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RAN/RAS SERVICES



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Goal

The Divisions' goal of providing a coordinated approach to the delivery of support services to all clientele; is dedicated to encouraging and improving food production and food security in Trinidad and Tobago by helping farmers to safely, effectively and efficiently produce their crops and livestock.

Mission

To provide decentralized services of core Divisions of the Ministry of Agriculture, Land and Fisheries to facilitate increased production, the adoption of improved technology and to encourage the involvement of youth, through the provision of extension and support services.

Vision

To be a client-oriented, performance-driven, environmentally-responsible organization delivering integrated services aligned to a changing food and agriculture system.

APICULTURE/ BEE ABATEMENT

- To provide advice on good apiculture practices.
- To manage bee abatement in schools, residential, commercial and other affected areas.
- To educate new and aspiring beekeepers and students.
- To provide farmer registration to beekeepers.
- To provide subsidies for registered beekeepers under the Agricultural Incentive Program.
- To produce and supply nuclei or starter colonies for new beekeepers.
- To direct the regulatory functions to the Inspector of Apiaries.

PEST AND DISEASE

A major focus is on Locust, Giant African Snail, HLB/ Citrus Greening, Frosty Pod via-

- Monitoring of Pests and Diseases in all counties.
- Advisory on the management of Pests and Disease
- Recording of the location and incidence of the Pest and Disease.
- Continuous spraying for the eradication of locust.

LIVESTOCK SERVICES*

Services

- Provision of high quality breeding stock (sheep and goats) at a subsidized cost
- Provision of stud services for sheep and goats at a subsidized cost

Process for Animal Purchase

- A request is made at the various livestock stations via telephone or walk in visits
- **Applicant is contacted and a** field visit is conducted to verify animal acquisition suitability
- Successful applicants are short listed and contacted when animals are available

Criteria for Stud Service

- Ewe/ doe to be mated/ served must be exhibiting signs of estrus (heat)
- Ewe/ doe must be of mating age
- Ewe/ doe must be of good health and nutrition

Available Breeds for Sale and/ or Stud Service

- Sheep: Barbados Black Belly, West African, Katahdin
- Goats: Anglo-Nubian, Saanen and Alpine

NB. Training is also facilitated by RAN and RAS Livestock Officers

***These services are only available at the County offices of Regional Administration South.**

EXTENSION SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE REGIONS

- **Farmer Registration Programme**
- **Agricultural Incentive Programme**
- **Agricultural Training**
- **Advisory Visits**
- **Sale of Seeds**
- **Provision of High Quality Livestock**
- **Provision of Stud Service**
- **Disaster Assessment**
- **Bee Abatement**
- **Locust Control Programme**
- **Agricultural State Land Services**
- **Facilitate Veterinary Services**
- **Pest And Disease Management**
- **Engineering Services**
- **Regulatory Services**

RAN/ RAS EXTENSION TRAINING

Extension Training - Crop/Livestock Production, Apiculture, Youth programmes via-

- Needs assessment of farming community
- Development of work programme
- Extension training courses
- Individual advisory farm visits
- Method/ Result demonstrations
- Extension training and technology transfer
- Exhibition/ Career guidance.

General Requirements for Farmer's Registration Card;

- A citizen of Trinidad & Tobago
- 18 years and over
- Farming at least 0.05Ha. land (1 lot)
- Must provide original and copies of Land tenure documents
- Original and copy of National Identification Card (Front and Back) or Passport (Bio data page)
- Most recent land tax receipt
- 2 Passport sized pictures

- Desilting of water channels to alleviate flooding and improve drainage.
- Pond construction recommendation for Agricultural Incentive Programme.
- Support services to the Region for maintenance of vehicles and buildings.

4 - H

BEIGE (BUFF) CARD APPLICANT

Individual(s) on State Land without tenancy but recognised as the occupant(s) of said land for five (5) years and over by the State Land and Extension Section.

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

- Appendix C Form to be filled out by State Land and Extension Officers verifying that the occupant has been recorded and unchallenged on State Land/Caroni Lands for five (5) years and over.

Note well - State Land Occupancy does not include Land demarcated by the State such as Reserved Land (Forest Reserve, River Bank Reserve, Water Reserve, Protected Areas).

What is 4-H?

**International youth programme,
for persons aged 7-25 who wish
to learn skills in Agriculture
and home making.**

- What do the 4 H's stand for?
Head, Heart, Hands and Health.
- The 4H Emblem is a green 4 leaf clover with a white H affixed to each leaf.
- 4-H motto. "To make the best better"
- 4-H members learn by doing.
- 4-H clubs have a four-fold purpose embodying:
educational, economic, social and recreational objectives.



NATURAL DISASTER ASSISTANCE

- A monetary relief assistance programme designed to aid farmers towards a timely resumption of agricultural activity after a natural disaster.
- Natural disasters include flooding, wind damage, fires, land slides and acts of nature.
- Farmers must be registered on the affected plot.
- Farmers have up to ten (10) working days after the occurrence of the event to register their claim.
- Disasters have to be a national event and declared by the Minister.
- Compensation is calculated based on a model that gives values at different stages of crop/ livestock maturity.

