

## **ABSTRACT**

The topic of gender issues in agriculture is one of the most serious and controversial issues in the world today. There have been a lot of discussions lately bringing this topic to the forefront as people are becoming more gender sensitive and aware. As these issues become more prominent in society it is imperative that citizens understand fully what are gender issues in agriculture and how it affects or is going to affect your life. Generally speaking the population of Trinidad and Tobago has misinformed perceptions and an alarmingly low level on the topic of gender issues and its impact on their lives. The negative perception most people has on agriculture and farmers contributes to this situation. Such ignorance would not auger well for the society as citizens may frown on certain jobs in the agricultural sector not knowing the importance of that job to the economy of the country and to them. Though there have been a number of agriculture literacy and promotional programs to improve the image and perception of agriculture, there are other factors that have caused it to have an unappealing image.

This study investigated the perception of final year agricultural students on campus concerning gender issues in agriculture. The perceptions of the final year students were generally not favourable; they clearly saw that there were gender differences and issues in agriculture. The vast majority found that women were at a great disadvantage concerning the access to resources in the agricultural sector, they were often marginalized. They even linked it to traditional agriculture where men held the ownership rights to land and other valuable resources.