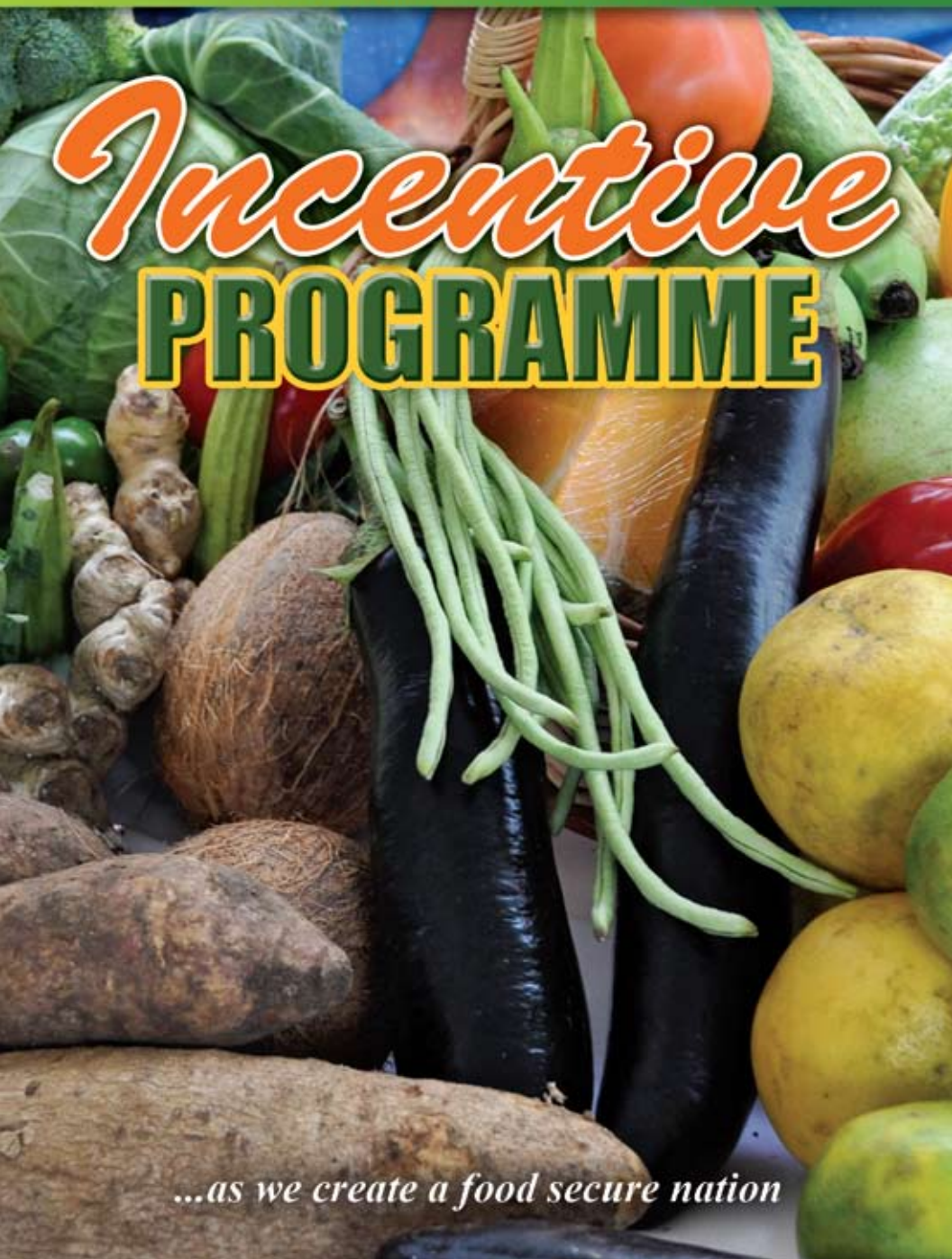
Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago
Ministry of Food Production, Land and Marine Affairs

Incentive PROGRAMME



...as we create a food secure nation



Senator the Honourable Vasant Bharath
Minister of Food Production, Land and Marine Affairs

Minister's Message

This Agricultural Incentive Programme is designed to provide support to the various agricultural sub-sectors based on the requirements identified and the recommendations of the stakeholders, with the intention of boosting the overall efficiency and productivity of the agricultural sector.

This programme is also designed to reflect the strategic direction of the Ministry that includes a renewed focus on increased food production, particularly at the primary level, and on the conservation of the environment. Through this programme, the Ministry is attempting to ensure that all available agricultural lands are kept under constant agricultural production by providing incentives which would encourage farmers to continue and even further expand their current production. It is also hoped that through this programme, young persons would be encouraged to enter the agricultural sector and perhaps even encourage those who have left, to return.

In keeping with the conservation of the environment, this programme encourages best farming and management practices and seeks to redress the negative impacts to our natural resources. Through this programme, wise land use and agricultural development decisions will be encouraged that will preserve and enhance our existing water resources.

