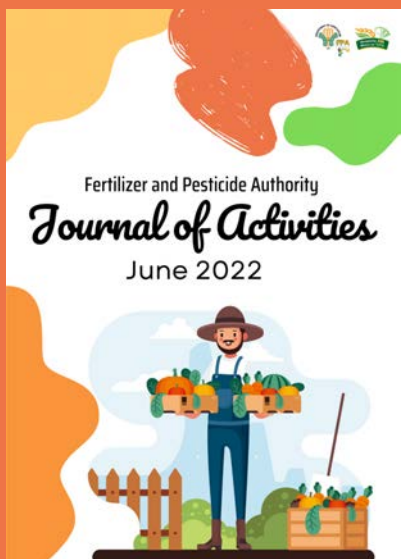


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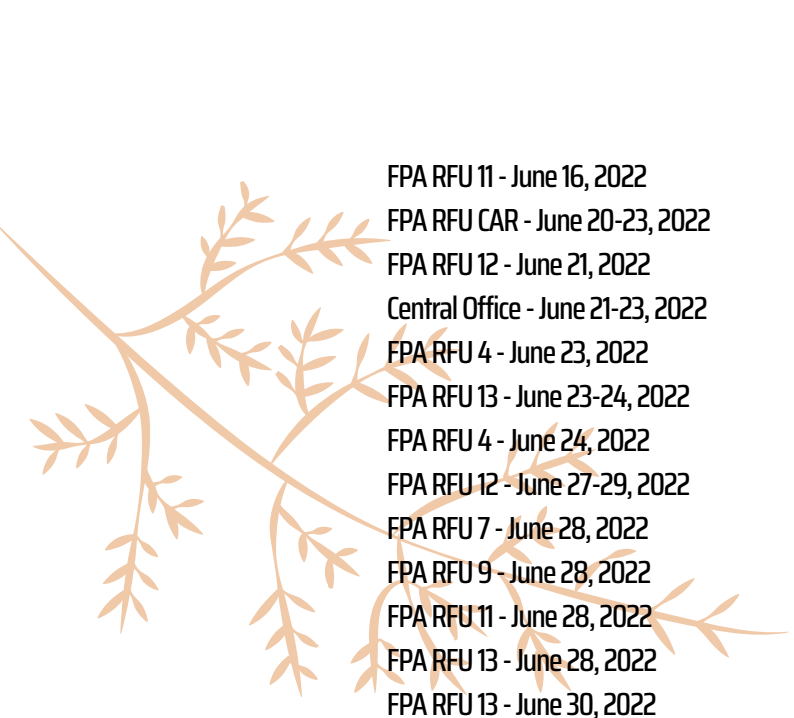
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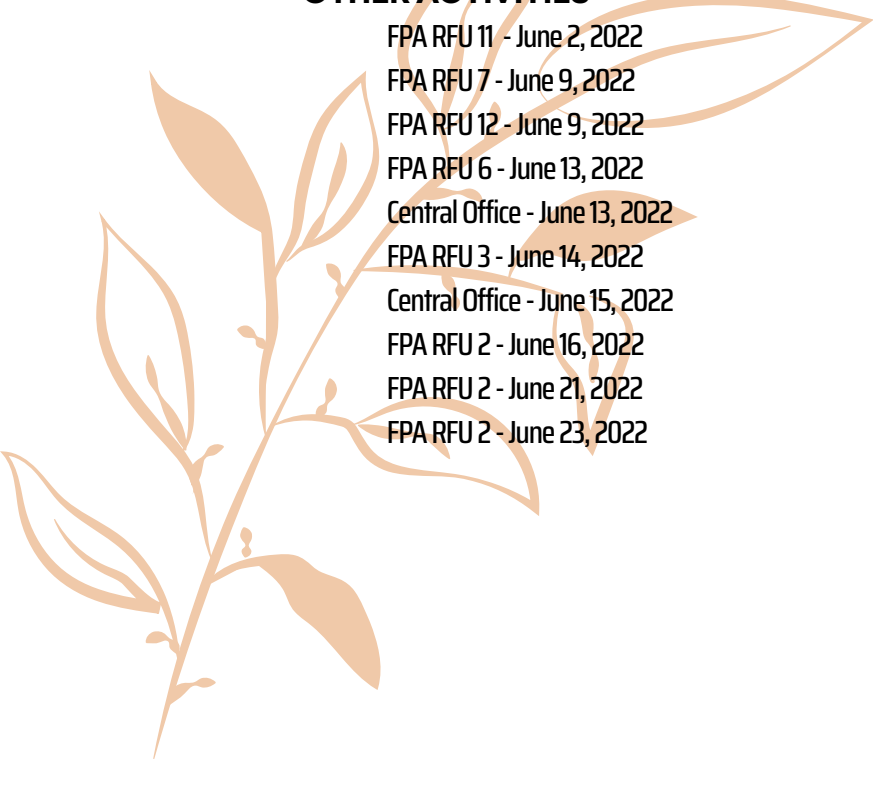
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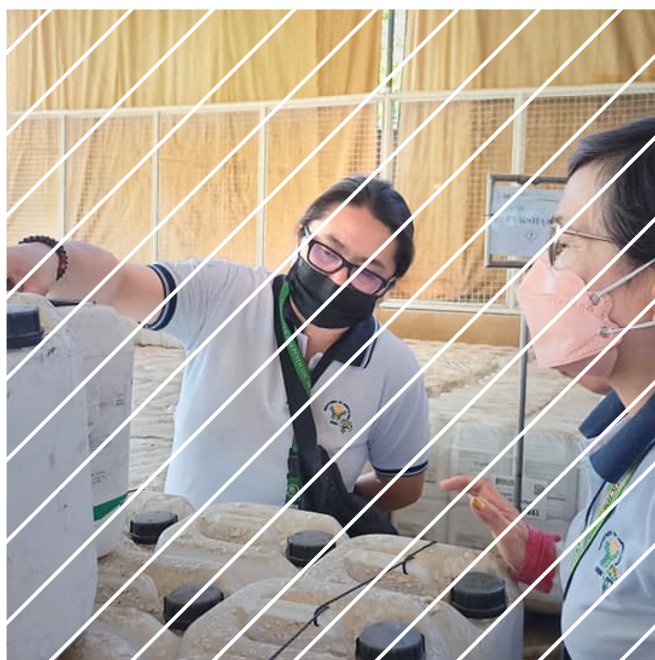


