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Water Management Open Day at MALF

7th February, 2020: The Extension Information Services (Division) of the Ministry of Agriculture, Land and Fisheries (MALF) facilitated an Open Day Workshop to members of the public on Water Management for the Dry Season at the MALF Head Office, Chaguanas.

The unpredictability of rain fall, resulting in the conservation of water usage, gives us no choice but to put the necessary systems in place to mitigate the adverse effect on food production. For persons in the farming community especially, it is equally important to implement water conservation strategies to maintain production levels.

Today's event was aimed primarily at assisting farmers in their preparation for the upcoming dry season, as participants were exposed to a variety of irrigation and water management systems. Persons without any farming experience would have also benefited from today's exercise, as the information received would have been very conversant to everyone.

In addition to the various booth displays, there were presentations by Meteorological Services of Trinidad and Tobago, FT. Farfan and Company on Irrigation Systems, other presentation were also done on Water for Agriculture Incentives and Water Quality in Agriculture.

The ETIS Division partnered with several key stakeholders for the event, they included, Hi Quality Seedlings Ltd., Trinitrac, Porter's Agricultural Agencies Ltd, Carlsen Chemicals, Southern Chemicals, Agricultural Supplies Ltd., Caribbean Chemicals and the MALF – Engineering Division and Regional Administration North (RAN).

This is the second such event hosted by ETIS, the first was at the Farmers Training Center (FTC) in Centeno in 2019. Also in attendance at today's Open Day was Permanent Secretary (Ag.) at MALF, Ms, Susan Shurland who delivered the Welcome Remarks and Deputy Permanent Secretary, Ms. Coomarie Goolabsingh.

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