

# *The Food and Agricultural Sector is Central to the development of Caribbean economies*

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# Investments in Agriculture

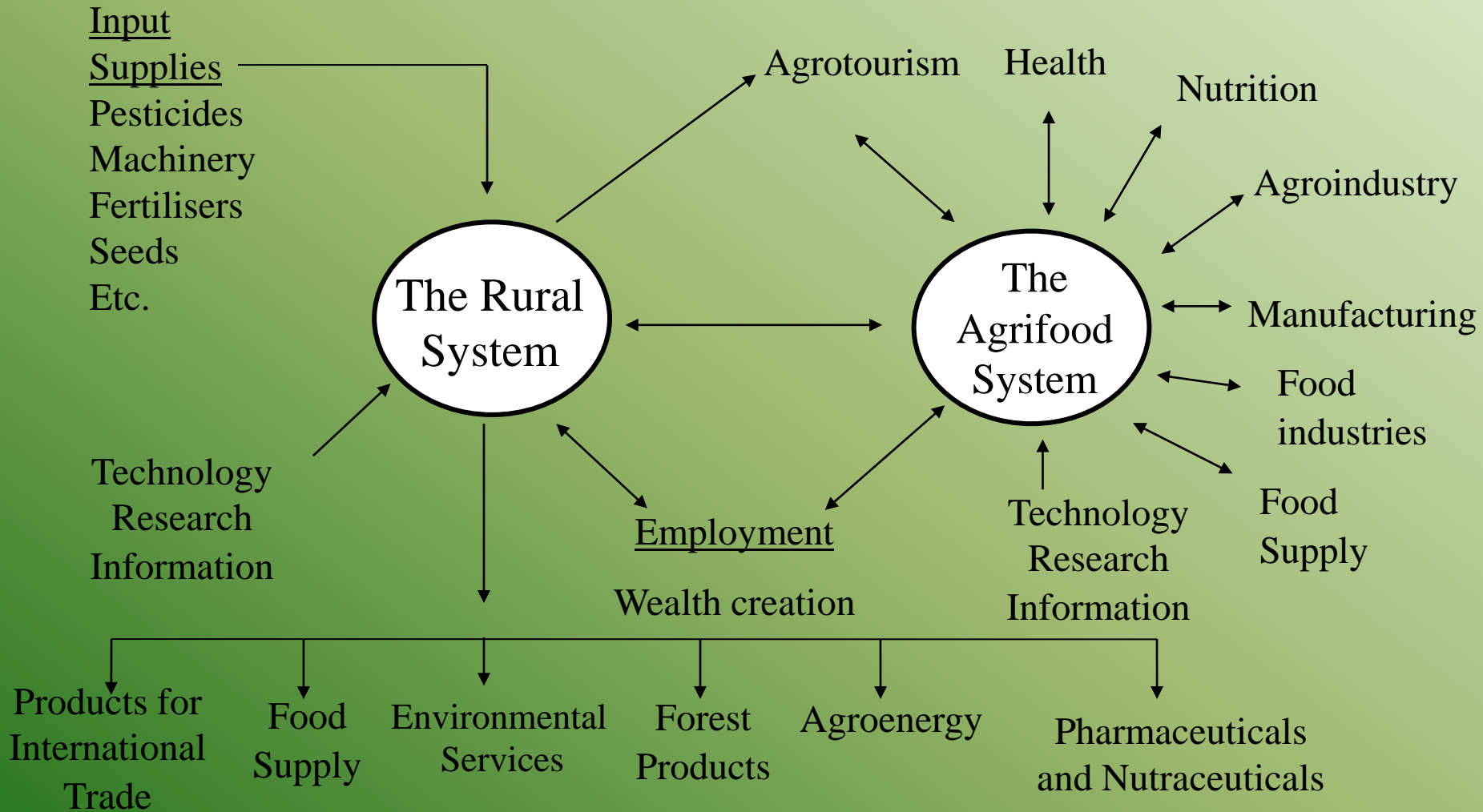
Table 1: Proportion of Government Expenditure Allocated to Agriculture (2005)

Region	Percentage
Sub Saharan African	6.3
Africa	5.0
Asia	6.5
Latin America	2.5
Jamaica	0.9

*Source: International Food Policy Research Institute and Economic and Social Survey of Jamaica*