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ENFORCING FPA'S MANDATE IN THE FIELD



Accounts on:

- Ensuring the quality and safety of products
- Monitoring handlers, products, and programs related to fertilizer and pesticide
- Collaborating with other agencies to provide better service to the people

FPA RFU 2 - June 2, 2022

FPA Regional Officer Leonardo Bangad visited the Aljay Agro Industrial Solutions fertilizer production factory in Nabbuan, Santiago City. The activity aims to determine if the company complies with FPA regulations and inspect the fertilizer produced in the area.

As a result of the inspection, it was found that Aljay Agro Industrial Solutions is compliant with the FPA standards on fertilizer warehouse practices and operations.

Aljay Agro Industrial Solutions also signified its willingness to participate in the implementation of the BFS program



FPA RFU 11 - June 7, 2022

Regional Officer Marrisa Napalit and Provincial Officer Junette Cano conducted a Banana Plantation inspection in Cateel, Davao Oriental and Don Marcelino, Davao Occidental.

The team inspected the chemical mixing facilities, equipment, disposal system, and safety measures, especially of chemical handlers. The team also investigated the warehouses of fertilizers and pesticides, their good housekeeping practices, and their orders.

All plantations and warehouses passed the FPA standards.



FPA RFU 11 - June 8, 2022

Eight (8) fertilizer and pesticide warehouses and mixing facilities were inspected by FPA RFU 11 headed by RO Marrisa Napalit and Provincial Officer Cheery Agrade at Panabo City and Carmen, Davao del Norte.

The facilities were able to conform to the FPA standards and are ready for renewal of their licenses.



FPA RFU 7 - June 10, 2022

Provincial Officer Sunday Flores inspected 17,000 bags of damaged fertilizers composed of Urea (46-0-0), 17-0-17, 16-20-0, 18-46-0, and Zinc Sulfate at Atlas Fertilizer Corporation Manufacturing Plant in Sangi, Toledo City on June 8, 2022. He was assisted by Assistant Vice President for Corporate Planning Engr. Ulyses Ricaplaza and Process Control Section Manager Engr. Denis Itchon.

The damaged fertilizers will be donated to Atlas Fertilizer Corporation Employees Multi-Purpose Cooperative. However, prior to the donation, product validation is one important requirement for the approval or disapproval of their application to dispose of damaged fertilizers.



FPA RFU 7 - June 13, 2022

Regional Officer Sunday Flores visited the Atlas Fertilizer Corporation docking station in Sangi, Toledo City, Cebu to verify 8,320MT of Ammonium Sulfate (21-0-0) imported from China last June 13, 2022.



FPA RFU 5 - June 13-15, 2022

Seventy-four (74) fertilizer and pesticide dealers were inspected during a Clean-Up Drive (CUD) Operation on June 13-15, 2022, in the island province of Masbate.

Out of the 74 dealers, FPA Bicol Region found seven (7) unlicensed dealers. The unlicensed dealers were issued with Notice of Violations (NOV) and required to attend the Accredited Safety Dispenser (ASD) Training which is a requirement to secure an FPA license.

On the other hand, compliant dealers were commended and encouraged to be partners of FPA in ensuring the safety of the fertilizer and pesticide users.



FPA RFU 1 - June 14, 2022

FPA Provincial Officer (PO) John Mark Manangan conducted a warehouse inspection on Allied Botanical Inc., Pangasinan.

The warehouse was able to meet the minimum standards of Good Housekeeping for both storage and handling of agricultural inputs.



FPA RFU 11 - June 14, 2022

Regional Officer (RO) Marrisa Napalit and Provincial Officer Louie Palarao inspected 2 fertilizer and pesticide warehouses, and 1 pesticide formulation plant in Davao City.

The warehouses and plant were passed the evaluation, making them eligible for renewal.



FPA RFU 12 - June 14-16, 2022

Twelve (12) FPA-licensed fertilizer and agricultural pesticide handlers were inspected by the FPA SOCCSKSARGEN during its 3-day Clean-Up Drive (CUD) Operation on June 14-16, 2022 in the Municipalities of Tampakan, Tupi, Polomolok, Banga, and City of Koronadal, South Cotabato. Sixty-nine (69) fertilizers and 119 pesticide products were randomly checked.

