

ABSTRACT

This paper is based on the study of “An Assessment of the Competitiveness of the Pork Industry in Trinidad and Tobago in 2008 – An Era of Rising Food Prices”. The problem statement introduced the probability that sustained increases in pork prices would have the potential to expose the country’s pork producers to competition through imports from other low cost global producers, which can lead to the detriment of the local pork industry. The paper uses a methodology based on the Nominal Protection Coefficient (NPC) as well as Correlation Analysis. Findings suggest that the local pork industry is not competitive relative to the international pork industry and the international pork prices are cheaper than the domestic pork prices.