In support to the Plant, Plant, Plant Program or Ahon Lahat Pagkaing Sapat (ALPAS) kontra COVID-19 of the Department of Agriculture (DA), the FPA Region II conducted warehouse and store inspection and price monitoring of fertilizers and pesticides in Cagayan on May 6, 2020. This aims to ensure the availability and accessibility of fertilizer and pesticide products amid the implementation of General Community Quarantine (GCQ) in the region.
To ensure quality fertilizer and pesticide product in support to the Plant, Plant, Plant program of the Department of Agriculture, Provincial Officer Leonardo Bangad conducted an inspection of fertilizer and pesticide warehouses in Isabela on May 7, 2020.
The FPA Region XII headed by Supervising Agriculturist Alita C. Bornea received recognition from the Department of Agriculture Field Office XII for the efforts rendered towards the successful implementation of the issuance of food pass to ensure the unhampered delivery of agricultural supplies and products during the implementation of the Enhance Community Quarantine (ECQ) from March 19 to April 30, 2020 in the region. The awards ceremony was held during the CY 2020 1st Regular Regional Management Committee (RMC) at DA-RFO XII Conference Room, Carpenter Hill, Koronadal City.

About fifty nine (59) food lane pass was issued by FPA XII to its clienteles.
FPA CAR ADAPTS TO “NEW NORMAL” CHALLENGES AND PRACTICES
May 12, 2020

While Baguio and Benguet is placed under the General Community Quarantine (GCQ), the FPA-CAR continues to conduct monitoring and enforcement of fertilizer and pesticide establishments. In support to the government’s effort to gradually phase into the “New Normal”, the field unit staff implements the following practices:

- Maintenance of physical distancing and wearing of mask while inside and outside of office.
- Processing of license renewal upon submission by clients.
- One on one coaching as a new form of information and education campaign most especially to new store/establishment in-charge
- Assuring that visitors / clients logged in for possible contact tracing
The Department of Agriculture Region II headed by Director Narciso A. Edillo hosted the Regional Management Council (RMC) 2nd Quarter Business Meeting through teleconferencing on May 14, 2020. The event highlighted DA’s interventions in the implementation of RCEF program. It was discussed that the purchase of fertilizers should serve as counterpart by the farmer beneficiaries. It was estimated that around 600,000 fertilizers will be needed in preparation for the incoming wet season in the region.

The FPA committed to ensure the quality of fertilizers by conducting random sampling in warehouses for laboratory confirmatory analysis prior to their distribution.
The FPA Davao team held its monthly Regional Meeting through video conferencing using the Zoom App while the region is placed under General Community Quarantine (GCQ). New strategies and practices in the conduct of field activities was discussed to adapt to the challenges of the ‘new normal’.
The FPA attended the 4th Bantay Presyo Advisory Committee (BPAC) Meeting held at the DA ICTS Conference Room, Arturo Tangco Building, 1st Floor, Elliptical Road, Diliman, Quezon City on May 20, 2020.

The meeting tackled the SRP and Price Freeze issue vis-a-vis the forthcoming ending of the ECQ period and the policy recommendations and legal basis to continue its implementation; the increasing the cost of rice in the market; and, the presentation of the 1st budget for the Strengthening Price Monitoring and Enforcement.
FPA Provincial Officer Noel Baliuag, Jr. collected fertilizer samples for analysis as per request by the Sugar Regulatory Administration (SRA) at Lakambini, Tuao, Cagayan and Villabuena, Sta. Maria, Isabela on May 20, 2020.
Mr. Didi Gonzales, Executive Director of CPAP, oriented the FPA employees in the proper ways of disinfecting the workplace to prevent the spread of contagious viruses like COVID-19. He also donated disinfectant sprayers to the agency.
The FPA Region III team composed of Provincial Officers Ram-bel P. Valdez, June Ryan De Leon Jaynor Penid Dangan, and OIC Romeo Val Suguitan Jr., conducted a warehouse inspection at Primestock Chemical Corporation, Iba, Meycauayan City on May 27, 2020.
To ensure the quality of fertilizers in Central Visayas, the FPA Region VII personnel headed by Regional Officer Arnulfo L. Arausa, Jr. conducted fertilizer random sampling in the different distributors and dealers in the region. These samples will be subjected to confirmatory analysis by the Laboratory Services Division (LSD).
The FPA Region VII supports the government’s effort to gradually phase into the “New Normal” amid the implementation of ECQ and GCQ through continuous observance of IATF and DOH prescribed protocols to prevent the spread of viruses like COVID-19.
The FPA celebrated its 43rd Anniversary through teleconferencing which was joined by FPA employees from the Central and Regional Offices.

FPA Executive Director Wilfredo Roldan delivered a message which highlighted the agency’s accomplishments for 2019, the commitment to excellent public service by FPA employees, and the valuable contribution of fertilizer and pesticide industry stakeholders as partners in serving the agricultural sector.
ENFORCING THE LAW AND FULFILLING THE MANDATES IN THE FIELD

May 31, 2020

The FPA Davao Region headed by Regional Officer Mr. Jinny Louie Ale conducted a warehouse inspection and plantation audit at the Dizon Farms and Sons Inc in Nabunturan, Davao de Oro last May 27, 2020.