

Annual Planting Program Participation Agreement (2025-2026)

Targeted produce: Sweet Pepper, Cabbage, Honeydew, Cantaloupe, Onion and Carrot.

Program Background

In September 2023, the St. Kitts Consortium of Farmers and Food Producers launched its first Planting Program to refute a propounded notion that farmers simply could not consistently produce. Twenty-two farmers on a coordinated schedule, while also documenting challenges came together to produce.

That pilot program proved successful: together, during the six months duration farmers produced over 26,000 lbs. of sweet peppers, 4,000 lbs. of cabbage, 2,900 lbs. of honeydew, and 6,800 lbs. of cantaloupe which generated an income of over \$100,000. These results not only demonstrated our ability to produce but also highlighted the strength of collective action and provided a foundation for building stronger, more reliable planting cycles.

Ultimately the program concludes farmers can not only produce but produce consistently given adequate and essential support systems for production and market opportunity.

The 2025-2026 program builds on this experience with the aim of further improving coordination, strengthening farmer incomes, and ensuring the benefits are shared among all participants.

1. Program Coordination

The goal is to keep the program simple, organized, and predictable for both farmers and buyers.

- All sowing will occur on the **second Saturday/weekend of each month** (September 2025 – April 2026).
- Farmers are encouraged to communicate any expected difficulty in meeting their commitments **at least 4 weeks in advance** so projections can be updated or other arrangements made.
- Any extenuating circumstances such as larceny, fire, pest, feral animal should be reported immediately.

2. Program Targets (Overall)

For reference, the Consortium's collective monthly production targets are:

Crop	Target (Monthly)	Notes
Sweet Pepper	200 trays	Sept–Apr
Cabbage	80 trays	Sept–Apr
Honeydew	50 trays	Sept–Apr
Cantaloupe	50 trays	Sept–Apr
Onion	2 acres	Direct sow, mainly Sept–Dec
Carrot	2 acres	Direct sow, mainly Sept–Dec

These figures are program goals, not individual requirements. Each farmer commits only to what they sign up to plant.

3. Farmer Commitments

- Each farmer is responsible for signing up for their chosen crops and tray/acre amounts via the program sign-up form.
- Farmers will be responsible for their own input costs (seed/seedling).
- The Consortium will coordinate to ensure recommended varieties are available.
- Varieties are flexible but must be documented for data collection and reporting.

4. Pricing

Farmers will receive the following indicative prices per pound (lb):

Crop	Price per lb (XCD)
Sweet Pepper	\$3.00
Cabbage	\$2.00
Honeydew	\$2.50
Cantaloupe	\$2.00
Onion	\$2.00
Carrot	\$3.00

Prices may be reviewed collectively if market conditions require.

5. Marketing & Distribution

Central marketing ensures all produce is properly recorded, coordinated, and available to buyers when ready.

- The Consortium may use:
 - The **Marketing Unit** (current arrangement: farmers are paid based on sales after produce is sold).
 - A **private arrangement**, or a combination of both.
- Produce must be delivered to the **Agriculture Department Marketing Unit** or another designated central point(s) agreed upon by the Consortium.

All arrangements will follow similar principles: **payment is based on verified sales**. The Consortium will make every effort to ensure markets are secured in advance.

6. Payment

- Farmers will be paid after produce is sold, following the policy of whichever marketing channel is used.

- Payment timelines will be communicated clearly.

7. Commitment

By signing, the farmer agrees to:

- Deliver all produce from the program crops through the designated marketing system.
- Abide by the program schedule and communicate any issues early.
- Work together with the Consortium to achieve the objectives of consistent production and reliable market supply.

Name : _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____



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Annual Planting Program 2025-2026 Sign-Up Form

Farmer Information

Full Name: _____

Address/Community: _____

Phone/WhatsApp: _____

Farm Size (acres): _____

Farm Location: _____

Farm Irrigation systems (tick): Rainfed Irrigated Mixed Irrigated and Rainfed

Crop Commitment

(Fill in your monthly trays or acres for each crop. For trays, tick Rainfed/Irrigated in the irrigation row below each crop.)

Crop	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr
Sweet Pepper (trays)								
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Cabbage (trays)								
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Honeydew (trays)								
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Cantaloupe (trays)								
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Carrot (acres)								
Onion (acres)								

Agreement Acknowledgement

I have read and agree to the terms of the Annual Planting Program (attached).

Signature: _____

Date: _____