The aim of this revised Incentive Programme is to better manage the support that the Ministry extends to you, the farmers and fisherfolk, and to maximize benefits to the farming community in achieving the Ministry's overall goals of reducing the food import bill and inflation, and generating sustainable, productive employment through diversification of the sector, while 'creating a food secure nation'.

We all need to do our part to ensure that this generation experiences the rewards of self-discovery and a higher quality of life.

This programme is an indication that your Government is truly committed to agriculture playing a much more dynamic role in the sustainable development of our country.

June, 2011













BASIC REQUIREMENT

- Applicant must be registered with Ministry
- Fishing Vessel must be registered with Ministry
- Proof of authorization to use land (copies of deed, notarized letter of authorization etc.)
- Proof of original receipts for goods and services

GENERAL PROCEDURES FOR APPLICATION

- Visit county office where registered/ Fisheries Head Office
- Present Farmers ID/Fisherman's Certificate and National ID bearing applicant's photo
- Verification of agricultural/fisheries activity by an Extension Officer

SUMMARY OF INCENTIVES OFFERED





VEHICLES	% COST	MAXIMUM
New wheel tractor	20%	$ 50,000.00
Used/refurbished wheel tractor	20%	$ 25,000.00
New 4wd pickup/light goods vehicle or panel van	20%	$ 40,000.00
Used 4wd pickup/light goods vehicle or panel van	20%	$ 30,000.00
New 2wd pickup/light goods vehicle or panel van	20%	$ 25,000.00
Used 2wd pickup/light goods vehicle or panel van	20%	$ 20,000.00
New truck (max 5 tonnes)	20%	$ 60,000.00
Used truck (max 5 tonnes)	20%	$ 40,000.00
Combined Harvester	20%	$ 200,000.00
All-Terrain Vehicle	25%	$ 10,000.00
Insulation of pickup/light goods vehicle	25%	$ 6,000.00
Insulation and refrigeration of light goods vehicle	25%	$ 20,000.00
Insulation and refrigeration of trucks	25%	$ 30,000.00

** % cost refers to the percentage of the total cost, up to a maximum of the dollar value indicated.*

SUMMARY OF INCENTIVES OFFERED (*continued*)





WATER FOR AGRICULTURE	% COST	MAXIMUM
Cost to build pond	75%	$ 24,000.00
Cost of establishing ponds, wells and dams	25%	$ 30,000.00
Water pump 1.5 h.p and over	50%	$ 20,000.00
Cost of irrigation equipment/watering systems	50%	$ 40,000.00

LAND PREPARATION	% COST	MAXIMUM / annum
Ploughing/Rotovating/Banking per ha.	25%	$ 500.00
Cost of clearing new lands per ha.	25%	$ 2,000.00

MACHINERY & EQUIPMENT	% COST	MAXIMUM
Trailers	50%	$ 4,000.00
All machinery and equipment	50%	$ 50,000.00

SOIL CONSERVATION (establishment)	% COST	MAXIMUM
Contour drains per 30m	100%	$ 150.00
Storm drains per 30m	100%	$ 175.00
Contour banking and Contour ridging per ha.	100%	$ 1,000.00
Contour barriers per 30m	100%	$ 75.00
Terrace outlets per 30m	100%	$ 120.00
Check dams	50%	$ 200.00

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SUMMARY OF INCENTIVES OFFERED (*continued*)





CROPS	% COST	MAXIMUM
Citrus establishment per ha.	100%	$ 6,000.00
Citrus rehabilitation per ha.	100%	$ 4,000.00
Cocoa/coffee establishment per ha.	100%	$ 6,000.00
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Cocoa fermentaries establishment	10%	$ 10,000.00
Coconut establishment per ha.	100%	$ 6,000.00
Coconut rehabilitation per ha.	100%	$ 4,000.00

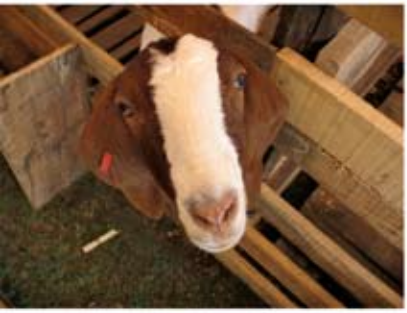
PROTECTED AGRICULTURE SYSTEMS	% COST	MAXIMUM
Fully-enclosed shade houses per sq. m.	50%	$ 250.00
Partially-enclosed shade houses per sq. m.	50%	$ 100.00

GUARANTEED PRICES	UNIT	MAXIMUM
Cocoa	kg	$ 19.00
Coffee	kg	$ 12.00
Rice:		
Grade I	kg	$ 2.99
Grade II	kg	$ 2.86
Grade III	kg	$ 2.09
Rice seed	kg	$ 2.99
Milk	kg	$ 1.50

INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT	% COST	MAXIMUM
Environmentally-friendly chemicals	50%	$ 3,000.00
Approved materials including bio-agents	50%	$ 3,000.00

