

# Reducing Postharvest Losses in Rwanda

## 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 fleshed sweet potato
  - Green Bananas/Plantain



# I. 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



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# 6. Building entrepreneurship across the value chain is critical