Out of the 12 handlers inspected, two (2) were found in possession of unregistered fertilizer and agricultural pesticide products. As a result, FPA issued Stop Use, Move, and Sale (SUMS) Order to Southside Agri-Products Trading and JS Agri Supply for violating Sections 8 and 9 of Presidential Decree No. 1144.

On the other hand, compliant handlers were commended by FPA for implementing FPA standards.



FPA RFU 2 - June 15, 2022

Two (2) manufacturing plants in Isabela were visited by the FPA RFU 2 to monitor and observe production practices and processes. Both plants were found compliant with the FPA standards.



FPA RFU 6 - June 15, 2022

FPA Provincial Officer (PO) Emmanuel Barrida inspected Nikka Farm Supply in Poblacion, Balasan, Iloilo on June 15, 2022 for the renewal of its license to operate (LTO).

The company was found compliant with the FPA standards and is eligible for the renewal.



FPA RFU 7 - June 15, 2022

Provincial Officer Sunday Flores inspected Lactobiotics Worldwide Corp in Consolacion, JCV World Wide Traders Corp in Taytayan Hills, and BSS Enterprises in Punta, Cebu City.

The corporations were all found compliant with the FPA standards and are eligible



FPA RFU 4 - June 15-16, 2022

The FPA RFU IV conducted a Clean-Up Drive Operation in the municipalities of Magallanes, Maragondon, Naic, and Tanza, Cavite.

The team observed minor violations including selling expired pesticide products, license not properly displayed, incomplete spill kit, and no proper warning signs. Dealers were instructed to remove the expired products from the shelves.

Dealers have also been reminded of the importance of good housekeeping practices in the store to assure the health of both consumers and workers in the store.

The team was headed by Regional Officer Suzettie Alcaide, Provincial Officers Allan Jade Rojo, Georlene Orbista, and Mark Nicky Larga.



FPA RFU 2 - June 15-17, 2022

FPA RFU 2 conducted fertilizer sampling and Clean-Up Drive (CUD) Operations in the province of Isabela and Cagayan to monitor the compliance of fertilizer and pesticide handlers and assure the quality of the products.



FPA RFU 11 - June 16, 2022

Ms. Cheery Agrado inspected the handlers at the Prime Malls of Tagum City, Davao del Norte to monitor their compliance with FPA standards including pesticide shelf life, good housekeeping, etc.



FPA RFU 2 - June 17, 2022

The FPA Regional Field Unit (RFU) 2 inspected the Farm Mechanizations and Resources Distribution Corporation (FMRDC) warehouse located in Port Irene in Santa Ana, Cagayan on June 17, 2022, to assess its capacity to import fertilizers in the region.

This is in connection with the approval last month of the fertilizer importation permit of FMRDC, which is in Gamu, Isabela. FMRDC President and CEO Engr. Antonio Tumolba chose the port for operational efficiency and ultimately lessen the cost of the fertilizer.

The FPA RFU 2 assessed that the port Irene can handle and provide necessary facilities and equipment to accommodate fertilizer imports. The Port Irene management also assured FPA that it is continuously improving their services and facilities in accordance with their ISO certification.



FPA RFU 11 - June 23, 2022

Regional Officer Marrisa Napalit and Provincial Officer Louie Palarao inspected a fertilizer facility and their bulk handling practices in Brgy. Sasa, Davao City.

During the inspection, the Team found some minor housekeeping practices needing improvements. The FPA team guided the company with proper practices, do's and don'ts, especially in the safety of workers.

The company is committed to complying with the FPA rules.



FPA RFU 11 - June 23, 2022

The FPA Team consisting of Regional Officer Marrisa Napalit and Provincial officer Louie palarao monitored an EUP site in Brgy. Lamanan, Baguio District, Davao City.

The handler of the EUP site committed to conduct more series of field trials and create new farming technologies.



FPA RFU 13 - June 28, 2022

Regional Officer Danilo Negre inspected the fertilizer and pesticide warehouse in Butuan City to assure the quality of inorganic fertilizers stored in the warehouse and to check if the company and employees are following safety protocols.

A random weighing and sampling of fertilizer also occurred.



FPA RFU 11 - June 29-30, 2022

FPA RFU 11 inspected 14 fertilizer and pesticide handlers and establishments during their 2-day Clean-Up Drive Activity in Davao City.

Out of 14, 9 handlers were found compliant while the rest were issued with a Notice of Violation (NoV) for violating the following:

- a) Good Housekeeping practices
- b) No FPA License to Operate (LTO) as Warehouse
- c) Underweight Fertilizer Bags

Furthermore, one (1) handler was issued with a Stop, Use, Move, Sale (SUMS) Order due to mislabeling of pesticide product. The violator was directed to attend ASD Training for proper labeling.



ACCREDITATION TRAININGS AND SYMPOSIA

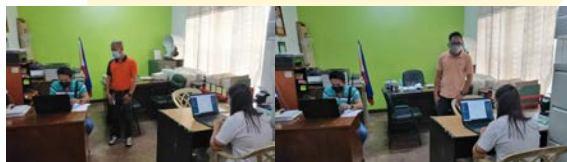


Accounts on:

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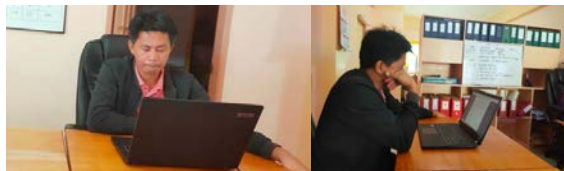
FPA RFU 7 - June 3, 2022

Regional Officer Arnulfo Arausa, Jr. and Provincial Officer Sunday Flores facilitated the online examination for Certified Pesticide Applicator (CPA) - Exterminator.



