

Junior Ebanks – Jamaica **Agribusiness Entrepreneur**



Mr. Junior Ebanks is a 33 years old agricultural entrepreneur who resides in the parish of St. Elizabeth Jamaica West Indies. The parish of St. Elizabeth is regarded by most Jamaicans as the “bread basket of Jamaica”, because of the high concentration of vegetable farmers.

Mr. Ebanks has been in Agriculture for over fifteen years. He operates a fifteen acre farm on which he grows water melons, tomatoes, cucumbers, peppers (hot and sweet) and onions.

In 2009 he was awarded first place in the IICA Agribusiness Awards. The IICA Agribusiness Awards gives annual recognition to selected youths who demonstrates a certain level of commitment and technical competence in their specific agri-enterprise.

Mr. Ebanks is the president of the Pedro Plains Water Users Association; the Pedro Plains is the largest vegetable producing belt in Jamaica. He is currently pursuing his Bachelor’s Degree in Crop Science at the College of Agriculture Science and Education. He is also pursuing a Diploma in greenhouse nursery production at the Ebony Park HEART Academy. He is married and the father of three children.

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