

ABSTRACT

The elementary issue discussed in this study was that of the importance of education and training of the future agriculturists of Trinidad and Tobago. In an effort to sustain the agricultural sector, the government of Trinidad and Tobago has made an attempt to sensitize the youth population (18-25 years) about the opportunities that exist in this sector of the economy as well as encourage them to be involved by making them aware of the facilities that are available and those that can be provided, to ensure that they can be successful agricultural entrepreneurs in society. The Youth Apprenticeship Programme in Agriculture is greatly responsible for such consciousness.

Established in May 2001, the key objective of YAPA was to establish agronomic practices to young individuals thereby stimulating agricultural activity in Trinidad and Tobago. As such these efforts can prove to alter the downward spiraling of the sector by attempting to increase the supply of entrepreneurs within the industry, while encouraging Good Agricultural Practices for the sustainability of agriculture in Trinidad and Tobago.