



 **LIVEBEYOND**  
**AGRICULTURE**



# FAILING FARMS

## THE STATE OF FARMING IN HAITI

At least 40% of Haitians rely upon the agriculture sector for employment. But things like poverty, corruption, and natural disaster have impeded any economic growth in that sector. Haiti was once the leading producer of sugar in the world, and yet they currently import sugar to make up for the local deficit. Few agriculture export opportunities are capitalized on, leaving little incentive for farming. Cheap food imports put Haitian farmers out of business.

Lack of agricultural development has left Haitian farmers in a bygone age. Technology is largely absent in the field - many Haitian farmers still plant crops by hand, not even using draft animals to plow fields. Deforestation has led to serious erosion problems which increases soil infertility. Crop rotation is not widely practiced, so even the soil that is fertile is rapidly becoming depleted. Inbreeding of livestock has stunted genetic lines resulting in pathetic and even deformed offspring. The absence of education on best agricultural practices has only further exacerbated the problems faced by poor farmers. With no resources to turn to, the cycle continues.

Little infrastructure exists for farmers, limiting their access to agricultural inputs like improved seed varieties, fertilizers, or equipment. And natural disasters constantly threaten to destroy everything built by subsistence farmers. But many of the factors compounding the problems in Haiti's agricultural production could be prevented through education and training. Haitian farmers are desperate for intervention so that they can feed their families and make a living.



# A DROP IN THE BUCKET



## IMPROVING FARMING LEADS TO BETTER LIVES

Agriculture is at the root of a successful society. When people can feed themselves, they can build a sustainable future. We believe that we can bring life to communities in Haiti through agricultural development.

By providing farmers access to education opportunities, appropriate technology, and high quality agricultural inputs, we can change the climate of agricultural development for generations of farmers in Thomazeau and across Haiti.

Farmers can learn their value in society - and, in return, can instill the same sense of dignity and self respect in future generations of Haitian farmers. We can save the lives of thousands of Haitians through local food production. Simple solutions will empower farmers to use technology and knowledge to build a brighter future in their communities.







# REAPING THE HARVEST

## SEEDS PLANTED - THE DEMONSTRATION FARM

LiveBeyond has dedicated 23 acres of land on the base in Thomazeau as a demonstration farm. Local farmers can come to the farm to learn advanced but appropriate methods of agriculture from qualified agricultural specialists. The demonstration farm allows locals to witness the results of improved methods of farming without risking their own crops on new ideas.

Farmers can learn about:

- Livestock care
- Crop rotation
- Appropriate technology
- Soil & water conservation
- Composting
- Pruning & grafting
- Improved methods of production
- Waste management
- Irrigation systems
- and more

The Demonstration Farm has no desire to compete in local markets or take customers away from other local producers, so all of the farm's produce is used internally at LiveBeyond to provide meals for employees and for the Maternal Health, Kè Pou Timoun, and Johnny's Kids programs.





# PROGRAM UNITY



## HOW CHICKENS HELP MOTHERS THRIVE

One of the unique ways in which two of our programs crossover is through chickens. The women in the Maternal Health program weren't getting enough protein in their diets, so the Agriculture Team came up with a solution. They purchased egg-laying hens, and the eggs from the chickens go to the women in the program.

Every morning after the eggs are collected from the chicken coops, they are boiled and served to the pregnant and nursing mothers in the Maternal Health program. An egg each week, along with the provided hot meals and food sent home with the ladies, has increased the protein and healthy fats in their diets, giving them life-saving nutrients they need to deliver healthier babies.

On another note: this project also inspired Guitaud (in second photo) to begin an agriculture business of his own. Guitaud has purchased his own chickens, and he sells their eggs in the market to provide for his family.



# SEASON OF PLENTY

## BEARING FRUIT

Through our Agricultural Development program, we are striving to provide high quality education opportunities, agricultural resources, and appropriate technology for future generations of Haitian farmers. Our overall goals for the Agriculture program are to:

- Educate and train farmers on better methods of farming and cultivation
- Provide infrastructure for local farmers to utilize in times of trouble
- Promote job creation through agribusiness
- Empower farmers to try improved methods of production through the Demonstration Farm
- Decrease the effects of deforestation through erosion prevention
- Advocate selective breeding to produce higher quality livestock

In order to accomplish these goals and transform agriculture in Haiti, we need more resources and people to support our works. By offering this type of service and infrastructure, we can reduce the threat of starvation and malnutrition in our community and restore dignity among farmers as they become more equipped to provide for their families.

**Partner with us to touch lives across all of Haiti!**





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## WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

The Lord uses people like you to help us in various ways in our ministry. Whether you want to join us for a mission week in Haiti or support our Agriculture program financially, we want you to get involved and LiveBeyond.

- Give to our agriculture projects
- Serve as an agriculture intern
- Purchase a chicken or a goat
- Train Haitian farmers
- Pray for the transformation of nutrition and agriculture in Haiti
- Serve on a mission trip this year



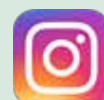
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