FPA Region V Provincial Officer Garbiel Atole guested at the Radyo Veritas and Veritas TV Teleradyo program entitled, "Dapat AGri, Agri Dapat". He explained the mandate of FPA and discussed about general fertilizer and pesticide information; handling and storage; transport and distribution; poisoning and first aid; and other related topics on the regulation of fertilizer and pesticide.
Product quality and adherence to safety

FPA Region III headed by OIC-Romeo Val Suguitan, Jr. conducted a warehouse inspection at the Yara Warehouse, Guiguinto, Bulacan. The inspection includes fertilizer weighing, price monitoring, collection of samples, and the monitoring of the presence of safety equipment like fire extinguishers and proper lightning and ventilation. This is to ensure that the company follows quality and safety standards for fertilizer and pesticide warehousekeeping management.
Auditing of licensing activities in the field

The Fertilizer Regulations Division led by Division Chief Julieta Lansangan together with Agriculturist Jane Apostol conducted an audit on the issuance and renewal of fertilizer licenses in FPA Region XI headed by Regional Officer, Alita Bornea.

The activity aimed to monitor and validate if the licensing processes in the Field Units are aligned with that of the Central Office as FPA gear towards ISO 9001: 2015 accreditation.
Region IV Provincial Officer Romulo Crucillo attended a workshop initiated by the Philippine Rural Development Project (PRDP), a special project of the Department of Agriculture (DA), held at the Selah Pods Hotel, Pasay City.

The Philippine Rural Development Project is a six-year (6) project designed to establish a government platform for a modern, climate-smart and market-oriented agri-fishery sector. PRDP will partner with the LGUs and the private sector in providing key infrastructure, facilities, technology, and information that will raise incomes, productivity, and competitiveness in the countryside.

Involved agencies in the project are expected to share their expertise and resources based on their mandate.
Product quality and adherence to safety

As part of the regular monitoring and enforcement activities of the FPA in the field, FPA Region IV team led by Regional Officer Leticia Hernandez together with FRD Agriculturists Maria Regina Lagance and Jesson Garcia inspected four manufacturing plants in Laguna. These include the Meridian Nature-Tek Corporation in Alaminos, BIO-Agricultechology in San Pablo, Agroalternatives, Inc. in Los Baños, and the Los Baños Agricor Fertilizer Industries, Inc. in Victoria, Laguna. The activity aims to ensure that the industry follow the standards stipulated under FPA’s Fertilizer Policies and Implementing Guidelines (Bluebook).
Ensuring compliance with the law through proper disposal of pesticide containers

FA Region XII led by Regional Officer Jinny Louie Ale together with the Manager and Board of Officers of the SAVES-GROW-MPC., and Croplife Regional Action Network (CRAN 12) representatives, joined the information drive on proper pesticide container disposal, and the collection of empty pesticide containers from the members of Sarangani Vegetable Seed Growers Multi-Purpose Cooperative during the Cooperative Month Celebration with a theme: “Environmental Protection, We Care, We Grow” at Malungon, Sarangani Province.
Executive Director Wilfredo Roldan and OIC-Deputy for Fertilizer Antonio Cruz, Jr., together with FPA Region II Regional Officer Henry Fronda and Provincial Officer Leonardo Bangad, conducted an on-site inspection and monitoring activities for the possible port entry of fertilizer at the Port Irene in Sta. Ana, Cagayan Valley.
Around forty (40) participants successfully completed the two-day Accredited Safety Dispenser Training (ASD) held at the Business Inn, 28 South Lacson St., Bacolod City, Negros Occidental organized by FPA Region VII. The activity aimed to educate stakeholders on Presidential Decree 1144; general fertilizer and pesticide information; handling and storage; transport and distribution; poisoning and first aid; and other related topics on the regulation of fertilizer and pesticide.
In coordination with the Department of Social Welfare and Development’s Sustainable Livelihood Program (DSWD-SLP), FPA CARAGA led by Regional Officer Danilo Negre conducted a two-day Accredited Safety Dispenser (ASD) seminar to the indigent recipients of said program who are interested to sell fertilizers and pesticides. This was held at Conference Hall, Provincial Agriculture Office, Patin-ay, Agusan del Sur.