FPA RFU CAR - June 7, 2022

FPA RFU CAR facilitated the Accredited Responsible Care Officer (ARCO) examination at FPA CAR Regional Office, Shilan, La Trinidad, Benguet.



FPA RFU 1 - June 7, 2022

Provincial Officer Medardo Santiago facilitated the examination for the Accredited Responsible Care Officer (ARCO) at Vigan City, Ilocos Sur.



FPA RFU 2 - June 7, 2022

FPA RFU 2 supervised the examination of Accredited Responsible Care Officer (ARCO) and Fumigators' examination at FPA Regional Office.



FPA RFU CAR - June 8, 2022

Thirteen (13) officers and members of the Lasong Farmers MPC underwent ASD Training at Tadiagan, Tuba, Benguet.

Provincial Officer Rowena Billig discussed FPA mandates, processes, and standards. While representatives from Tuba Municipal Agricultural Office and Indofil Philippines Inc. Chemical Company discussed fertilizer and pesticide management.



FPA RFU 7 - June 8, 2022

The Fertilizer and Pesticide Authority (FPA) in coordination with the Special Area for Agricultural Development (SAAD) met with 156 farmer-beneficiaries of the Integrated Carabao and Vegetable Production Project in Buenavista, Getafe, Mabini, Bohol on June 7-8, 2022 to promote Balanced Fertilization Strategy (BFS).

The team was led by Deputy Executive Director for Fertilizer Dr. Myer G. Mula, Bohol APCO Aurea M. Madrio, FPA Planning Officer Atty. Errol John Ramos, Regional Officer Arnulfo L. Arausa, Jr., Provincial Officers Andy Cornell G. Bornillo and Jesus A. Muring, SAAD Regional Focal Person Ian H. Egam, SAAD Provincial Coordinator Ma. Reigelyn Malarijes.

As requested by the farmers, FPA scheduled a training on safe and judicious use of fertilizer and pesticide on June 28 and July 6-7.



FPA RFU 9 - June 8, 2022

The Fertilizer and Pesticide Authority (FPA) of the Zamboanga Peninsula, in collaboration with Agway Chemicals Corporation, conducted a Mango Contractors' training for 28 mango contractors in Mt. Sinai, Minaog, in the City of Dipolog.

The activity was an integrated regulatory and technical learning platform for the participants from a collaborative effort of FPA and stakeholders to license mango contractors operating in the province.

The participants are expected to apply as licensed mango contractors. FPA and Agway Chemicals Corp will be assisting the interested participants in processing their documents.



FPA RFU 10 - June 8-11, 2022

PA RFU 10 organized an Accredited Safety Dispenser (ASD) training for 48 dealers from Misamis Occidental and Lanao del Norte on June 8-10, 2022, at Lumantas, Riverside, Oroquieta City, Misamis Occidental, and Guian Foodhouse, Brgy. Lanao del Norte.

Provincial Officer (PO) Lorna Sajol discussed topics related to ASD, giving emphasis on their responsibilities.

On the other hand, PO Romnick Boctot explained the Balanced Fertilization Strategy (BFS).

With the rising fertilizer prices, the Department of Agriculture (DA), FPA, and other attached agencies came up with BFS as a countermeasure for sustaining crop productivity.

The training was supervised by Regional Officer Ma. Sonia Calleja.



FPA RFU 7 - June 10, 2022

FPA Regional Office VII collaborated with Agway Chemicals Corporation to conduct a farmers meeting in Barangay San Isidro, Pilar, Bohol.

Regional Officer (RO) Arnulfo Arausa, Jr., and Agronomist Dante Bentilanon discussed and promoted the Balanced Fertilization Strategy (BFS) and the safe and judicious use of fertilizer and pesticide to 15 farmers.



FPA RFU 8 - June 13, 2022

FPA RFU 8, headed by Deputy Executive Director for Fertilizer (DEDF) Dr. Myer Mula, orients 87 farmer-beneficiaries of the Palayanon Unlad Farmers Association, Daro Integrated Farmers Association, and San Roque Women's Welfare Association of the Department of Agriculture-Special Area for Agricultural Development (SAAD) Program.

The FPA team, consisting of Regional Officer Francis Salvador Costas and Provincial Officers Eric Castanas, Loreto Macabio Jr., Gary Dela Cruz, and Claudette Tercino, accompanied by Dr. Mula and FPA Planning Officer Atty. Errol John Ramos discussed the agency's functions and mandates. They also explained the reasons behind the rising cost of fertilizer.

The team also mentioned the list of FPA accredited dealers in the areas to ensure that the fertilizers they buy are high-quality, effective, and validated by science, and accredited by FPA. They also divulged the processes and requirements for licensing applications for attendees who are interested in being dealers or handlers of agricultural inputs.

Furthermore, the team promoted the Balanced Fertilization Strategy (BFS) and other alternatives to lessen dependence on imported fertilizer and still achieve good-quality produce.

The activity was in collaboration with the SAAD Regional Focal Person Ferlyn Basanez and Provincial Coordinator Allan Brit.



