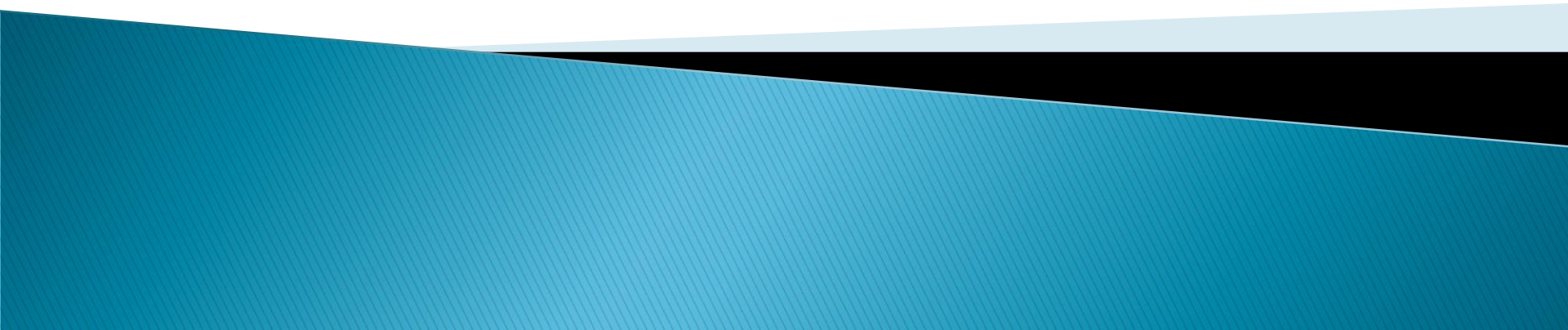


THE STATUS OF AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS IN ST. VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES

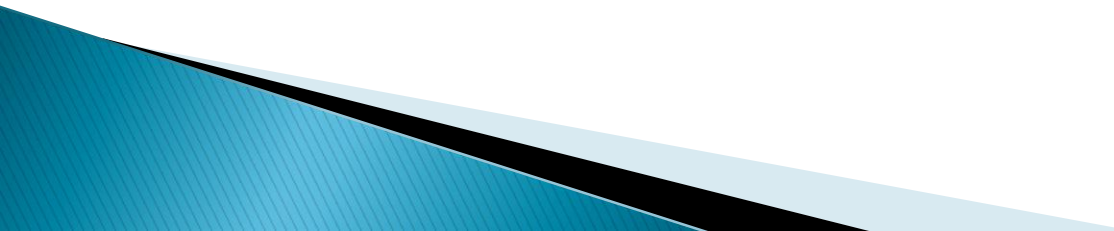
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AGRICULTURAL AND LIVESTOCK STATISTICS

Port of Spain, Trinidad & Tobago

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Background

- ▶ St. Vincent and the Grenadines is a multi island state consisting of the main island – St. Vincent and 32 smaller islands – the Grenadines
 - ▶ 150 square miles
 - ▶ The island has a population of approximately 108 000 persons (Prelim count, 2012 P & H Census)
 - ▶ Government is a parliamentary democracy
 - ▶ Gained independence on October 27th 1979
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Agricultural Statistics

- ▶ Collected, compiled, analysed and disseminated by the Agricultural Planning Unit in the Ministry of Agriculture, Rural Transformation, Forestry, Fisheries and Industry.
- ▶ The statistics covered include:
 - cost of production
 - wholesale and retail prices of agricultural products
 - monthly fish landings and export
 - export and import of agricultural commodities

- annual estimates of domestic production of livestock
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 - forecast of domestic agricultural production
 - climatic daa
 - registration of farmers
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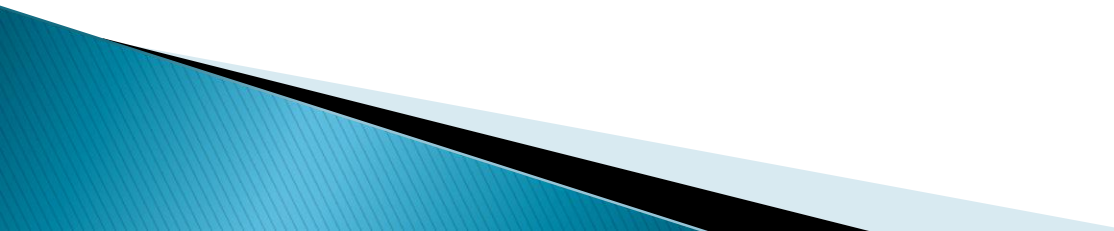
Crop Production Data

- Done by data collectors in conjunction with Extension Officers
- Data collected from farmers in all agricultural districts
- Done through site visits to holdings during planting to obtain acreage planted, then revisit after harvesting to obtain actual yield
- This data is used to forecast production.

