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It is estimated that pig production in Jamaica accounts for less than 1.0 % to the country's Gross Domestic Product. The industry provides direct employment of some 6,200 persons representing 3.1% of the total agricultural labour force.

Executive summary

1. Establishing an Industry Development Policy, and Plan;
2. Formation of national and regional Pig/Pork Associations to encourage stakeholder driven policy and development programmes;
3. Establishing breeding/multiplication and research operations;
4. Collection and analysis of production/consumer market data;
5. Modular training of producers and processors;
6. Accessing low cost finance and technical assistance;
7. Implementing environmental and food safety systems ?from farm to market;
8. Programmed institutional collaboration in market promotion/trade.
9. Enhancement of industry survival and competitiveness through strategic and commercial alliances between pig producers and processors in Jamaica and lobby with others in the CARICOM region



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