

News Release

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Grenada's livestock industry is getting a boost through one day training seminars being conducted by the St. George's University School of Veterinary Medicine. The opening ceremony for the one day seminar for pig farmers took place today 22nd March at the Caribbean House True Blue. Acting Prime Minister and Minister of Agriculture Hon. Gregory Bowen was the feature speaker at today's ceremony of the St. George's University Veterinary Seminar Series.

In his remarks the minister expressed appreciation for the initiative by the University to convene this "timely" seminar on pig farming at this time. He said the damage to the livestock Industry by Hurricane Ivan is estimated at EC \$9,338,181.

The minister went on to reiterate Government's commitment to the rebuilding of the livestock industry specifically in the area of poultry, swine and small ruminants. The ministry is actively seeking assistance to rebuild the Laura facilities and help restore all pig farming facilities destroyed by Ivan.



The demand for pork continues to increase nationally. The Country's Pork imports stands at an estimated 2 million lbs valued at EC6 million dollars. Minister Bowen encouraged the farmers to take advantage of the opportunity being offered by the St. George's University to learn more about pig production.

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