

“Preparing Young Children for Agriculture in the Virgin Islands and the Caribbean.”

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Why Agriculture Matters

- Food Security and reduced import dependency
- Economic opportunities and entrepreneurship
- Preservation of Culture and Traditional Farming Knowledge



Introducing Agriculture Early

School Gardens and Agriculture
Classroom Growing Projects

Hands-on Learning
Experiences

Exposer to Local Crops,
Livestock and Fisheries

Connecting Agriculture with
Science and Nutrition



4-H and Youth Development Programs

- 4-H Healthy Living and Agriculture Activities
- Leadership and Citizenship Development
- Agriculture Clubs and Camps



Nutrition and Food Education

Understanding Where Food Comes From
Healthy Eating Habits

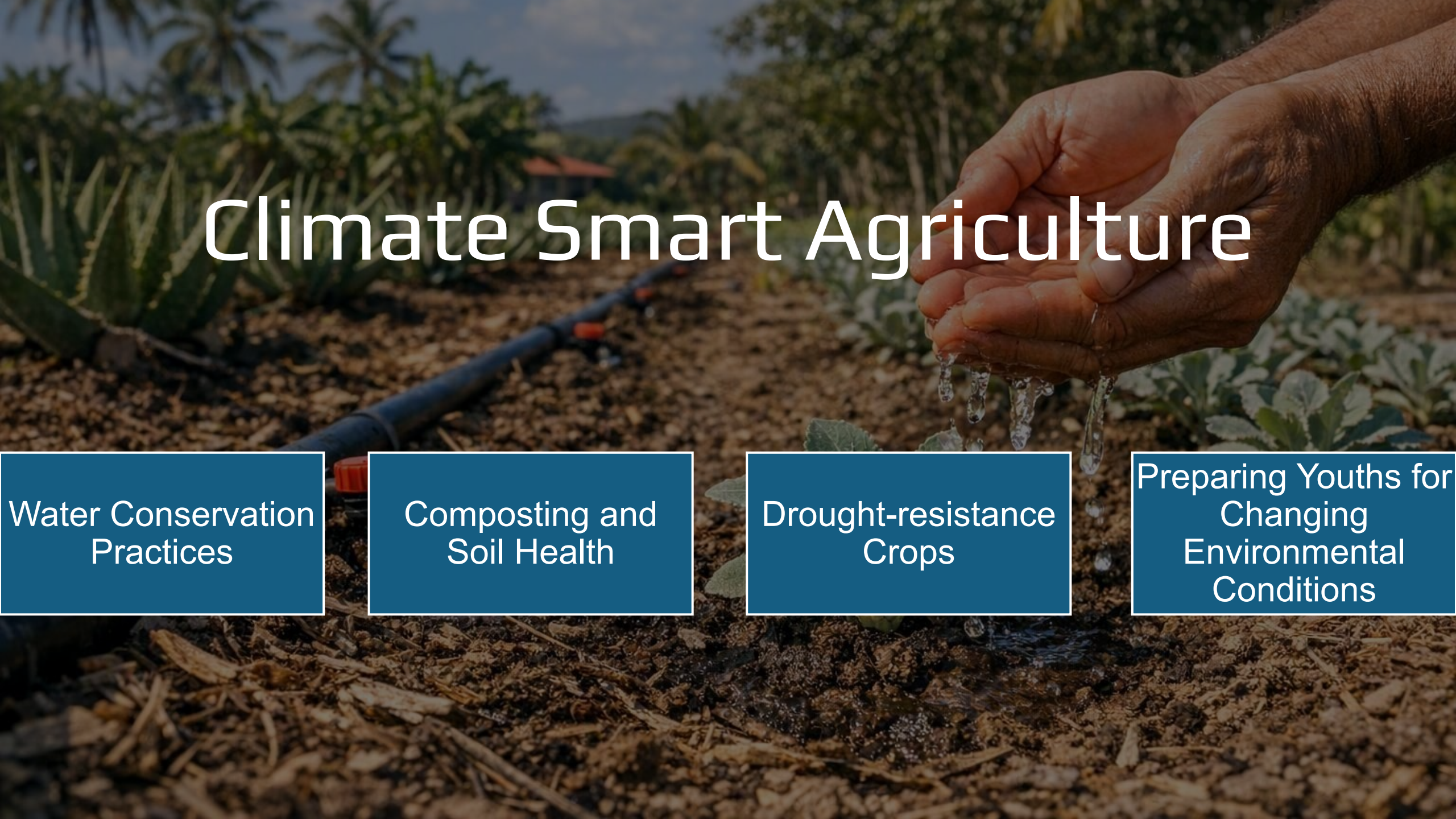
Local Foods

Food Preparation and Food Safety Education

Farm to Table Experiences



Climate Smart Agriculture

A close-up photograph of a person's hand holding a small amount of water, with droplets falling. In the background, a black drip irrigation pipe runs across a field of young plants. The scene is set in a rural, agricultural environment with trees and hills in the distance.

Water Conservation
Practices

Composting and
Soil Health

Drought-resistance
Crops

Preparing Youths for
Changing
Environmental
Conditions



Career Awareness

- Careers in Agribusiness, research, and extension
- Veterinary Science and Animal Science
 - Food Science
- Entrepreneurship Opportunities



Community Partnership

- Collaboration with Schools and Community Organizations
- Partnerships with Farmers and Agriculture Agencies
- Field Trips and Mentorship Programs
- Family Engagement Agriculture Activities



Conclusion

By investing in agricultural education today, we prepare the next generation of leaders, innovators, farmers, researchers, and producers who will strengthen food security and sustainability throughout the Virgin Islands and the Caribbean.



REMEMBER

“The future of Agriculture depends on us. Today’s children are tomorrow’s leaders who will feed the world.”

Agriculture matters in the Virgin Islands.



Thank You!

Questions & Discussion

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