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CARIB AGRI NEWSLETTER

STRENGTHENING KNOWLEDGE-SHARING AND POLICY DIALOGUE ON CARIBBEAN AGRICULTURE AND FOOD SECURITY

Dear Subscribers,

Here's the latest update from the Carib Agri LISTSERV: a Forum started and managed by the Caribbean Sub-regional Office of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) in order to strengthen knowledge-sharing and policy dialogue on Caribbean Agriculture and Food Security.

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Kind regards,
Carib Agri Moderator,
Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), Sub-regional Office for the Caribbean



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FAO CARIBBEAN SUB-REGIONAL OFFICE (FAO SLC)

FAO discussions on Agriculture and Food Security in the Caribbean to start in December

The FAO Caribbean Sub-regional Office will be launching weekly policy discussions on Caribbean agriculture and food security in the 1st week of December.

The first week starts **1 - 4 December, 2015** with a discussion on *School Feeding*.

Here are the questions for next week's discussion:

1. How can the School Feeding Programme (SPF) contribute to the realization of the Human Right to Food and Food and Nutrition Security in the Caribbean?
2. How can the SPF contribute to the promotion of healthy eating habits in the Caribbean?
3. How can different ministries of government better coordinate their efforts to strengthen SPFs in the Caribbean?
4. How can SPFs benefit local production and trade in the Caribbean?

Also see our [issue brief on School Feeding](#).

During **7 – 11 December, 2015** we will be discussing *Governance in the Caribbean*.

The discussion sessions will take a three-week break and resume on 4 January, 2016. The questions for the next topic and schedule for next year will be announced soon.

State of Food Insecurity in the CARICOM Caribbean available online



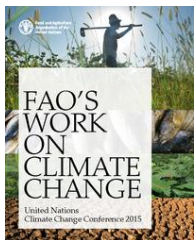
This report presents the overview of food and nutrition security from the standpoint of what FAO classifies as the four pillars of food security, in the context of the Millennium Development Goals (MDG).

[Read it here.](#)

FAO HEADQUARTERS

NEW PUBLICATIONS AND RESOURCES

FAO's work on Climate Change



Ahead of next week's important COP21, also known as the 2015 Paris Climate Conference, we are very pleased to inform you that a booklet on FAO's work on climate change is now available in [English](#), [French](#) and [Spanish](#).

This booklet presents the key messages of FAO on climate change and food security. It includes a synthesis of the most recent support provided by FAO to countries to face the impacts of climate change. It also brings together the most relevant knowledge on climate change including tools and methodologies FAO can offer to countries to report on their greenhouse gas emissions coming from the agriculture, livestock and forestry sectors.

In the book on page 28, reference is made to the CARICOM strategy on fisheries and aquaculture and climate change and Disaster Risk Management (DRM).

There is also a reference to Forestry in the Caribbean.

[Policy brief on Aquaculture zoning, site selection and area management under the ecosystem to aquaculture available online](#)



The selection of the spatial area designated for aquaculture development and careful selection of farm sites are essential first steps to ensure the success and sustainability of aquaculture. They should be carried out in accordance

with the FAO Code of Conduct for Responsible Fisheries, and the ecosystem approach to aquaculture. FAO in partnership with the World Bank is making special efforts to address spatial planning for promoting aquaculture growth in a sustainable manner by developing key publications and tools and by conducting training workshops. The goal of this policy brief is to provide general guidance to policy-makers and other stakeholders on this topic. [Read the brief here.](#)

Hard copies of this brief are available in English and Spanish. Please contact José Aguilar-Manjarrez for more information or copies: Jose.AguilarManjarrez@fao.org

New Factsheets on Aquaculture



FAO's Aquaculture Branch started in 2003 a programme called [Cultured Aquatic Species Information Programme \(CASIP\)](#) which provides well-structured and comprehensive information on aquaculture

practiced for the most commercially important species in aquaculture.

The [67 Cultured Aquatic Species Fact Sheets](#) that are now available were prepared in collaboration with recognized international experts.

The value of these fact sheets is that they are dynamic and some sections are automatically updated (production statistics, maps, etc.). Drawings of the species as well as the paragraph on biological features comes from FishFinder (<http://www.fao.org/fishery/fishfinder/en>).

For more information in CASIP, please contact Mr. Valerio Crespi, FAO Aquaculture Officer, at: valerio.crespi@fao.org

NEWS FROM TECH4AGRI: THE WEB SERIES

Support Tech4Agri: Youth for Agriculture Organization

[Tech4agri](#): the web series is a youth oriented media production that features climate issues, agri innovation, technology, successes as well as the people who forge sustainable livelihoods in this all important field. This series is made through the use of mobile and drone journalism.

Please view and share the group's first three episodes:

1st Episode

Launched! Tech4agri: the web series is live with its 1st episode! <http://bit.ly/1OAKtC9> #agriyouth

2nd Episode

Going forward with our 2nd episode - Real Business! @tech4agri the web series **Ep 2** <http://bit.ly/1OAKtC9> This episode focuses on our colleagues in agribusiness, D' Market Movers.

3rd Episode

Heat stress, food sources, housing, resilience...we're talking [#livestock](#) - Tech4agri The web series **Ep 3** is out! <http://bit.ly/1QIybY3>

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NEWS FROM CARDI

CARDI Vacancy: TECHNICIAN

The Caribbean Agricultural Research and Development Institute (CARDI) an autonomous Institute funded by Member Countries of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) invites applications for the position of Technician.

The deadline date for receipt of applications is **Monday 30th November, 2015.**

[Click here to read the vacancy announcement.](#)

Upcoming events being planned and executed by CARDI

- **Technical Meeting: 'Harmonization of protocols for movement of Plant Germplasm across the Region'** (Date: 7, December 2015, Trinidad)
[Read about the event here.](#)
- **Technical Forum: Green Intensive Farming Technologies** (Date: 8 - 10, December 2015, Saint Lucia). [Read about the event here.](#)

PHOTO OF THE WEEK

First litter of Black Belly Lambs born from Artificial Insemination in Barbados



The little lamb above is part of the first litter to be born from the artificial insemination exercise conducted in July, 2015 in Barbados.

The FAO continues to focus on artificial insemination (AI) in goats across the region and is lending support to the work of the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation in Agriculture (IICA) in AI in Black Belly Sheep in Barbados.

FAO has been playing an active role in improving the production and productivity of livestock development in the Caribbean through the provision of practical training workshops on small ruminant breeding technologies, with a focus on AI in goats.

[Learn more about FAO's work in improving livestock development in the region.](#)
