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National Budget – Agriculture: Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
Government of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines 2024 BUDGET SPEECH “Accelerating Sustainable Development, Propelling Inclusive Growth and Advancing People-Centred Reforms to Build a More Resilient Saint Vincent and the Grenadines” Honourable Camillo Gonsalves, Minister of Finance
Ministry of Finance
January 8, 2024
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Budget 2024 – At a Glance (Guyana)
Staying the course: Building Prosperity for all
Ministry of Finance
January 15, 2024
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Budget 2024: $527.4M to expand agro-processing opportunities (Guyana)
Ministry of Agriculture
January 21, 2024
A total of $527.4 million has been proposed in this year’s national budget to increase opportunities for agro-processors, farmers, and women.

Senior Minister in the Office of the President with responsibility for Finance and Public Service, Dr. Ashni Singh said Guyana is promoting the growth of the agro-processing industry, including value-chain development and market expansion for its produce and products.

White Potato - St. Vincent and the Grenadines
SVG to Begin White Potato Cultivation in February, 2024.
Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, Fisheries, Rural Transformation, Industry & Labour
Jan 2024
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines is expected to begin the cultivation of white potatoes in February this year.

Project Coordinator Rohan McDonald told the API that the initiative on white potatoes is a spill off of the CARICOM Mandate 25/25, which seeks to reduce the food import bill in the region by 25% by the year 2025.

Yam: UMUDr36-SharpSharp, a White Guinea Yam (D. rotundata) variety
New Year begins with release of new high-yield yam variety in Nigeria
IITA
25 January 2024
IITA—CGIAR, in collaboration with the National Root Crops Research Institute (NRCRI), has released a new yam variety, UMUDr36 (IITA breeding ID: TDr1302100) for farmers in Nigeria, with the commercial name ‘SharpSharp’.
Goats
1000 Goats Imported to Boost Local Stock
Jamaica Information Services
January 22, 2024 By: SERENA GRANT, January
Over 1000 goats have been imported into the island since April of last year under the National Small Ruminant Development Programme.

Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Mining, Hon. Floyd Green, made the disclosure during the Hanover leg of the New FACE of Food engagement session at the Grand Palladium Resort in the parish on Thursday (January 18).

Livestock Feed Management
Livestock and Climate Initiative Advances Climate-Resilient Livestock Feed Strategies through an Occasional Feeds Conversation
CGIAR
January 25, 2024. From CGIAR Initiative on Livestock and Climate
In an event held 1 Nov 2023, scientists from the CGIAR Research Initiative on Livestock and Climate convened for an Occasional Feed Conversation, shedding light on the pivotal role of improved livestock feed management in adapting to climate change, particularly in arid regions. The discussion also emphasized the contribution of enhanced feeding practices to greenhouse gas (GHG) mitigation and reducing the environmental footprint of livestock.

Insurance
Agriculture Ministry to Partner with Private Sector to Get More Farmers Insured
Jamaica Information Services
January 16, 2024. By: Serena Grant
Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Mining, Hon. Floyd Green, says the Ministry will be partnering with the private sector to get more farmers insured.

“Part of what we are doing in partnering with the private sector is to ensure that in times of drought [or] flood, you don’t have to look to the Government to provide that response; you can put down something for the proverbial rainy day,” he said.

FAO – Trinidad and Tobago
Minister of Foreign and CARICOM Affairs hold discussion with Dr. Gillian Smith, Food and Agriculture (FAO) Representative for Trinidad and Tobago and Suriname
Ministry of Foreign and CARICOM Affairs (Trinidad and Tobago)
January 22, 2024
Senator the Honourable Dr. Amery Browne, Minister of Foreign and CARICOM Affairs met with Dr. Gillian Smith, Food and Agriculture (FAO) Representative ad interim for Trinidad and Tobago and Suriname, during a Courtesy Call on 18th January, 2024 at the Ministry’s headquarters.

Discussions focused on the work of the FAO, agriculture, the concerns of small farmers, national and regional food security, and the link between food systems, nutrition, and population health.
The meeting ended cordially, with both parties committing to further discussions, engagements and strengthening cooperation.

