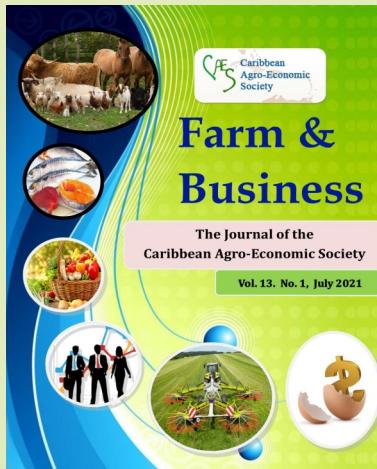


NEW ISSUE OF *FARM AND BUSINESS* SOON!



Announcing Volume 13 No. 1 of *Farm and Business*, the Journal of the Caribbean Agro-Economic Society, whose secretariat is in the Department of Agricultural Economics and Extension, Faculty of Food and Agriculture, UWI. This issue begins a series of *Articles of Enduring Quality* from the archives of the Proceedings of the West Indies Agricultural Economics Conferences, over the years from 1965. These selected articles are benchmarks in presenting important areas of the agricultural economy of the Caribbean, in the period when they were written. Thus, they represent excellent source material for students and scholars. Publication of these articles in the journal will also make them more readily available and highlight Caribbean scholarship in the discipline of Agricultural Economics.

The *Article of Enduring Quality* in this issue is entitled: “*Financing Agricultural Development - The Caribbean Development Bank*” and was presented at the 7th West Indies Agricultural Economics Conference, April 9-15, 1972 held in Grand Anse, Grenada. It was written and presented by Sir Arthur Lewis. Sir Arthur Lewis was awarded the Nobel Prize in Economics in 1979. He was the James Madison Professor of Political Economy at Princeton University and as he stated, from this academic position: “I went off to Barbados for four years (1970 to 1974) setting up the Caribbean Development Bank”¹. The article thus gives a unique perspective from Sir Arthur Lewis on how the Caribbean Development Bank could have functioned to stimulate agricultural development in the Region and also his thoughts on the state of agriculture in the Region, in the early 1970’s.

This publication of Volume 13 No. 1 of *Farm and Business* also features the second set of reviewed and accepted papers, presented at the 33rd West Indies Agricultural Economics Conference held in Mt Irvine, Tobago in August 2019. Two papers feature the rice industry in Guyana, which is one of the most important agricultural industries in the Caribbean. The first is titled “*Improving Profitability and Livelihood of Rice Farmers by Adopting an Integrated Disease Management (IDM) Approach for Blast and Sheath Blight Disease in Guyana*” by Rajendra Persaud, Mahendra Persaud, Nizam Hassan, Oudho Homenauth and Duraisamy Saravanakumar. The second paper is titled “*An Investigation of the Drying Methods and their Effects on Milling Quality of Rice in Guyana*” by Narita Singh, Dharamdeo Singh and Roland C.G. Daynauth.

The fourth paper in this issue is titled “*Determinants of the consumption of pre-cooked Caribbean RTE (ready-to-eat) Food in Northeastern United States*” by Sanjib Bhuyan and Edmund M. Tavernier. This paper examines the demand for pre-cooked, ready-to-eat foods among primary shoppers in households in New Jersey in the United States.

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¹Sir Arthur Lewis – Biographical. NobelPrize.org. Nobel Prize Outreach AB 2021. Thu. 1 Jul 2021. <<https://www.nobelprize.org/prizes/economic-sciences/1979/lewis/biographical/>>

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