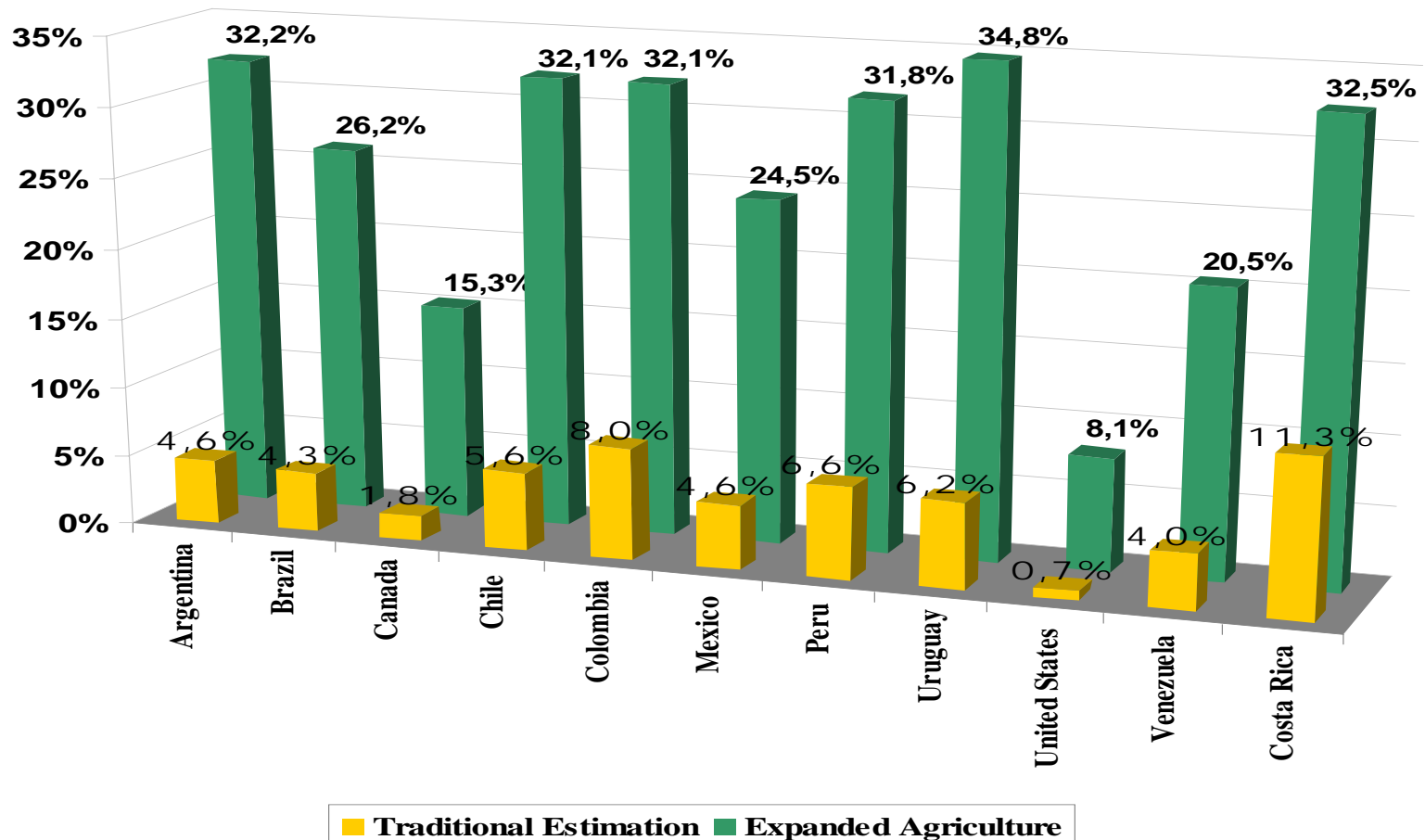


# The Expanded Agricultural Sector



# Contribution of an expanded agricultural sector

Contribution of the expanded agricultural Sector to GDP



# A new concept of agriculture



# Agriculture in the Caribbean

✓ Myths and challenges.



A new development model in which the agricultural sector is valued for its multisectoral role in economic development. Agribusiness and Agroindustry being key elements.



