

The System of Rice Intensification (SRI) and its Adaptation to Sugarcane in Cuba

Speaker: Rena Pérez

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135 Emerson Hall**

After graduating from Cornell University in 1958 with a B.S. in agriculture sciences, Rena Pérez settled in Cuba where she lives today. She worked at the Institute of Animal Science in Havana from 1964 to 1970 while completing her PhD in Poultry Science. She subsequently worked with swine production, and in 2000 began working with animal production for the Ministry of Sugar. That same year, she learned about the System of Rice Intensification (SRI) and began trials with the new methodology through the sugar cooperatives she had previously worked with.

For the past decade Pérez has served as volunteer coordinator of SRI activities in Cuba and has introduced SRI methods throughout Cuba. After learning in 2010 about the Sustainable Sugarcane Initiative (SSI) that is being promoted in India, she began working on adapting SRI principles to sugarcane production in Bahía Honda, Cuba. Pérez' seminar will focus on her experiences with the introduction, development and spread of both SRI and SSI in Cuba.



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