FPA RFU 8 - June 14, 2022

Deputy Executive Director Dr. Myer Mula and FPA RFU 8 visited 29 farmers in St. Bernard, Tomas Oppus, and Sogod, Southern Leyte. The activity aims to educate the farmers and accredited dealers with the Balanced Fertilization Strategy (BFS) as an alternative solution to counter the alarming fertilizer price hike.

FPA promised to strengthen the training for safe and judicious use of fertilizer and pesticide and to enhance the information campaign for alternative fertilization processes such as the Balanced Fertilization Strategy, Green Manuring, etc.

Further, FPA strengthened its link with the Department of Agriculture, other attached agencies, and other private companies and government agencies involved in future projects that will uplift the agricultural scene in the region.



FPA RFU 11 - June 16, 2022

Forty-two (42) mango contractors and growers were trained during the second wave of FPA Davao Region's Mango Contractors training held in Brgy. Camanchiles, Matanao, Davao del Sur. The training was in partnership with Agway Chemicals Corporation.

The training is designed to lecture handlers on the correct use of potassium nitrate as a mango flower inducer and develop an awareness of the safe and judicious use of fertilizers.

The newly trained participants will be eligible to apply for a License to Operate (LTO) as Mango Contractor.



FPA RFU CAR - June 20-23, 2022

Forty-four (44) agrarian reform beneficiaries (AFBs) from the municipalities of Togoy, Baayan, Tublay, Benguet successfully completed the Accredited Safety Dispenser (ASD) training and as such, they will now be the new partners of FPA in the province in ensuring the safe and judicious use of fertilizer and pesticide products.

The FPA rules and regulations and good agricultural practices were introduced. They also discussed the importance of soil analysis for the growth of plants and application of proper fertilizer. Added to the discussion is the promotion on the application of the Balanced Fertilization Strategy (BFS).

Additionally, FPA informed the participants that proper labelling and packing of pesticide containers should be maintained to avoid accidental leakage or transport hazards. Storage of pesticide products should be in optimum conditions, regularly checked and maintained, and activities concerning the product should be recorded.



FPA RFU 12 - June 21, 2022

Fertilizer and Pesticide Authority (FPA) SOCCSKSARGEN headed by FPA Regional Officer Alita Bornea together with Provincial Officers (PO) Maricel Tabigue and Joey Pascua, attended the product stewardship program of Bayer CropScience, Inc. where they introduced the FPA mandates, and promoted the Balanced Fertilization Strategy (BFS) Program to 56 Farmers in Makilala, Cotabato.

The program proper commenced with the presentation of an FPA briefer by PO Tabigue emphasizing the mandates and functions of FPA. Mr. Allen Jay Ponce of Bayer CropScience, Inc., lectured on the safe and judicious use of pesticides. PO Pascua explained the reasons for the unprecedented increase in fertilizer prices.

PO Pascua also encouraged the farmers to submit soil samples to DA-Soils Laboratory in the region to determine the status of their farm and consult for appropriate fertilizer recommendations. In addition, he explained the role of FPA in the BFS program.

The participants of the program expressed their interest in having their soil tested as they hoped to use their learnings on BFS in their farming strategy.



Central Office - June 21 - 23, 2022

The Philippine Association of Certified Pesticide Applicators (PACPA) and PMCP Foundation, Inc. (PMCPFI) conducted a training on the Agricultural Certified Pesticide Applicator - Fumigator last June 21-23, 2022. A total of 15 participants attended the training. The participants are expected to take the CPA Fumigator exam on July.

FPA RFU 4 - June 23, 2022

Provincial Officers Edmar Bundalian and Mark Nicky Larga conducted a series of Alternative ASD trainings on June 10, 22 and 23. Seven participants completed the 4-hour training and passed the examination.



FPA RFU 13 - June 23-24, 2022

FPA CARAGA Regional Officer Danilo Negre trained 25 farmers on the safe and proper handling of pesticides. He also discussed the Balanced Fertilization Strategy (BFS).

The activity was in partnership with the DA Regional Office in CARAGA.



FPA RFU 4 - June 24, 2022

Provincial Officer Jocelyn Budayen conducted a series of Alternative ASD trainings on June 16, 17, and 24. Seven participants benefited from the training.



FPA RFU 12 - June 27-29, 2022

Deputy Executive Director for Fertilizer, Dr. Myer Mula, and FPA SOCCKSARGEN visited Sarangani and Sultan Kudarat to promote the Balanced Fertilization Strategy (BFS). The activity was in collaboration with the Special Area for Agricultural Development Program (SAAD).

Regional Officer (RO) Alita C. Bornea discussed the FPA mandates and promoted the Balanced Fertilization Strategy (BFS).

Provincial Officers (PO) Cherubin Alonzo and Joey Pascua talked about the mandates of the Agency and explained the importance of BFS. Furthermore, various alternative fertilizers and cultivation strategies were introduced to address the rising costs of agricultural inputs.



FPA RFU 7 - June 28, 2022

FPA RFU 7 headed by Regional Officer Arnulfo Arausa, Jr conducted a training on the proper use of fertilizer and pesticide and the introduction of Balanced Fertilization Strategy (BFS) to 54 farmers in Brgy. Minol, Mabini, Bohol last June 28, 2022.

This training was in partnership with Planters Products Incorporated, Enasia Import Export Corporation, and Meg Tech Trading.



