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Product quality and adherence to safety

The FPA CARAGA headed by Regional Officer Danilo Negre, continues to capacitate Accredited Safety Dispensers (ASD) on the proper handling and judicious use of pesticide products, while conducting inspection & monitoring of different F/P establishments in the province of Agusan del Sur.
Dion Mark Bohol, Provincial Officer of FPA Region IX, was tapped by the Department of Agriculture- Regional Field Unit IX to serve as resource person on Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) for Corn held at Brgy. Datagan, Siayan, Zamboanga Del Norte.

He discussed the proper pesticide dosage rates for agronomic crops, the importance of pre-harvest interval (PHI), proper pesticide application, and empty pesticide container management, which are all relevant when applying for GAP Certification.

On the following day, Bohol was invited by the East West Seed Company to discuss the Safe and Responsible use of Crop Protection Products at a Vegetable Expo which was organized for the farmers at Brgy. Napilan, Rizal, Zamboanga Del Norte.
FPA Region XII Provincial Officer Cherubin Alonzo discussed the safe and judicious use of fertilizer and pesticide products during the three-day training on Integrated Pest Management (IPM) conducted at the Office of the City Disaster Risk Reduction Management Council Office in Tacurong City, participated by the Clustered Barangays of New Carmen & San Pablo, Tacurong, Sultan Kudarat.
Active participation in the rehabilitation of Manila Bay and its tributaries

To analyze waste water samples coming from fertilizer and pesticide plants, Maria Regina Lagance, Agriculturist II of the Fertilizer Regulations Division, and Rea Lariosa, Administrative Assistant along with Region III OIC Romeo Val Suguitan collected water samples in Manila Bay for analysis.

On September 5, FRD’s Agriculturist II Maria Regina Lagance served as one of the resource persons on Manila Bay Clean-up Project Training for the residents occupying nearby Manila Bay in Balanga, Bataan.

FPA is a member of a government consortium, led by DENR, to rehabilitate Manila Bay under the continuing mandamus by the Supreme Court.
Capacity Building on training management

FAA representatives namely Lourdes Conde of FOCU and Jonsie Baysa of PMID, participated in the Capacity Building on Training Management for Agriculture and Fisheries Extension Network organized by the Agricultural Training Institute (ATI).

With the aim to equip the participants on the principles of achieving a well-organized training design, the five-day training was attended by the different DA attached agencies held at Sequoia Hotel, Quezon City.

During his welcome remarks, ATI Director Alfred Aton reiterates the new DA Secretary William Dar’s directive to strengthen extension services to capacitate the farmers.
Mr. Leonardo A. Bangad, Provincial Officer of Southern Isabela, served as a resource person during the Season Long Training of Trainers on Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) on Vegetable Production held at the ATI San Mateo, Isabela. Agricultural Extension Workers, being the front-liners in helping the farmers, were trained, and include it in their community organizing efforts.
Executive Director Wilfredo Roldan emphasized the importance of strengthening collaboration between FPA and its stakeholders during the Certified Pesticide Applicator (CPA) Training facilitated by Philippine Association of Professional Fumigators Incorporated (PAPFI). A total of seventeen (17) participants attended the training which was held in Feliz Resort Matina, Davao City.

The FPA-PMID administered the FPA examination on September 20, 2019 by IT Unit Head Alvin Domondon and Region XI Regional Officer Alita Bornea.
FPA Provincial Officer Andy Cornell Bornillo discussed the mandates of FPA during the Vegetable Expo organized by the East-West Seed Company and the Local Government Unit (LGU) of Sagbayan, Bohol. The Expo aimed to capacitate farmers on how to increase yields through the proper utilization of agricultural inputs such as fertilizer and pesticides.
FPA Region XI Team conducted a clean-up drive operation in Manay, Caraga, Baganga, and Cateel, Davao Oriental on October 16-17, 2019 at Davao City. In particular, the Team encouraged leaders to comply with PD 1144 and attend ASD training to bolster their knowledge on the proper use of fertilizer and pesticides.
Provincial Officer Robert Salvador discussed the Safe and Responsible Use of Agricultural Pesticides during the Regional Roll-Out for the new breed of Agricultural Development Officers of the Community (AGRIDOC) who underwent series of trainings provided by the Agricultural Training Institute- Regional Training Center (ATI-RTC) in Cagayan Valley.
FA Region III headed by OIC Romeo Val Suguitan organized an Accredited Safety Dispenser (ASD) training held at the DAR Provincial Office Matatalaib, Tarlac City, attended by around fifty-five (55) participants.

Fertilizer Regulations Division (FRD) Chief Julieta Lansangan served as one of the resource persons who discussed the following topics: 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.
Developmental

Region II Provincial Officers Arwin Cardenas and Roselle Anne Jose, attended the Consultative Meeting on the Implementation of Food Safety Program on Fruits and Vegetables initiated by the Department of Agriculture R02 at DA RF02 Organic Hall, San Gabriel, Tuguegarao City which is composed of DA, FPA, FDA, OPA, LGU and vegetable farmer associations.

The end-goal of the activity is to formulate strategies that will address the incidence of high pesticides residue on harvested crops and to come-up with activities on food safety in the region.
Public information Initiatives of the FPA Regional Field Units

Through a radio guesting at 103.1 Radio Natin Ubay, FPA Region VII led by Regional Officer Arnulfo Arausa, Jr., together with Noel Negre and Sunday Flores, discussed the Five (5) Golden Rules for Safe and Effective Use of Crop Protection Products, one of the public information activities initiated by the FPA Field Units to reinforce the campaign on the safe and judicious use of fertilizers and pesticides.
Active participation in the Regional Management Committee (RMC) Conference

Region IV Regional Officer Leticia Hernandez and Provincial Officer Romulo Crucillo attended the Regional Management Committee (RMC) 3rd Quarter Conference held at the BFAR Los Banos Laguna.

The participants were made aware of the proper management of Fall Armyworm, how to stop the spread of African Swine Fever, and Farmer Registry System.
FPA Region VII headed by Regional Officer Armulfo Arausa Jr. conducted series of Safe and Judicious Use of Fertilizer and Pesticide Trainings at Barangay Balintawak and San Jose, Talibon, Bohol and Canlaon City, Negros Occidental.

The training intends to educate farmers on the proper application of fertilizers and pesticides, and on how they could contribute in minimizing the inherent health and environmental risks derived from the use of pesticides.
To familiarize themselves with the fertilizer manufacturing industry and its business cycle, and to learn the best practices in field monitoring and enforcement, RFU-V visited FPA Region IV in Laguna.

This activity also aimed to strengthen coordination, collaboration and knowledge sharing between and among FPA field personnel.