# Food Security as a national priority





# Food Security, Nutrition and Health in the Caribbean



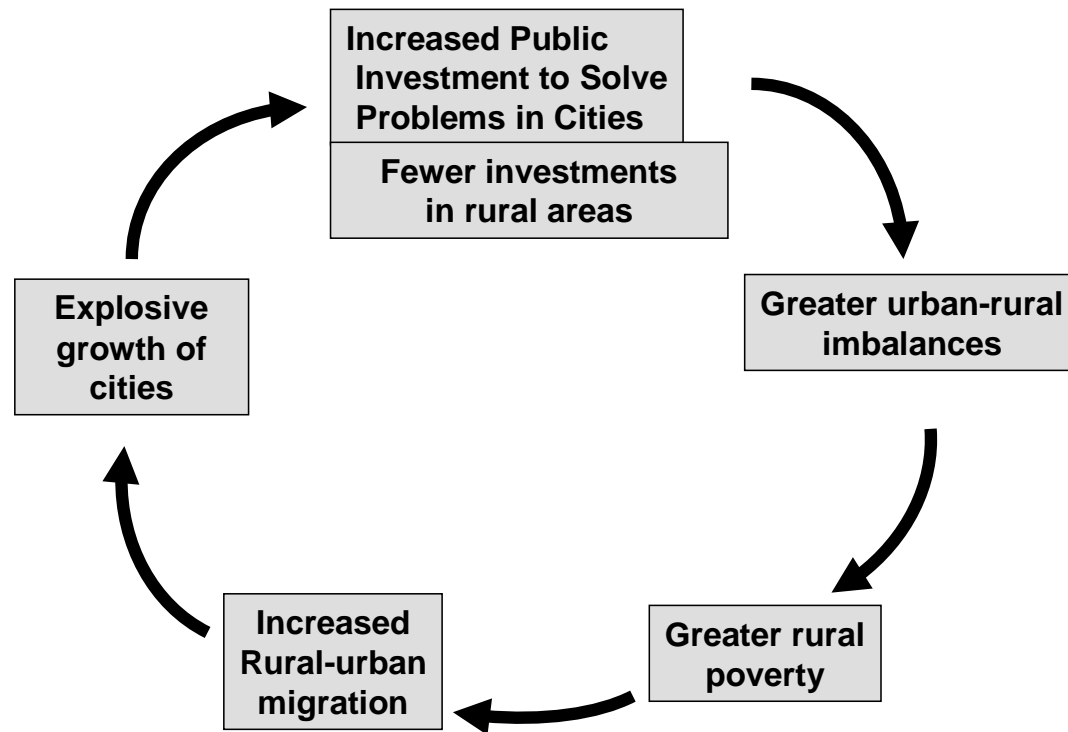
# Food Security and Tourism



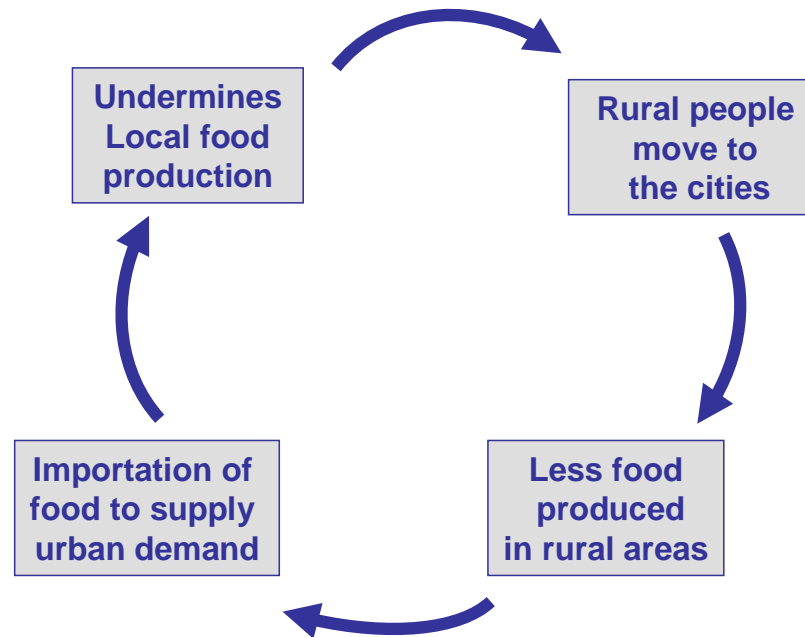
# Food Security and National Development



## Vicious Circle of Public Investment



## LACK OF INVESTMENT IN THE RURAL ECONOMY



# Conclusion



*Thank you  
Very much*

