

REPORT ON TWO AREAS OF PEASANT HOLDINGS

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A survey was carried out in selected areas representing two different types of peasant farming in Trinidad. This survey took place between the months of October 1947 and May 1948.

The object of the survey was to investigate the conditions under which peasants practise agriculture, with a view to being able to suggest improved and more efficient methods of using the land.

The areas selected comprised a section of hill land in the Northern Range, and also a section of flat land used for the growing of rice and sugar cane.

The hill land was situated in the Maracas Valley, about three miles from St. Joseph, and around the top of La Baja Road. It comprised about 180 acres in all. The rice land was situated South of the Imperial College property, with the Churchill-Roosevelt Highway acting as part of the Northern Boundary. This area was about 600 acres in all.