

FOREWORD

This is the first edition of CARDI Review for well over 1 year. CARDI Review is an occasional publication with the objective of helping CARDI staff present some of their research which has not been published elsewhere. Articles are peer reviewed by anonymous referees who are also CARDI staff members. Because of the nature of the objective and the fact that much of the work of CARDI staff is published elsewhere, the CARDI Review will continue to appear at irregular intervals, sometimes more frequently than others.

There are three articles in this issue. The first article is agronomic research, but the other two show completely different sides of CARDI's work.

The agronomic research paper, by Reginald Andall of CARDI, Grenada with co-authorship from Shiva Baldeo highlights some of the work that CARDI, Grenada has been doing over the years in attempting to make the golden apple (*Spondias cytherea* Sonn) fruits easy to harvest without reducing the size of the fruits from what is demanded by the market.

The last sentence enforces that CARDI's research is market driven and as such actual market research is undertaken. The second paper in this edition of CARDI Review looks at the possibilities for marketing vegetables in convenience packs. This is a practice which is being adopted more and more in supermarket outlets in the Caribbean; the study here relates to Barbados.

Finally Pathleen Titus (CARDI, St. Vincent and the Grenadines) has written a paper with the results of an examination of the banana industry in St. Vincent and the Grenadines. The approach for the examination is one that has been developed by our partner CTA (Technical Centre for Agriculture and Rural Cooperation EU/ACP) and two other institutions.

These three papers are very different in scope and content and give some idea of the wide range of work in which CARDI is involved.

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