A total of 45 participants were educated about the provisions of P.D. 1144; general fertilizer and pesticide information; handling and storage; transport and distribution; poisoning and first aid; and other related topics on the regulation of fertilizer and pesticide products.
Ensuring compliance with the law through clean-up drive operations

FPA Region IV headed by Regional Officer Leticia Hernandez and Provincial Officer Romulo Crucillo together with FRD agriculturists Maria Regina Lagance and Mark Kevin Salita, conducted an information dissemination on the proper application of fertilizers, for the farmers of Pakil and Calamba, Laguna, in support to the Manila Bay Clean Up Project.

Afterwards, FRD Administrative Assistant Rea Lariosa did a water sampling of Manila Bay and delivered these to BIOTECH for laboratory analysis.
Public Information

FPA CAR led by Regional officer Reynaldo Segismundo in coordination with Dr. Jess Aspuria, Superintendent of the the Bureau of Plant Industry (BPI-CAR), and Professor Dr. Jesson Del-amen, Accredited Researcher & Benguet State University (BSU) Professor, facilitated the conduct of Accredited Safety Dispenser (ASD) Training held at the BPI-BN-CRDC, Guisad, Baguio City.
FPA Executive Director Wilfredo Roldan advised banana and pineapple industries to strengthen research activities to address infestation of weevils and Fusarium Wilt in banana plantations during the Seminar on Pesticide Residue, Pre-harvest Intervals (PHI) and Maximum Residue Limits (MRLs) held at the Grand Regal Hotel, Davao City. The activity was jointly organized by FPA and Croplife.
Intensifying partnership with research stations and laboratories

FPA Region VII Provincial Officer Noel Negre partnered with the Center of Studies in Biodiversity Building, Argao, Campus of the Cebu Technological University (CTU) to promote faster and efficient laboratory services.

The center is supervised by Director Rosalyn Alburo.
Public information

The FPA Region I conducted an Accredited Safety Dispenser (ASD) Training to fifty-one individuals who were interested to become licensed fertilizer and pesticide dealers. This was held at the Max’s Restaurant, TFC Bldg., National Hi-way, San Fernando, La Union.

Topics discussed include Presidential Decree 1144; general fertilizer and pesticide information; handling and storage; transport and distribution; poisoning and first aid; and other related topics on the regulation of fertilizer and pesticide.
Seminars on Responsible Use of Agricultural Pesticides and Food Safety Awareness were conducted in Imugan, Sinapaoan, Tactac, Balete, and Canabuan, Sta. Fe, Nueva Vizcaya on October 15, 16, 17 and 18, 2019, respectively. These were made possible through the collaborative efforts of FPA Region II, Municipal Government of Sta. Fe and different pesticide companies such as Cropking, LEADS, AVC Chemicals, Bayer Phils. and Syngenta who sponsored the said seminar.

This activity aimed to educate the farmers on the safe and judicious use of agricultural pesticides and in support to the food safety campaign in the region.
Continuous conduct of IEC campaign thru Radio and Television Channels

FPA Region VII Provincial Officer Noel Negre accommodated the request for a media interview at the MyTV Cebu Parasat and Skycable. He discussed the mandates of FPA and its general functions including fertilizer and pesticide licensing and registration, product quality and adherence to safety, public information and stakeholder collaboration for strengthening fertilizer and pesticide regulations.

On the other hand, FPA Region VII Provincial Officer Andy Cornell Bornillo, answered public inquiries regarding the mandates of FPA, how to interpret product labels, and the application of pre-harvest interval (PHI) at the 888 Local TV program.
Public information

FPA CAR Regional Officer Rey Segismundo served as a resource person during the BAYER Safe Use Ambassador Training Program held at Benguet State University (BSU), La Trinidad, Benguet.

He discussed the Presidential Decree 1144, general fertilizer and pesticide information; handling and storage; transport and distribution; poisoning and first aid; and other related topics on the regulation of fertilizer and pesticide.