



Developing the Sweet Potato Industry for the CARICOM region



MANDATE

CARDI has a regional mandate to develop the Sweet Potato Industry in the English speaking Caribbean. This mandate falls under the CARICOM Regional Transformation Programme (RTP).

VISION

To elevate sweet potato from a subsistence status, to a sustainable, commercially viable commodity; which will allow for increased export volumes, thus increased revenues to the farmer and sustainable cost effective raw material for existing and developing value added products.

GOAL

To enhance the performance of the sweet potato industry in the CARICOM Countries.

CARDI's Sweet Potato Activities in Member Countries:

1. Conservation and Multiplication of Sweet potato Germplasm
(*Barbados, UWI Jamaica and UWI Trinidad and Tobago*),
2. Agronomy and characterisation
(*Dominica, Jamaica, Montserrat, St Kitts & Nevis, St. Vincent & the Grenadines*);
3. Post-harvest management
(*St. Lucia*);
4. Enterprise development
(*Jamaica, St. Kitts Nevis, St Lucia, St. Vincent & the Grenadines*);
5. Integrated Pest Management
(*Jamaica, St. Kitts Nevis, and St Vincent & Grenadines*) and *Integrated Crop Management (Montserrat, St. Vincent & the Grenadines)*;
6. Technology Transfer
(*all Member Countries*).

As the premier regional agricultural research and development (R & D) institute and centre of excellence, CARDI provides effective support to farmers, Ministries of Agriculture, and other key stakeholders in order to expand market opportunities with respect to the Sweet Potato industry for the CARICOM region.

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Sweet potato chips

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