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- College of Agronomists of Puerto Rico
- Puerto Rico Farmers Association

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

The Faculty of the College of Agricultural Sciences offers workshops in Spanish to socially disadvantaged farmers in 3 areas:

- Preparation and administration of Federal Grantsmanship
- Agribusiness Management
- Use of technology
- Seminars on USDA programs

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

We have provided technical assistance to around 100 farmers and fishermen to fill out proposals such as:

- Re-Grow Program
- Proposals for Rural Development
- Proposals for the Department of Agriculture

PUBLICATIONS

With the grant we have created and revised several publications, among them are:

- System of Accounting and Financial Records for Farms
- Manual for the Accounting and Financial Records System
- Grantsmanship Guide
- Updating and Preparation of Model Budgets in Excel

AGRIBUSINESS MANAGEMENT COURSES OFFERED

- Basic Records in Excel
- Inventory and Balance Sheet
- Cash Flow and Income Statement
- Marketing Plan
- Business Plan
- Financial Ratios and Accounting Records Systems

AGRICBUSINESS MANAGEMENT COURSES OFFERED

- Budget Development for a Federal Proposal
- Proposal Writing: Proposal Summary, Introduction, and Narrative
- Administration of Federal Sponsored Projects