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Agriculture Research and Training Bodies join forces to host 'hot pepper training' for farmers

May 05, 2013:- The Caribbean Agricultural Research and Development Institute (CARDI) on **Monday 6th May, 2013**, will be joined by the Ministry of Food Production (MFP), the University of the West Indies (UWI), the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA), the Cocoa Research Centre (CRU) and the National Agricultural Marketing and Development Corporation (NAMDEVCO) to host a training intervention for Trinidad and Tobago farmers, titled '***New production and marketing technologies in hot pepper – dealing with the hot issues***'. The programme will be hosted at *the Ministry of Food Production's Extension Office in Chase Village, Chaguanas* from 8:45 am – 4:10 pm.

The Session will see participants exposed to technical training in the areas of:

- Planning and Production
 - Planning production and marketing
 - Seedling production and transplanting
 - Soil, water and nutrient management systems
 - Crop protection (insects and mites, diseases and weeds)
- Postharvest and marketing
 - Harvest and postharvest handling
 - Marketing requirements

The primary objectives of the session are to expose farmers to new and improved production and marketing technologies aimed at solving burning issues; and to sensitize farmers to emerging marketing opportunities for hot peppers.

Participants will have the benefit of the technical competence of the following experts in the field of agriculture research:

- Dr. Janet Lawrence, Entomologist and Unit Head, CARDI Trinidad and Tobago
- Mr. Herman Adams, Hot Pepper Breeder, CARDI
- Mr. Edric Harry, IICA
- Mr. Fayaz Shah, Manager, Five Star Farms
- Dr. Gaius Eudoxie, Soil Scientist, UWI
- Dr. Wendy Ann Isaacs, Weed Biologist, UWI
- Dr. Adesh Ramsubhag, Plant Pathologist, UWI
- Professor Pathmanathan Umaharan, Biotechnologist, CRU
- Dr. Majeed Mohammed, Postharvest Specialist, UWI
- Mr. Ganesh Gangapersad, Quality Assurance Manager, NAMDEVCO
- Ms. Sheryll Ramroop, Agricultural Officer I, MFP
- Mr. Ivan Dadd, Extension Officer, MFP

Dr. Lilory Mc Comie, Director, Regional Administration North of the Ministry of Food Production is slated to deliver the Feature Address at the Opening Session.

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