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The role of the public sector in the assimilation process of innovative agri-technologies: The Israeli Model

Q&A REPORT

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Are the RD centres affiliated to universities and how are they staffed? -Michael Omodara	<p>There are 2 different kinds of regional R&D:</p> <p>As part of our ministry ARO (Agriculture Research Organisation) acting as the long professional arm of the ARO which is located at the ministry campus. Other type are those assimilated to a specific region - private or public. All of them are working very closely with universities and other research institutions. Most of our government researches are getting their basic salary from the government however they have to commit on available funds and programmes.</p> <p>– Yakov Poleg , Senior Deputy Director General and Head of the Centre for Foreign Trade and International Cooperation (CFTIC), Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (MARD), Israel</p> <p>https://www.agri.gov.il/en/home/default.aspx?csrt=9804916415457174455</p> <p>Info.ftic@moag.gov.il</p>
What are the most popular research topics and the top supported innovations in 2020? - Taylan Kiyamaz	<p>Answered live.</p> <p>See video recording: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AhrKVoi2o0c</p>
How could we build joint ventures or share programs from Israel with small poor farmers in rural areas in developing countries? I am in Colombia.-Elisa Alvarez Mera	<p>Answered live.</p> <p>See video recording: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AhrKVoi2o0c</p>
I want to ask a question about usage of Drones. Is it using for pollination of Fruit trees? Bekir Erol Ak	<p>Yes, Drones can be used for pollination in certain fruit crops (such as date palms). It is a matter of cost to the farmers. The most common use of drones is for imaging. There are many Israeli companies operating drones for precision agriculture. For further information, please contact our researchers in the ARO, Volcani Centre - Units: Agricultural Engineering, Growing, Production and Environmental Engineering.</p> <p>-Victor Alchanatis, D.Sc. (Researcher) (mailto: victor@volcani.agri.gov.il)</p> <p>-Avital Bechar, Prof. (Researcher) (mailto: avital@volcani.agri.gov.il)</p>

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	<p>If you need assistance or for any further questions and information, please send an email to: Info.ftic@moag.gov.il</p>
<p>How can we accelerate the sharing experience system of the Israeli model in LRC ? -Yahaya Kailou Adam</p>	<p>The Israeli system is based on the integration between the relevant institutions, ministries, industry and the growers. We have managed to establish and maintain the relationship between these stakeholders due to the fact that they all had the same starting point, and they share common aims, benefits and interests. It is our belief that by creating platforms for the exchange of information such as conferences, seminars, joint applied research in venues that are accessible to the growers and to the industry, you can accelerate the sharing of knowhow. In addition, creating funds and grants that connect the stakeholders, for example, providing funding and or sponsorship for joint activities (research-industry or industry – growers) are a good way to accelerate and maintain this model.</p> <p>For further information, please contact: Info.ftic@moag.gov.il</p>
<p>Does Agro Scout collect data on forages? If yes which types of forages and in which regions or countries. How is this data accessible? -Gregory Sikumba</p>	<p>Yes, any field crop.</p> <p>-Simcha Shore, CEO & Founder, Agro-Scout (mailto: sim@agro-scout.com)</p>
<p>Myself Dr. Jitendra Kadam from India. Nowadays, in India Curcuma is emerging as one of the immunity booster crop. We are concentrating on vertical Farming of it especially for secondary metabolites. Can we do any collaborative research work on this line. -Dr. Jitendra Kadam</p>	<p>Thank you for your interest to initiate collaborative research.</p> <p>The agricultural research organization, the Volcani Center , foreign relation department is the recommended institute to contact.</p> <p>Please contact: vwshmuel@volcani.agri.gov.il</p>
<p>There is in other countries the model of technology incubators, specifically in the agricultural area? - Zeca Haint</p>	<p>Yes, there are plenty of private incubators, hubs and accelerators solely for the field of agtech.</p> <p>-Noa Isralowitz, Operations Manager, InNegev Technology Incubator (mailto: noa@innegev.com)</p>