FPA RFU 9 - June 28, 2022

To protect the public from the risk inherent in the use of pesticides and to educate the agricultural sector on the use of agricultural inputs, FPA Zamboanga Peninsula conducted training on the Safe, Responsible, and Effective Use of Agricultural inputs to 40 farmers in Tuburan, Sergio Osmeña, Zamboanga del Norte.

Provincial Officer (PO) Dionn Mark Bohol emphasized that farmers must be aware of proper labels in pesticide products to ensure that they are not fake.

PO Bohol encouraged the need to use Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) at all times when handling pesticides. Wearing PPE prevents the staff from inhaling, absorbing, or prolonging contact with harmful chemicals in pesticides.

He also promoted the adoption of the Balanced Fertilization Strategy for safe, sustainable, and productive farming.

The training was in coordination with the Department of Agriculture – Special Area for Agricultural Development (DA-SAAD) Zamboanga del Norte.



FPA RFU 11 - June 28, 2022

Thirty-eight (38) mango contractors and growers attended the third wave of FPA Davao Region's (RFU 11) Mango Contractors Training held at the Agricultural Training Institute (ATI) Function Hall Bldg., Office of the Provincial Agriculturist Compound, Digos City, Davao del Sur.

The training is designed to lecture handlers on the correct use of potassium nitrate as a mango flower inducer and develop an awareness of the safe and judicious use of fertilizers and pesticides.

The newly trained participants will be eligible to apply for a License to Operate (LTO).



FPA RFU 13 - June 28, 2022

Provincial Officer (PO) Abraham Ligan conducted an alternative ASD training as requested by SLP association under DSWD livelihood assistance program in Brgy. Berseba, Bayugan City.

Twenty-three (23) beneficiaries were able to get basic training on being fertilizer and pesticide dealers. PO Ligan also instructed them on how to apply as a handler and dealer in FPA.



FPA RFU 13 - June 30, 2022

Twenty-two (22) members of the association actively participated on the seminar conducted by the Provincial officer Abraham Ligan regarding alternative Accredited Safety Dispenser (ASD) at San Juan, Bayugan City, Agusan del Sur.



PUBLIC INFORMATION



Accounts on:

- Interactions of FPA Officials with farming communities
- Informing the public of FPA activities and the regulations on fertilizer, pesticide, and other agri-chemicals

FPA RFU CAR - June 2, 2022

FPA CAR assisted the LGU Kapangan in its organization of farmers' training on Good Agricultural Practices (GAP). FPA CAR served as a speaker on the safe and effective use of fertilizer and pesticide products.



FPA RFU CAR - June 3, 2022

FPA CAR attended media interview with OPAg, Benguet to discuss the importance of fertilizer and pesticide in agriculture.



FPA RFU 7 - June 7-8, 2022

The Fertilizer and Pesticide Authority (FPA) in coordination with the Special Area for Agricultural Development (SAAD) met with 156 farmer beneficiaries of the Integrated Carabao and Vegetable Production Project in Buenavista, Getafe, Mabini, Bohol to promote Balanced Fertilization Strategy (BFS).

FPA RFU 5 - June 13-15, 2022

FPA RFU 5 distributed information materials to different LGU Agricultural Offices in Masbate to strengthen the collaboration between FPA and LGUs.



FPA RFU 2 - June 14-15, 2022

FPA Regional Field Unit (RFU) II trained 53 vegetable producers on Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) in partnership with the Department of Agriculture (DA) Regional Field Office (RFO) II.

Provincial Officer (PO) Roselle Anne Jose discussed the Pesticide Management. She also suggested using other techniques like Integrated Pest Management (IPM) wherein four methods are used in controlling pests - cultural, physical, biological, and chemical method.

The participants of the training expressed their gratitude for the information shared by FPA and DA. According to them, they heavily relied on chemicals to prioritize better quality produce while setting aside the harmful effects of these pesticides on them and their consumers. They promised to adapt the knowledge they gained in the training.



FPA RFU 5 - June 17, 2022

Provincial Officer Engr. Christopher Nunez discussed the Balanced Fertilization Strategy (BFS) Program during the Abonong Swak Technical Briefing conducted by the Department of Agriculture Regional Office 5 at Camarines Sur. Eight (8) farmers attended the technical briefing.



FPA RFU 11 - June 17-22, 2022

FPA strengthened its promotion of the Agency's programs and activities by giving technical assistance and distributing IEC campaign materials on fertilizer and pesticide during the celebration of "Araw ng Matanao" in Davao del Sur.

Promoting ABCRIS Enterprise and its partners was one of the main points of the event, which included the distribution of promotional materials by Provincial Officer (PO), Municipal Agriculturist (MA), SB member Maniapao, and private partners from ABCRIS Enterprise. In addition, samples of foliar fertilizer were given to 48 farmers.

Free on-site consultations were offered to farmers who wanted to learn more about FPA's activities and initiatives. PO Rasay focused her lectures on the safe and judicious use of agricultural inputs.

FPA RFU 8 - June 20, 2022

Provincial Officer (PO) Eric Castañas promoted the Balanced Fertilization Strategy (BFS) during the training on "Capacitating Agriculture Extension Workers (AEW) on Integrated Nutrient Management (INM) with an emphasis on Rice Farming" organized by the Agricultural Training Institute (ATI) at Villaconzoilo Farm, Jaro, Leyte.

Thirty-one (31) AEWs from various provinces in Region VIII, including Municipal Agriculturists and Agricultural Technicians, attended the training.