Livestock Production Data

- Done by data collectors in conjunction with Extension Officers
- Data collected from farmers in all agricultural districts
- Done through multiple visits to farmers' holdings
- Data on the number of animals slaughtered are collected on a weekly basis from the Public Health Inspector, the Minister of

Prices

- Wholesale and Retail prices are collected for a number of selected products from selected supermarkets, the Kingstown meat market, vendors and traffickers.
 - The prices are compiled and published weekly
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Fish

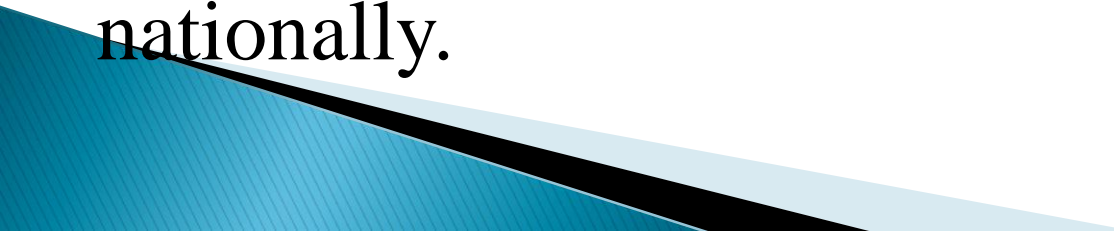
Data on fish landings and export is collected from the Fisheries Division of the Ministry of Agriculture etc.

Climatic Data

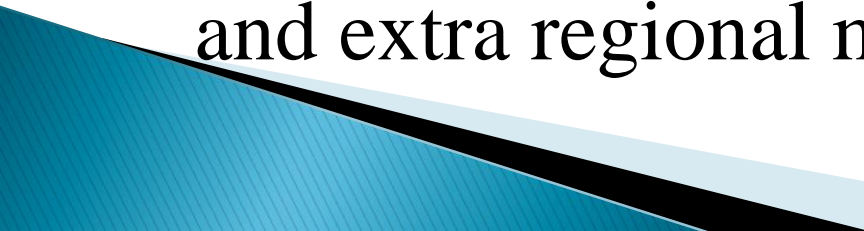
Monthly and annual rainfall data is collected from agricultural districts

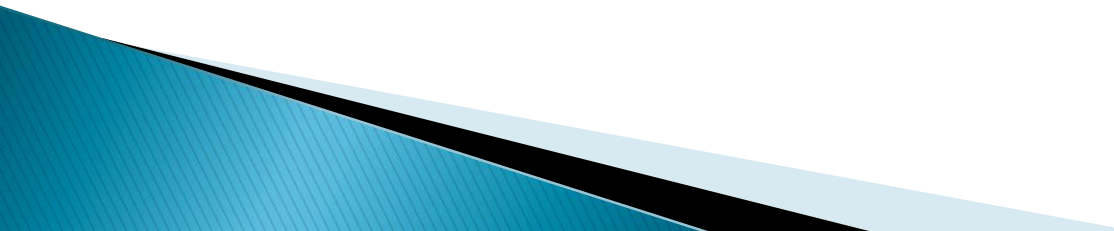
Temperature data is collected from the Meteorological Office at the E.T Joshua Airport

The data collected is used to facilitate planning and policy making at the individual farm and nationally.



USES OF CLIMATE DATA

- To determine whether production targets are met
 - To facilitate development of the sector by providing information to key policy makers
 - The study of farm management
 - To facilitate the coordination of agricultural production with market requirements
 - To enable the government to meet it's regional and extra regional market requirements
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- To facilitate the preparation of financial aid and technical assistance projects in agriculture
 - To improve the monitoring of on-going projects, thus improving their efficiency and chances of success
 - To determine the performance in the agricultural sector
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Deficiency

Lack of information on household food consumption, despite the growing importance of the tourism industry

THE END
THANK YOU

