

Abstract

The purpose of this study is to analyze the present state of the cocoa industry in Trinidad and Tobago. An attempt is made to decipher what are the causes for the present state and to determine the various bodies that are involved in the industry. The strength of the cocoa industry in the past is also addressed with hopes that the present state of the industry can be modified in order to bring the industry up to standard. The principle target of the study was cocoa farmers throughout Trinidad. Interviews were also done with major players in the industry such as the Cocoa and Coffee Industry Board (CCIB), the Agricultural Development Bank and the Cocoa Research Unit. The industry as determined by the research is plague by a lack of interest as believed by the farming community, a lack of relevant training, a lack of man power and some seem to believe that it lacks direction. The later however is seriously questioned as the CCI B has put many plans in place to fix the situation. It is hoped that the industry can indeed be revived so that we can benefit from all that the industry has to offer.