STATE LAND SERVICES

STATE AGRICULTURAL LAND UNIT (RAN & RAS)

- Accept application for State Agricultural Lands when advertised, according to state land policy
- Administer the Regularisation Programme of the MALF.
- Accept applications for renewal of tenancies, transfers, consent.
- Verification of land status for occupants of State Agricultural Lands as a requirement for the Farmer Registration Programme.
- Provide land status information as requested by the Agricultural Development Bank
- Provide recommendations to the Forestry Division, MALF for applications for removal of trees on State Agricultural Lands.
- Conduct field investigations and make recommendations for construction of ponds on state agricultural lands.
- Provide general information relating to the processing of land matters at the relevant offices
- Updating of records of State Agricultural blocks for further processing and action by Land Management Division.

FARMERS REGISTRATION PROGRAMME (FRP)

GREEN CARD APPLICANT

STATE AGRICULTURAL LEASE REQUIREMENTS

- Copy of State Agricultural Lease Agreement or Letter of Offer/ Acceptance
- Copy of Lease Rent Receipt/Land Tax

PERMISSION TO USE PRIVATELY OWNED LAND REQUIREMENTS

- Copy of Land Owner's National Electoral ID Card or a copy of Land Owner's Passport (Bio data page)
- Copy of Deed
- Copy of recent Land Tax Receipt (2009) Or Certificate of Assessment/Payment.
- Sworn Affidavit from Justice of the Peace or Commissioner of Affidavit

AFFIDAVIT MUST CONTAIN THE FOLLOWING-:

- Name of the Land Owner, Home Address and National ID Card Number
- Name of the Applicant to whom permission is being given
- Farm Address and the Parcel size for which permission is given for Agricultural activity.
- Length of Time permission is given to use the land (it must not be less than three (3) years)

PRIVATE OWNED LAND REQUIREMENTS

- Copy of Deed
- Copy of recent Land Tax Receipt (2009) Or Certificate of Assessment/Payment.

GREEN CARD APPLICANT CONTINUED

AGRICULTURAL BUSINESS (COMPANY) ENTERPRISE REQUIREMENTS

- A Business Enterprise involved in Agriculture (Not an individual, must be in the Business Name)
- The Business Enterprise must be Registered in Trinidad and Tobago
- Copy of Certificate of Incorporation
- Memorandum listing of the Board of Directors
- Copy of Deed or Copy of Authorization Letter granting permission for five (5) years or more
- Authorization for two individuals to conduct business on behalf of Company
- Copy of recent Land Tax Receipt (2009) Or Certificate of Assessment
- Copy of VAT Registration Certificate (Only if Business is Registered)

TRACTOR SERVICE PROVIDER

- Letters from five (5) farmers attesting to tractor services (brush cutting, ploughing, rotovating), being provided by the tractor owner.
- Proof of ownership of the tractor (certified copy)

VENDOR'S BADGE APPLICANT

Additional Requirement

- Receipt of \$10 application fee paid in relevant District Revenue/County Office.
- Original and copy of National Identification Card (Front and Back) or Passport (Bio data page)
- 2 Passport sized pictures

GENERAL LIST OF MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT FOR INCENTIVE

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| • Brushcutter | • Winches |
| • Drainer | • Seed / Nursery Planters |
| • Rotovator | • Plant Identification Tag |
| • Plough | • Attachment for Wheel Motorized Brush Cutter |
| • Banker | • Seedling Crates |
| • Boom Sprayer | • Shredders (Composting) |
| • Knapsack Sprayer | • Sharp Sand & Bricks (for Hydroponics & Grow Boxes) |
| • Mist Blower | • Chain / Power Saw (12 inches – 24 inches Band Width) |
| • Fork | • Tree Pruners (Telescope and Motorized) |
| • Post Hole Digger | • Motorized Wheel Barrow |
| • Rake | • Harvesters |
| • Hoe | • Planters |
| • Cutlass | • pH Meters |
| • Grass Cutter | • Budding Knives |
| • Fruit Picker | • Grading & Sorting Equipment |
| • Power Driven Land Grass Cutter | • Stump Grinder |
| • Trailer (Licensed) | • Generators |
| • Biodigester | • Front End Loaders |
| • Solar Drying Units | • Water for Agricultural Water Pumps (1.5 Hp) |
| • Grader | • All Other Equipment, for Agricultural Purposes, as approved by MALF |
| • Platform Scale | |
| • Bow Saw | |
| • Ride on Mower | |
| • Fertilizer Applicator | |
| • Rice Threshers | |
| • Merry Tiller / Hand Held Tiller / Power Driven Tiller | |
| • Harrow | |

For further details on all categories please contact your County Office

AGRICULTURAL INCENTIVE PROGRAMME (AIP) CONTINUED

INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT	%Cost	Maximum
Environmentally friendly chemicals	50%	\$3,000.00
Materials and bio-agents	50%	\$3,000.00

