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Northern Sugarcane Growers' Association Receive Grafting Training

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The Ministry of Agriculture today provided technical training on grafting techniques to 30 farmers from the Northern Sugarcane Growers' Association. The session took place at the Yo Creek Agriculture Station in Orange Walk.

The objectives of the training were to:

- impart basic knowledge and develop skills about propagating different types of plants by budding and grafting.
- provide basic knowledge about tools and equipment and growing structures used in nurseries for plant production.
- instill entrepreneurial skills of plant propagation as a means of income diversification.

The session commenced with a discussion on the benefits of grafting, rootstock choice and scion wood selection and collection. Participants had an opportunity to replicate grafts, following a demonstration of grafting techniques used in fruit tree propagation. It is expected that participants will in turn share these techniques with others interested in this form of plant propagation.

Barry Palacio, national fruit tree coordinator, plans to extend this workshop to groups in other districts in the near future.

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