PO Castañas started his lecture by explaining the reasons behind the fertilizer price hike. With the rising prices of fertilizers, the BFS Program is seen as a solution on the optimum use and combination of inorganic fertilizer and organic materials while ensuring that the appropriate nutrients is being sustained to the crops.

The participants hoped to apply BFS in their rice farming and will share the knowledge learned to other agricultural workers as well.

FPA RFU 5 - June 20, 2022

Regional Officer Gabriel Atole discussed the fertilizer price and supply situation and the different programs of the Department of Agriculture and FPA to mitigate the impact of fertilizer price hike during the Municipal Agriculture and Fishery Council (MAFC) Meeting at Malinao, Albay.



FPA RFU 8 - June 20, 2022

During the Training of Trainers (TOT) on “Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) - Anchored in Banana Production” organized by the ATI-RTC 8. Provincial Officer (PO) Eric Castañas discussed the Safe and Judicious Use of Agricultural Pesticide Products to 25 Agricultural Extension Workers (AEW).

He elaborated on the importance and the legal provision in labeling pesticide. PO Castañas cautioned that labels should not be detached, altered, defaced, changed or destroyed in whole or in part and read multiple times.

He ended his lecture with ways on how to properly and safely store and dispose pesticides. He reminded the group to always wear proper attire when handling harmful chemicals.



FPA RFU 5 - June 21-22, 2022

Provincial officer Engr. Christopher Nunez discussed the general information on pesticides and pesticide labels during a zoom training on Rice Pest and Disease Management for Agriculture Extension Workers of Catanduanes

The activity was initiated by the Regional Crop Protection Center No. 5 and was attended by 25 agricultural extension workers.



FPA RFU 7- June 23, 2022

Deputy Executive Director (DED) for Pesticide Eric Divinagracia, Regional Officer (RO) Arnulfo Arausa, Jr. and Talibon Municipal Agriculturist Angelito Oroyan led the training on the proper use of fertilizer and pesticide to 42 rice farmers in Barangay San Francisco, Talibon, Bohol.

During the training DED Divinagracia highlighted the importance of FPA'S registration process on fertilizers, pesticides and handlers to ensure the quality and safety of each brand available in all FPA licensed establishments.

On the other hand, RO Arausa, Jr. oriented the rice farmers on the Balanced Fertilization Strategy (BFS) to minimize the cost of inputs and maintain soil fertility.

Furthermore, Provincial Officer Andy Cornell Bornillo discussed the topic on Safe and Judicious Use of Fertilizer and Pesticide.

Mr. Crispin Renos from Planters Products Inc., Meg. Tech Trading Mr. Limuel Fajardo, and Mr. Warlito Cresencio were also present in the training.

FPA Central Visayas also distributed kits containing Gabay sa Tamang Paggamit ng Abono at Pestisidyo and Agency Primer.



FPA RFU 5 - June 24, 2022

FPA Bicol lectured to 117 farmers from different barangays in Legaspi on the safe and judicious use of agricultural inputs and promoted the use of Balanced Fertilization Strategy (BFS) during ATI's (Agricultural Training Institute) five-day training on Production of High-Quality Inbred Rice, Seed Certification, and Farm Mechanization.

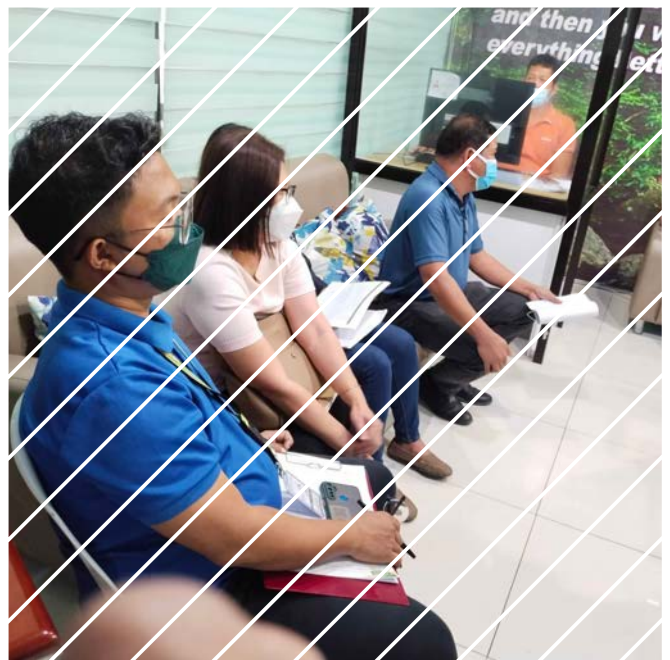
Regional Officer (RO) Gabriel Atole started off his discussion with topics on soil health, fertilizer application and plant growth. He then emphasized the need for soil analysis if soil health is to be maintained. On the question of the price spike in fertilizer and dependency on inorganic fertilizer, Mr. Atole recommended the application of BFS.

Provincial Officer (PO) of Albay Winsor Nueva discussed the general information of pesticide, proper pesticide labeling, safe handling, possible chemical hazards, and first aid management. He emphasized the importance of reading the pesticide label before buying, mixing, applying/spraying, storing and disposing of it due to the inherent risk in the use of pesticides.

Meanwhile, Sorsogon Provincial Officer Engr. Ardon Ryan Nee-Estuye explained the major issues impacting the soil, and plant growth, and how the Balanced Fertilization Strategy (BFS) can address these issues. He also reminded the farmer-participants to buy only FPA registered agricultural inputs from licensed-FPA dealers.