**Rice**

Agriculture Minister Conducts Assessment of Local Rice industry Revitalization Efforts  
Ministry of Agriculture, Land & Fisheries  
January 23, 2024  

Yesterday (Monday 22nd January, 2024), the Minister of Agriculture, Land and Fisheries Senator the Honourable Kazim Hosein toured several sites under the Trinidad and Tobago’s local rice industry revitalization project.

Minister Hosein asserted, “The achievements in this revitalization project are a testament to the power of collaboration and strategic planning. The unwavering commitment demonstrated by our regional partners, stakeholders, and the government sets a new standard for operational excellence. This initiative showcases our dedication to elevating local production and securing our nation’s food sovereignty.”

**Ginger**

Guyana records increase in ginger production in 2023  
Ministry of Agriculture - Guyana  
January 7, 2024. By Agency News  

Guyana has recorded a four per cent or 22,212 metric tonnes increase in ginger production in 2023.

This is according to Minister of Agriculture, Zulfikar Mustapha during a recent year-end press conference, at the ministry head office.

**Pineapple - Bahamas**

An insightful town hall meeting was held last night by the Ministry of Agriculture and Marine Resources  
The Bahamas Ministry of Agriculture and Marine Affairs  
January 12, 2024  
[The Bahamas Ministry of Agriculture and Marine Resources](https://www.facebook.com/MOAMRFIA/posts/pfbid0KwJ7fuQLjnuWrKHU9bp9w1YT2EVnTWWH9o76w8p25HyNe9KkffHktKPQhqYKm4wl)

An insightful town hall meeting was held last night by the Ministry of Agriculture and Marine Resources. Costa Rican experts shared invaluable tips to both experienced and perspective pineapple farmers to elevate our pineapple game, ensuring a fruitful future for the island’s iconic crop.

**National Agriculture Investment Symposium (AgriVest) 2024 - Grenada**

Agrivest Symposium 2024 | Our vision of Grenada Agriculture  
Streamed live on Jan 24, 2024  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Bai0qFni94M](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Bai0qFni94M)

Embracing a future where agriculture in Grenada is not just about cultivation, but a beacon of innovation and sustainability. Our journey is set to redefine farming, focusing on economic growth, food security, and nurturing our environment. With our rich cocoa, aromatic nutmeg, and diverse
crops, we’re cultivating resilience, technological advancement, and community empowerment. Join us in realizing a vision where our fields flourish and our nation prospers. Here’s to a greener, more innovative Grenada!

Agrivest Symposium 2024 | Our vision of Grenada Agriculture
Ministry of Agriculture & Lands, Forestry, Marine Resources & Cooperatives
January 24, 2024
https://www.facebook.com/MOAGrenada/videos/1072759840637407/

"Reimagining Agricultural Sustainability: Towards Enhanced Production, Food and Nutrition Security, and Economic Development"
Ministry of Agriculture & Lands, Forestry, Marine Resources & Cooperatives - Grenada
January 25, 2024
https://www.facebook.com/MOAGrenada/posts/pfbid037UYMLCmXvhpbiquSvfxEXREDo6k9N3mScWzfXiZFFMXQFHwBfwULfs5qBHvqAm3B!
This served as the central theme for the National Agriculture Investment Symposium held #yesterday at the Radisson Grenada Beach Resort.

The Ministry of Agriculture is thrilled to announce the upcoming National Agriculture Investment Symposium (AgriVest) 2024, scheduled for January 24th, 2024.
Ministry of Agriculture & Lands, Forestry, Marine Resources & Cooperatives, 16 January 2024
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ICTs
“Procur” mobile app
Ministry of Agriculture & Lands, Forestry, Marine Resources & Cooperatives
January 25, 2024
Technology has made many things easier today and the agricultural sector is no exception. An investment by youth, “Procur” is a mobile app (developed right here in Grenada), which as the name suggests creates a win-win situation for farmers and purchase managers; as they get access to a steady stream of customers ready to buy their products, enjoying a quicker turnover. Purchase managers also escape the hurdles of the traditional procurement process.