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The ethnographic field school, as part of the Center for Applied Anthropology at Northern Kentucky University, is partnering with Belizean institutes and associations in order to contribute to an understanding of household economy and agricultural knowledge of sugar cane farmers in Orange Walk District village communities. Our current research includes the following topics: biological and cultural contributions to kidney disease; and cultural models of agrichemicals, child labor, community development, nature, pests, protective gear, soils, sugar cane price fluctuation, and sugar cane varieties.

Our community partners will use our results and recommendations to develop and conduct workshops for farmers on agricultural techniques, economics, health, and other community development topics. Currently, our community partners include the: Belize Sugar Cane Farmer's Association, National Institute of Culture and History, Progressive Sugar Cane Producer's Association, and Sugar Industry Research and Development Institute.