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The newly commissioned Protected Agriculture structure, at Prospect Agricultural Station in Nevis, will be used to train local farmers and secondary school students in PA production and technologies on the island. This structure was procured from Jamaica under the IICA/CARDI project "Protected Agriculture Construction and Capacity Building of Farmers And Youths In Nevis".

## News >>>

### Nevis receives new Protected Agriculture structure

The IICA/CARDI funded project "Protected Agriculture Construction and Capacity Building of Farmers And Youths In Nevis" reached its first milestone with the official commissioning of the Protected Agriculture (PA) Structure at the Prospect Agricultural Station in Nevis on 27th May 2015. The PA structure will be utilised for training local farmers and secondary school students in PA technology for the production of vegetables. The target crops are tomatoes and sweet peppers. Delivering remarks at the commissioning were: Mr. Eric Evelyn, Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Agriculture; Mr. Keithley Amory, Director of Agriculture; Mr. George Thompson, CARDI Country Representative and Mr. Augustine Merchant, IICA Representative. The feature address was delivered by the Minister of Agriculture, The Honourable Alex Jeffers. Among the invitees were the OAS Director for St. Kitts and Nevis, farmers, Ministry of Agriculture personnel and high school students. The second phase of the project will be to conduct a comparative study of production/productivity for tomatoes and sweet peppers under PA and open field systems, and to develop a programme for training. The adoption of PA technology in agricultural production and the involvement of youth in the sector which are being supported under this CARDI/IICA initiative are consistent with two of the goals emphasised by the Department of Agriculture, Nevis.

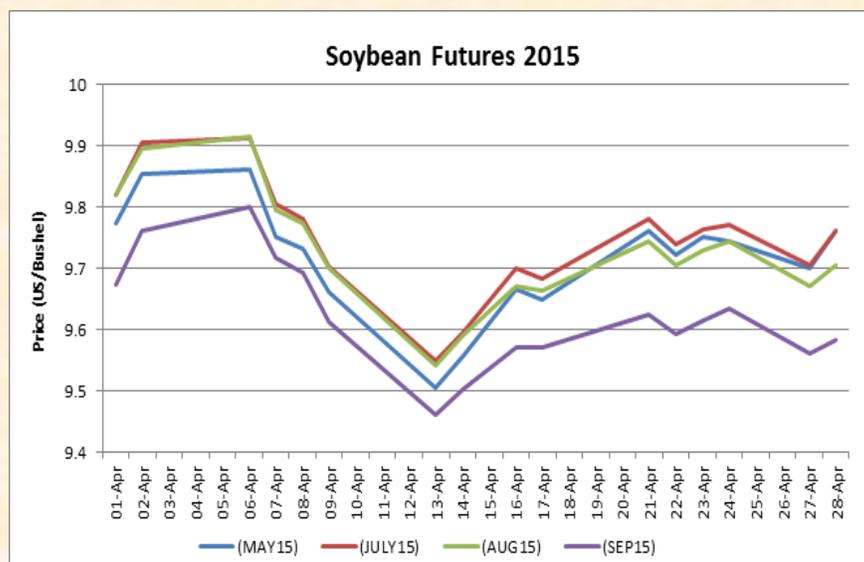
### CARDI's Executive Director pays courtesy calls to strategic partners in Guyana

CARDI's Executive Director, Barton Clarke took the opportunity on his recent visit to Guyana to attend the EU, IICA, CARIFORUM and APP implementing partners meeting, to pay courtesy calls to some of the Institute's key stakeholders and partners. On the 27<sup>th</sup> May, Clarke met the Secretary General of the CARICOM Secretariat, Irwin LaRoque and with University of Guyana's Professor Vice Chancellor/Principal Jacob Opadeyi and Dr. Elroy Charles, Dean, Faculty of Agriculture later in the afternoon. The next day courtesy calls were made to the Head of NAREI, Dr. Oudho Homenauth at the Institute's office in Mon Repos. CARDI is currently working with NAREI to implement a number of projects in Guyana including the CDB funded Integrated Disease Management Programme for Black Sigatoka and the FAO supported project on Cassava Development in the Caribbean. His final meeting on the 28<sup>th</sup> May was with the newly appointed Minister of Agriculture, The Honourable Noel Holder and the Permanent Secretary in the Ministry George Jervis. The Executive Director wound up his visit to Guyana by making courtesy calls to new Foreign Affairs Minister, the Honourable, Carl Greenidge and Dr. Dindial Permaul, Chief Executive Officer, Guyana Livestock Development Authority (GLDA). In April, CARDI signed an agreement with GLDA to boost the small ruminants sector in Guyana through funding obtained under APP. Clarke also met with Country Representatives for FAO, Reuben Robertson and IICA, Wilmott Garnett.

