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While most studies about the banana in Costa Rica focus on industrial production, this work looks at rural banana production as it relates to development. Field work consisted of an application of production chain analysis, combined with the framework of a natural experiment thus combining agriculture and anthropology to model the complexities of rural agriculture in Costa Rica today. Throughout this chain, both global and local factors were noted influencing one another, from the food security movement to globalization. The most crucial finding of this study shows that there is a current lack of support and research geared toward the poorest sector of many developing countries.