POST HARVEST OPERATIONS AND MARKETING	%Cost	Maximum
Establishment of Post harvest facilities	40%	\$10,000.00
Cost of packaging material	50%	\$4,000.00
Post Harvest equipment	50%	\$30,000.00
New Chill facility	30%	\$30,000.00
Upgrading facilities	40%	\$40,000.00

NEW FARMERS/ YOUTH	% Cost	Maximum
Start up costs of Crop and Livestock Programme	50%	\$30,000.00

SECURITY	% Cost	Maximum
Security system	50%	\$30,000.00
Fencing pasture	50%	\$25,000.00

AGROPROCESSING	% Cost	Maximum
Establishment of facilities	50%	\$50,000.00
Refurbishing of facilities	50%	\$20,000.00
Packaging material	50%	\$15,000.00

SOIL AMELIORATION	% Cost	Maximum
Purchase and application of limestone/ha	50%	\$1,500.00

COMMODITY	Guaranteed Price
Milk	\$1.50

AGRICULTURAL INCENTIVE PROGRAMME (AIP)

General Requirements for Agricultural Incentive Programme (AIP)

1. Original and copies of:

- Farmer's Registration Card
- National Identification/Passport
- Land tenure documents & most recent tax receipt

2. Receipts for goods and services

3. Relevant production levels

Farmers can qualify for the following incentives based on size and type of agricultural activity.

MACHINERY & EQUIPMENT	% Cost	Maximum
Machinery & Equipment	50%	\$50,000.00
Trailers	50%	\$4000.00

LAND PREPARATION/ LAND CLEARING	% Cost	Maximum
Land clearing/ha	25%	\$2,000.00
Land preparation/ha	25%	\$500.00

WATER FOR AGRICULTURE	% Cost	Maximum
Ponds	75%	\$24,000.00
Wells, dams	25%	\$30,000.00
Irrigation equipment	50%	\$40,000.00
Water pump 1.5h.p. and over	50%	\$20,000.00

WASTE MANAGEMENT(livestock)	%Cost	Maximum
Establishment of bio-digesters	50%	\$10,000.00

PROTECTED SYSTEMS	% Cost	Maximum
Establishment of fully-enclosed shade houses/m ²	50%	\$250.00
Establishment of partially-enclosed shade houses/m ²	50%	\$100.00

AGRICULTURAL INCENTIVE PROGRAMME (AIP) CONTINUED

SOIL CONSERVATION	% Cost	Maximum
Contour Drains/30m	100%	\$150.00
Storm Drains/30m	100%	\$175.00
Contour banking, Ridging/ha	100%	\$1,000.00
Contour Barriers/30m	100%	\$75.00
Terrace Outlets/30m	100%	\$120.00
Check Dams	50%	\$200.00

LIVESTOCK (cattle/buffalo)	% Cost	Maximum
Pasture Establishment/ha	50%	\$6,000.00
Housing/ infrastructure and waste disposal	50%	\$30,000.00
Milking systems/ bulk tank cooler	50%	\$50,000.00

LIVESTOCK (small ruminants)	% Cost	Maximum
Pasture Establishment/ha	50%	\$6,000.00
Housing	50%	\$30,000.00
Imported semen and embryos/yr	50%	\$20,000.00
Breeding stock/animal		\$2,500.00

LIVESTOCK (pigs)	% Cost	Maximum
Housing/ infrastructure and waste disposal	50%	\$30,000.00
Breeding stock/animal		\$2,500.00

LIVESTOCK (poultry)	% Cost	Maximum
Housing/ infrastructure	30%	\$75,000.00

LIVESTOCK (rabbits)	% Cost	Maximum
Construction of rabbitry	50%	\$15,000.00
Establishment and operation of slaughtering facilities	50%	\$24,000.00

AGRICULTURAL INCENTIVE PROGRAMME (AIP) CONTINUED

VEHICLES	%Cost	Maximum
New Tractors	20%	\$50,000.00
Used Tractors	20%	\$25,000.00
New 4wd pickup/Light Goods under 2950kg MGW	20%	\$40,000.00
Used 4wd pickup/Light Goods under 2950kg MGW	20%	\$30,000.00
New 4wd pickup/Light Goods under 2950kg MGW	20%	\$25,000.00
Used 2wd pickup/Light Goods under 2950kg MGW	20%	\$20,000.00
New Trucks 2950-5000kg MGW	20%	\$60,000.00
Used Trucks 2950-5000kg MGW	20%	\$40,000.00
New Combined Harvesters	20%	\$200,000.00
All-Terrain Vehicles	25%	\$10,000.00
Insulation of pickup/light goods	25%	\$6,000.00
Insulation and Refrigeration of light goods(under 2950 kg MGW)	25%	\$20,000.00
Insulation and Refrigeration of trucks (2950 kg-5000kg MGW)	25%	\$30,000.00

TREE CROPS	% Cost	Maximum
Citrus establishment/ha		\$6,000.00
Citrus rehabilitation/ha		\$4,000.00
Cocoa/coffee establishment/ha		\$6,000.00
Cocoa/coffee rehabilitation/ha		\$4,000.00
Fermentary	10%	\$10,000.00
Coconut establishment/ha		\$6,000.00
Coconut rehabilitation/ha		\$6,000.00