OTHER ACTIVITIES



FPA RFU 11- June 2, 2022

FPA Regional Officer Marrisa Napalit and Provincial Officer Louie Palaraa meet with DENR-Environmental Management Bureau (EMB) headed by Engr. Mario Bulacan, and Regional Director Abel James Monteagudo of DA Regional Field Office 13 to discuss the disposal of empty pesticide containers (EPC).

FPA promoted the triple rinsing of EPC to ensure the safety of all its handlers. Triple rinsing is applicable for those smallholder farmers who do not have mechanical rinsing equipment.



FPA RFU 7 - June 9, 2022

Bohol Farmers Multi-Purpose Cooperative (BOFAMCO) Chairman Exequiel Bahalla, BOD Isidrita Bernante, and Treasurer Melva Cruisit met with FPA Deputy Executive Director for Fertilizer Dr. Myer Mula, Planning Officer Atty. Errol John Ramos and Regional Officer Arnulfo Arausa, Jr. to discuss the possibility of importing fertilizers directly from international producers and suppliers to cut the cost of farm inputs due to rising prices of inorganic fertilizer.



FPA RFU 12- June 9, 2022

FPA SOCCSKSARGEN Regional Officer (RO) Alita Bornea and Provincial Officer (PO) Maricel Tabigue were invited to attend the public hearing on the proposed Provincial Ordinance No. 2020-16-032 entitled "Providing for the Revised Environmental Code of Cotabato Province, Repealing for the Purpose Ordinance No. 326 and for Other Purposes" at Capitol Compound, Amas, Kidapawan City, Cotabato.

The proposed provincial ordinance includes FPA-related concerns as follows:

- 1) Regulations on the disposal of empty pesticide containers pursuant to existing laws, rules, and policies issued by the FPA and DENR; and
- 2) Regulations on aerial and power spraying. This is to provide policies in the banning and prohibition of aerial spraying of pesticides using manned aircraft and unmanned aerial vehicles (UAV) like drones, in all agricultural activities in Cotabato, with reference to FPA MC No. 28, s. 2018 or the Good Agricultural Practices for Remotely Piloted Aircraft System (RPAS).

The provincial ordinance aimed to ensure the protection of the environment, preservation and sustainable utilization of the resources, and the promotion of healthful and balanced ecology.



FPA RFU 6 - June 13, 2022

In an effort to help the agriculture sector in Western Visayas, FPA RFU 6 and the Fertilizer and Pesticide Industry Association-Western Visayas (FPIA-WV) met to discuss possible collaborative initiatives.

Regional Officer (RO) Noel Negre and Provincial Officer (PO) Raymund Alfor represented the FPA. While FPIA-WV was led by Ricky Sazon, the association's president.

FPA and FPIA-WV planned to establish a strong connection with LGU in terms of proper disposal of empty pesticide containers (EPC) by continuing the "Baylo Basiyo" program. The program encourages farmers and handlers to surrender their EPCs in compliance to proper management of toxic waste and substances under RA 6969 and Pesticide Regulatory Policies and Implementing Guidelines.

Both parties agreed and showed willingness to cooperate.



Central Office - June 13, 2022

The Fertilizer and Pesticide Authority (FPA) is granted with the FY 2020 Performance-Based Bonus (PBB) after the agency was validated as compliant with the requirements and qualifications set by the Inter-Agency Task Force (IATF) on the Harmonization of National Government Performance Monitoring, Information, and Reporting Systems.

The IATF commended the FPA management and staff for their significant contributions to strengthening the Agency's organizational and employee performance and delivery of goods and services to the public.

The PBB is awarded to those agencies compliant with the following measurements: good governance, streamlining and process improvement, support to operations (STO), general and support services (GASS), freedom of information (FOI), and other cross-cutting requirements.

FPA RFU 3 - June 14, 2022

FPA RFU 3 attended the orientation meeting for the Fertilizer Derby for Luzon local manufacturers at DA CLIARC ROS, Paraíso, Tarlac City. The derby is to showcase locally produced fertilizers and test their efficacy to soil and crops.



Central Office - June 15, 2022

The Laboratory Services Division conducted a virtual orientation on the Overview of ISO/IEC 17025:2017 and Internal Audit of Laboratory Management System (LMS) on June 15, 2022. The activity aims to enable the participants to gain an understanding of the general requirements of ISO/IEC 17025:2017 standard and how to effectively integrate its requirements to the Laboratory Management System (LMS). A total of 18 participants attended the orientation.



FPA RFU 2 - June 16, 2022

The team of FPA Cagayan Valley visited the Municipal Agriculture Office of Penablanca to coordinate and discuss possible partnership in the conduct of an information campaign on Good Agricultural Practices, Responsible Use of Agricultural Pesticides, and Balance Fertilization Strategy program in the municipality.



FPA RFU 2 - June 21, 2022

FPA RFU 2 and the Department of Agriculture Region 2 met with Engr. Antonio Tumolva, the first licensed importer/distributor of fertilizer in Region 2 to discuss how to strategize the fertilizer distribution and help the fertilizer subsidy program of DA.



FPA RFU 2 - June 23, 2022

FPA RFU 2 attended the Consultative Meeting of the Regional Bantay Presyo Monitoring Team and Local price Coordinating Council at DA Regional Field Office 2.







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