## CARDI to be part of a Consortium working to develop Early Warning Information Systems

CARDI will be part of a regional consortium that will work to develop Early Warning Information Systems across Climate Timescales (EWISACTs) for the priority sectors of agriculture and food security, disaster risk reduction, health, water, tourism and energy. The development of EWISACTs is one component of the USAID funded three year programme to Build Regional Capacity for Adaptation to Climate Variability and Change (BRCCC) in the Eastern Caribbean. A World Meteorological Office (WMO) designated Regional Climate Center (RCC) for the Caribbean will also be established under this programme. The RCC will be housed at Caribbean Institute for Meteorology and Hydrology (CIMH) in Barbados. EWISACTs will focus on the design, development and delivery of tailored climate products and services for the identified sectors through the utilisation of a participatory and consultative approach. It is envisaged that CARDI's role in the consortium will include but not limited to; providing and disseminating relevant EWISACT information to the farming community, supporting a mechanism for increasing the awareness and utilisation of suitable and usable EWISACT information to the farming community, training the farming community to better understand and interpret weather and climate information for the planning of adaptation solutions, advising on best planting/harvest dates for respective crops, conducting crop simulation modelling and other research efforts to assess crop sensitivity to climate extremes. The First Meeting of the Consortium of EWISACTs Coordination Partners for BRCCC Programme was held in Barbados from 4 to 8 May, 2015. CARDI was represented by Natural Resource Specialist Dr. Leslie Simpson. Under the BRCCC programme, USAID will provide over USD 5 million to the World Meteorological Office (WMO) who will in turn work in partnership with the CIMH to implement the regional activities.

## Soybean Futures 2015 >>>



After peaking in early April soybean futures sharply declined. It steadily began increasing from the second week. This trend continued into the third week before it dipped again.

Source: Extracted from Personal Communication with Caribbean Poultry Association

## Upcoming Events >>>

Operationalisation (Internalisation and Harmonisation) Workshop. Agriculture Policy Programme, Component 2.

22-24, Hyatt Regency, Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago.

2015 International Breadfruit Conference – Commercialising breadfruit for food and nutrition security

5-10 July 2015, St Augustine, Trinidad and Tobago

[www.sta.uwi.edu/conference/15/breadfruit](http://www.sta.uwi.edu/conference/15/breadfruit)

23rd Annual International Mango Festival

11-12 July 2015, Florida, United States of America

<http://www.fairchildgarden.org/Events-Community-Outreach/Mango-Festival>

51st Annual CFCS Meeting

19 -25 July 2015, Paramaribo, Suriname

<http://cfcs.eea.uprm.edu/article/join-us-51st-cfcs-annual-meeting-suriname>

World Congress on Root and Tuber Crops

5 -10 October, 2015, Nanning, Guangxi, China

<http://www.gcp21.org/wcrtc>

**WORLD CONGRESS ON ROOT AND TUBER CROPS**

**Adding Value to Root and Tuber Crops**

**GCP21-III**  
Third Scientific Conference of the Global Cassava Partnership for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century

**ISTRC**  
17<sup>th</sup> Symposium of the International Society for Tropical Root Crops

**Nanning, Guangxi, China Oct 5-10, 2015**

Guangxi Academy of Sciences - GXAS  
Guangxi Cassava Research Institute - GCRI  
Chinese Academy of Sciences - CAS  
Chinese Academy of Tropical Agriculture Sciences - CATAS

## CARDI Bi-Weekly

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