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SUMMARY OF INCENTIVES OFFERED (*continued*)





POST HARVEST & MARKETING	% COST	MAXIMUM
Post harvest facilities establishment	40%	$ 10,000.00
Packaging Material	50%	$ 4,000.00
Post harvest equipment	50%	$ 30,000.00
New Chill facility	30%	$ 30,000.00
Upgrade HACCP facilities	40%	$ 40,000.00

LIVESTOCK	% COST	MAXIMUM
Cattle/Buffalo:		
• Pastures/Fodder banks establishment	50%	$ 6,000.00
• Housing, infrastructure and waste disposal	50%	$ 30,000.00
• Milking system and or bulk tank cooler	50%	$ 50,000.00
Goat and Sheep:		
• Pastures/fodder banks establishment	50%	$ 6,000.00
• Housing, infrastructure and waste disposal	50%	$ 30,000.00
• Imported semen and embryos per year	50%	$ 20,000.00
• Imported breeding stock per animal	100%	$ 2,500.00
Pigs:		
• Housing, infrastructure and waste disposal	50%	$ 30,000.00
• Imported stock per animal	100%	$ 2,500.00
Poultry:		
• Housing and infrastructure	30%	$ 75,000.00
Rabbits:		
• Rabbitries establishment and construction	50%	$ 15,000.00
• Slaughtering facilities establishment and operation	50%	$ 24,000.00

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SUMMARY OF INCENTIVES OFFERED (*continued*)





AGRO PROCESSING	% COST	MAXIMUM
Agro Processing facilities refurbishment	50%	$ 20,000.00
Agro Processing facilities establishment	50%	$ 50,000.00
Packaging material cost per year	50%	$ 15,000.00
HACCP upgrade	40%	$ 40,000.00

NEW FARMERS (Youth in Agriculture)	% COST	MAXIMUM
Start up costs	50%	$ 30,000.00

SECURITY (Praedial Larceny)	% COST	MAXIMUM
Security System	50%	$ 30,000.00
Fencing farmland and pastures	50%	$ 25,000.00

SOIL AMELIORATION	% COST	MAXIMUM
Agricultural Limestone per ha.	50%	$ 1,500.00

WASTE MANAGEMENT	% COST	MAXIMUM /ha.
Cost of establishment of bio-digesters	100%	$ 10,000.00

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SUMMARY OF INCENTIVES OFFERED (*continued*)





MARINE FISHERIES	% COST	MAXIMUM
Gasoline	-	12c/litre
Diesel	-	10c/litre
Engine oil	-	75c/litre
Replacement of Pirogues	25%	$ 5,000.00
Used multipurpose vessel	10%	$ 50,000.00
New multipurpose vessel	20%	$ 100,000.00
Upgrade commercial vessels (HACCP)	25%	$ 10,000.00
Approved packaging material (per year)	50%	$ 15,000.00
Approved post harvest equipment	50%	$ 30,000.00

AQUACULTURE	% COST	MAXIMUM
New Ponds	25%	$ 25,000.00
Alternative culture system construction	25%	$ 25,000.00
Ponds rehabilitation	100%	$ 7,000.00
Water pumps, hoses and accessories	50%	$ 20,000.00
Aeration equipment	50%	$ 10,000.00
PVC pipes, valves, fittings and accessories	25%	$ 10,000.00
Harvesting gear and equipment etc.	25%	$ 10,000.00
New wells, dams, reservoir pond etc. construction	25%	$ 25,000.00
Wells and dams etc. refurbishment	15%	$ 15,000.00

Special conditions may apply to access incentives. Contact Agricultural County Offices and the Fisheries Division for further details.

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REQUIREMENTS TO REGISTER AS A FARMER

- **Two (2) passport size photographs**
- **Current Land Tax receipt**
- **Valid National I.D. Card/Trinidad and Tobago Passport/ Naturalization/Driver's Permit**
- **Document of Tenure**
- **Evidence of farming (based on inspection)**

Agricultural County Offices:

Regional Office North - ***663-3531/4774***

St. Andrews/St. David - ***668-2449***

St. George West - ***662-5127/1886***

St. George East - ***667-8488***

County Caroni - ***672-0878/2865***

Regional Office South - ***657-5455/5189***

County St. Patrick West - ***648-2384/1426***

County St. Patrick East - ***647-8460***

County Victoria - ***655-3428/5637***

County Nariva/Mayaro - ***644-2326/2882***

REQUIREMENTS TO REGISTER AS A VESSEL OWNER / AQUACULTURIST

- **Citizen of Trinidad and Tobago**
- **17 years and over**
- **Valid National I.D. Card/Trinidad and Tobago Passport/ Naturalization/Driver's Permit**
- **Two (2) passport size pictures**
- **Proof of ownership with respect to vessel(s) and engine(s) or proof of interest in the land being farmed**

Fisheries/Aquaculture Offices:

Fisheries Division (Head Office) - ***623-8525/6028***

Fisheries Section (South) - ***657-5455/5189***

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