

Abstract

The St Augustine, Trinidad campus of the University commenced the BSc Agribusiness Management degree in the academic year 1991\1992. Since then many alterations to the programme as well as an increase in enrollment over the years is present. However, considering the state agriculture is in Trinidad today and the number of students graduating each year with a BSc Agribusiness related degree, it is important to study the perceptions of final year agribusiness students of UWI St Augustine Campus.

The study used Convenience sampling to select thirty final year 2009\2010 agribusiness students from UWI St Augustine. The study's objectives sought to understand how students viewed their training. The students also provided an impression of the marketability of the degree through the use of a questionnaire. The results showed the students were mostly Trinidad and Tobago students coming from parts of south rural and east urban. They are between the ages of 20 – 25, with some sort of educational background in agri science but not from a family background in agriculture also they have different concepts of what agri business means to them and they were most interested in doing Management Studies .In addition these students were placed in this Degree and looking to get into Teaching\Extension with their skills and are relying on friends for guidance to their career paths. The Majority of students think their degree is marketable and are satisfied with the training to the extent that Majors and Minors, Lecturers, Academic Advising, Internships et al were great however Access to Cross faculty, Final year project, Practicals and Class Room Set up had its challenges.

The study concluded that students had positive perceptions towards the marketability of the degree and the training. The flaws were put forward such as the development of the questionnaire and the sample size. In addition Recommendations to the Department such as the requirements to be accepted to read this degree and problems that should be addressed such as practicals, class room set and final year were given.