natural resources management into its development strategies as a result of assistance received from IICA with the design and implementation of a Plan of Action for Water Management. Considerable water has been harvested and used for irrigation and increased crop production.
- The capacity of crop and livestock farmers to improve their production and business management capabilities has been greatly enhanced through the introduction and acceptance of a Cost of Production Model. This model has assisted the farmers in determining the profitability of their enterprises as well as facilitating decision making. Work on this model will continue into 2012.
- Farmers and agro-processors now have improved entrepreneurial, marketing and organizational capacities, as a result of training provided by IICA in entrepreneurial development, and facilitation of participation of two persons in agroprocessing training in Jamaica. These initiatives have helped to enhance inter-personal relationships and foster better business rapport, which have increased access to market.
- Technology innovation has been promoted as a means of modernizing and diversifying food production in St. Kitts and Nevis. IICA was instrumental in sourcing funding for two (2) shade houses that are currently under construction, and will be promoted to youth. Work on this would be continued in 2012.