ABSTRACT

Agriculture has developed a reputation of recently for being a significant polluter to the natural environment. Analyzing environmental sustainability and agriculture in Trinidad, awareness of the issues among farmers arises as a concern. Awareness is seen as an indicator in the agri-environmental field and can be used to make decisive conclusions about overall sustainability.

The Organization for Economic Development (OECD) has developed numerous indicators being applied worldwide.

The general view is that a lack of awareness and applicability among farmers that produce crops and this will be observed in the Northern Wholesale Market. A survey was conducted using 30 crop producing farmers in the Northern Wholesale Market to determine whether measures of sustainability exist. The results show that the farmers were aware of the issues and actually apply some sustainable techniques on their farms. A lack of support was observed as the farmers highlighted a need for more initiative from agricultural organizations in Trinidad in providing information and supporting sustainable farming. The conclusion drawn is that environmental sustainability exist in the Northern Wholesale Market but with room for development by improving information flow and support.