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CARIB AGRI NEWSLETTER



Strengthening knowledge sharing and policy dialogue on Caribbean Agriculture and Food Security

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We take this opportunity to wish you a wonderful Holiday Season and a healthy and prosperous New Year. See you in January, 2016!

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



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LATEST UPDATES FROM FAO CARIBBEAN SUB-REGIONAL OFFICE (FAO SLC)

FAO resumes discussions on Agriculture and Food Security in the Caribbean in January, 2016

The FAO Caribbean Sub-regional Office re-launched its policy discussions on Caribbean agriculture and food security in the 1st week of December.

In the first discussion, participants highlighted the importance of nutritional education, political commitment and good policy-making as integral to ensuring the sustainability of the School Feeding Programmes in the region.

The discussion sessions will take a break during the Christmas holiday season and resume in January, 2016. The questions for the next topic, which will focus on Governance and Food Security, as well as the schedule for next year, will be announced next year.

First litter of Blackbelly lambs born from artificial insemination in Barbados



Barbados makes major advancement as six of the island's Blackbelly sheep were artificially inseminated and give birth to eleven healthy lambs.

This event marks the first successful attempt at using artificial insemination in sheep production on the island. [Click here to read more.](#)

Caribbean CARICOM countries show progress in meeting global hunger targets, according to FAO report

According to a recent FAO study: [State of Food Insecurity in the CARICOM Caribbean](#), undernourishment in the Caribbean declined from 8.1 million in 1990-92 to 7.5 million in 2014-16. Three



Caribbean Community countries – Barbados, Guyana and St Vincent and the Grenadines – met both the World Food Summit (WFS) hunger reduction goal set in 1996 and the hunger reduction target of the Millennium

Development Goals (MDGs), agreed upon in 2000.

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Report of the first meeting of the OSPESCA/WECAFC/CRFM/CFMC Working Group on Caribbean Spiny Lobster



The Report is now available online.

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In case you are interested in receiving a hard copy, please send your mailing address to WECAFC-Secretariat@fao.org with the name of

the report in the subject line of the email.

The NPOA-IUU of St Kitts and Nevis has been made available now in the list of NPOAs that FAO is maintaining.

It can be found via the following links:

<http://www.fao.org/fishery/en>

<http://www.fao.org/fishery/nems/40797/en>

FAO IN THE NEWS IN 2015

Here are some of the stories published on the work of the FAO in the Caribbean sub-region in 2015.

[Blackbelly lambs produced through Artificial Insemination in Barbados](#), 23 December, 2015, The Nation News

[FAO: CARICOM countries show progress in meeting global hunger targets](#), 23 December, 2015, Caribbean 360

[FAO concerned about regional food insecurity](#), 17 December, 2015, The Jamaica Gleaner

[UN body wants continuity - FAO pushing for mature governance from CARICOM states](#), 14 December, 2015, The Jamaica Gleaner

[Region in efforts to prevent bird flu from wiping out poultry industry](#), 2 December, 2015, Caribbean 360

[Cassava Stakeholders meet](#), 13 November, 2015, The Vincentian

FAO committed to assisting Caribbean countries, 16 October, 2015 (World Food Week), The Barbados Advocate



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[FAO donates US\\$300,000 to agriculture sector](#), 16 October, 2015, Dominica News Online

[Small farmers to get help from FAO](#), 13 October, 2015, The Antigua Observer

[FAO working to reduce post-harvest food loss in CARICOM](#), The Barbados Advocate, published 10 September, 2015

[Guyana included in FAO small ruminants project](#), 6 March, 2015, Stabroek News

[Agricultural workshop targets youth farmers](#), 7 September, 2015, The Nation News

[UN Food and Agriculture Organisation pushes cassava as Caribbean food crop](#), 9 March, 2015 (Published after Barbadian Agricultural Expo - Agrofest), Antillean Media Group

NEWS FROM CRFM

Caribbean Regional Fisheries Mechanism (CRFM) and partners to unlock the full potential of Caribbean fisheries through value chain approach

BELIZE CITY, 12 December 2015 (CRFM)--Some fear that climate change and global economic pressures will create a toxic mix that would cripple the potential of the Caribbean fisheries and aquaculture sector, but a new initiative being implemented by the Caribbean Regional Fisheries Mechanism (CRFM) is looking for that "golden key" that would, instead, unlock the

industry's hidden potential for all concerned... [Click here to read more.](#)

Trade Policy Review: Haiti

The second review of the trade policies and practices of Haiti takes place on 2 and 4 December 2015. The basis for the review is a report by the WTO Secretariat and a report by the Government of Haiti. [Click here to access the reports.](#)

Food for thought from Organics International (IFOAM)

Without Policies Empowering Farmers to Grow Food AND Fight Climate Change, the Paris Agreement Will Not Succeed

Saturday saw 195 countries commit to keeping global warming well below 2°C and the pursuit of efforts to keep it under 1.5°C. To ensure this goal is achieved, the organic movement urges countries to include agroecological practices in their policies dealing with climate change. Agriculture has to transition from a climate change aggravator to a climate change solution. [Click here to read more.](#)
