Video on brief description of Ferme Rogatien, it’s conception, activities and mission, vision, and goals

Mr. Ghislain Tonoukouin:
The Rogatien Farm, after all, was established in 2007. It then became a business entity in 2010 under the company name SEFER, which means Société d’Exploitation de la Ferme Rogatien (Rogatien Farm Production Company). This farm specializes in animal breeding and food production and in plant and vegetable production. Speaking of vegetable production, our specialty is in tomatoes production. Thus, we possess the means to produce tomatoes during the counter-seasons. For this reason, we have twelve (12) hectares of land irrigated and planted with sprinkler systems. We have the total control of water in our farm. We own up to six (6) water drilling systems on our farm with water towers of 10.5 meters tall. We are also involved in animal breeding and food production. We produce eggs so we have lots of chicken layers. We also have a piggery with a capacity of 120 swine. And we are growing.

Animal production engineer:
First of all, let me simply say that the Rogatien Farm is very well equipped. We have everything we need to produce all we have in the animal husbandry within the normal and international conditions, as it should have been. Presently, I will say that we have a chicken coop of eight (8,000) chickens and a piggery with a capacity of one hundred twenty (120) pigs in fattening.

Engineer for the vegetable/plant products: Mr. Florent Magbo
I arrived at the Rogatien Farm through my internship here. After my internship I noticed that the farm has a very special status in the sense that it is involved in mechanized agriculture/farming. All farming activities that we do here are mechanized, an issue which is one of the major problems in the Beninese agriculture. So, I told myself that in order to better deepen my knowledge (in the mechanization of agriculture) and put it in use and to the availability of this farm with such a great vision for innovation and development in this sector of agriculture mechanization, it is from there that I accepted this position with the Rogatien Farm.
In terms of our vegetable plants production, we have an orchard within which we have mango trees, orange trees, and lemon trees as well.
We also have a plantation of vegetables within which we produce big apricots, basil leaves (great basil or Saint Joseph-wort), Vernonia and arrowroots. Presently, we are also involved in the speculation of lettuce and carrot cultivation.

Mr. Ghislain Tonoukouin
The Rogatien Farm, in a short term, has the objective of producing quality food products to satisfy the local markets. We are located in Abomey. Therefore, Abomey and Bohicon, and all their surrounding markets, and why not the national local markets in the entire country as well. And even in the sub-region. This is our dream. Our goal is to offer quality food products to the population in counter-seasons. As you may know, there are many farmers in the region who wait for the rainy season to cultivate their tomato plants. Therefore, to be able to offer these products in our markets during the dry season, we believe, is an advantage. So, in this regard, our objective is to contribute to the production of self-sufficiency foods in the country and the region.

Mr. Pierre Tonoukouin
I thought about investing in agriculture/farming in 2007. Nevertheless, farming activities are easy. They are very difficult activities, we have to say. You cannot get into agriculture/farming like we skim through secondhand cars. You must have the passion for what you do. Farming, the margin of farming, the profitability of agriculture is very slow. Therefore, it becomes necessary to move from the production stage to that of transformation of our agricultural products. This is one of the set plans of the Rogatien Farm. That's to say, we are considering getting into, for example, the transformation of the tomatoes that we produce here. Speaking of our animal production, we intend to set up a slaughterhouse where we can transform the products of the animals that we rear and breed over here.