

BACKGROUND ...

FUTURE TRENDS

A renewed emphasis on agricultural development in Brunei will increase the demand for machinery equipment (e.g. tractors, tillers and trench makers), as well as irrigation systems equipment (e.g. sprinklers, drips and piping). Agricultural projects (e.g. rice, fruit/vegetable, poultry and beef production) will continue to be a major component in Brunei's national development.

The government looks favorably on turnkey projects. There will be opportunities for private investment in food processing facilities, particularly for orange, apple, and grape juicemaking. Currently, the Department of Agriculture is seeking a facility for processing lime juice.

Demand for mechanized and less labor intensive farming techniques such as hydroponics will increase.

Growing demand for fish products will open opportunities for Canadian manufacturers to provide equipment and technology used in smoking fish and fish-based additives production. There are also potential investments in projects to make fish cakes, fish meal, and fish balls.

There will be a market for equipment and services to expand shrimp cultivation and fish farming. Specific hardware requirements include hatchery apparatus (tanks, pipes etc), a research vessel to locate fish sources, refrigeration trucks, and ice-making facilities.

Agricultural, fish and livestock projects open to foreign participation include:

- a 2,300 hectare rice production site at Muluat
- cattle breeding pilot project at Tungku
- livestock breeding programs at Luahan, Jerudong, Kampong Batang Mitus.
- a 2,000 acre-buffalo breeding site in Birau
- a cattle-breeding station in Temburong
- a fish seed production center
- a marine prawn hatchery at Meragang and Serasa to produce 15 million marine prawn fry per year
- cage culture technology for commercially important fish.

Exporters will continue to find a large market for imported fruits and vegetables, particularly fresh fruits such as oranges, apples, pears and grapes. Beverages such as water, including spa and aerated water not flavored is one area with a high growth potential. Brandy, whisky and sparkling wines also presents opportunities for exporters.