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6 Lessons from Postharvest Loss Assessments in Rwanda

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Who:
- Agribusiness Associates
- Ministry of Agriculture and Natural Resources, Rwanda
- Postharvest Education Foundation
- National Agricultural Export Board
- Rwanda Agriculture Board
- University of Rwanda

What we do:
- Postharvest loss assessments w/ environmental impact
- Postharvest technology research and capacity building
- Build entrepreneurial capacity along the value chain
Focus Crops

- Exports/high value crops
  - Green chili
- Domestic/regional markets
  - Tomato
- Local/domestic markets
  - Orange flesched sweet potato
  - Green Bananas/Plantain
1. Horticultural industry in Rwanda is in its infancy
2. Lack of Lead Actors across Value Chains
3. High Postharvest Losses due to defects, decay and mechanical damage
4. Postharvest loss reduction has positive effects on the environment.
5. Capacity building and low cost solutions are required in handling/packing across the chain.
6. Building entrepreneurship across the value chain is critical