

## June 04-06, 2019

## Product quality and adherence to safety

To ensure that fertilizer and pesticide products are FPA registered, and the handlers are licensed, Provincial Officers Leo Bangad, Arwin Cardenas, and Noel Baliuag, Jr. monitored and inspected various fertilizer and pesticide dealers in Abulug, Cagayan, Sta. Marcela and Flora, Apayao.

They have conducted the same activity at Roxas, Gamu, Cauayan City and Aurora, Isabela on June 13.


## June 05, 2019

## FPA's continuous IEC campaign thru radio program

RRealizing the importance of the campaign on the safe and judicious use of fertilizers and pesticides for the attainment of food safety in the community, the Department of Agriculture Region II allotted a one-hour timeslot for FPA Field Unit II in their regular radio program. Held every Mondays and Tuesdays, Provincial Officers Leo Bangad and Arwin Cardenas serve as resource persons representing the FPA.

Agencies under the Food Safety Committee, wherein FPA is a member, continue to include in their conduct of information campaign discussions on Pre-harvest Intervals (PHIs) and Maximum Residue Limits (MRLs) of various crops.


## Administration of FPA trainings and examinations

FA's newly accredited training association, the Kapisanan ng mga Pest Controllers of the Philippines (KAPESTCOPI), conducted its first CPA Exterminator training held at the Central Luzon State University (CLSU) in Munoz, Nueva Ecija.

A total of thirty-seven (37) participants attended the said training, qualifying them to take the FPA Examinationon June 7, 2019. The exam was administered by the Planning, Management and Information Division (PMID) through Administrative Officer Lorna Japon and Administrative Assistant Julie Ann Paderes.


## June 13, 2019

## IEC Campaign on Pre-Harvest Interval (PHI)

FPA Region II Provincial Officer Arwin Cardenas observed the Pre-Harvest Interval (PHI) practices of corn farmers in Cauayan City, Isabela, to ensure that crops are safe for consumption before making them available in the market.


## 3 <br> June 13-14 and 17, 2019

## Working towards an improved FPA Quality Management System

To identify relevant issues, risks and opportunities that FPA shall address through risk-based quality planning, and to be able to come up with QMS process map, revised/updated Quality Policy and Quality Objectives, a workshop on Process Mapping and Risk-based Quality Planning was conducted by the Development Academy of the Philippines (DAP) on June 13-14, 2019 at the 4th Floor Training room FPA Building.

Ms. Rowena Reyes, FRD Supervising Agriculturist, updated the FPA employees during the flag ceremony on June 17 about the workshop outputs specifically the identified external and internal issues that affect the strategic directions of the agency.


## June17, 2019

## Newly designated employee

$\mathbf{N}_{\text {ewly }}$ appointed Administrative Officer II Jorelyn Mendoza took her oath of office during the flag ceremony. She will be assigned at the Cashier Section of the Finance and Administration Division (FAD).

Executive Director Wilfredo C. Roldan administered the oath-taking.


## June19, 2019

## Product quality and adherence to safety

FPA Region II Provincial Officers Leo Bangad, Arwin Cardenas, Henry Cabayan, and Noel Baliuag, Jr. conducted a random sampling and inspection of fertilizer and pesticide products by some licensed dealers in Diffun, Quirino.

This is one of the regular activities of the field units to ensure quality and safety of fertilizer and pesticide products.


## June 20, 2019

## Collaborating with the local government unit in the food safety program

FPA Region II coordinated with the municipal government of Ambaguio through its incumbent Mayor Hon. Arnold Dinungon Municipal Agriculturist Wilmer C. Sevilla for the conduct of seminars and training on the safe and judicious use of fertilizer and pesticide products.

The meeting is an effort to establish a partnership with the Municipality of Ambaguio for participatory implementation of projects.


## June 21, 2019

## Enforcement of PD 1144 Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR)

An onsite area inspection of the experiment on the "Efficacy Testing of Redeemer as a Source of Fertilizer with Tomato as Test Crop" was conducted in compliance with PD 1144 and its Implementing Rules and Guidelines (IRR). The said inspection was witnessed by FPA Accredited Researcher Anabella Tulin and Fertilizer and Pesticide Authority Supervising Agriculturist Francis Costas.


## June 21, 2019

## Product quality and adherence to safety

FPA Region III Provincial Officer Dennis Mallari inspected a fertilizer shipment and loading of bags at the Subic $^{\text {Pa }}$ Seaport Terminal in Boton Wharf, Boton Area, Subic Bay Feeport Zone, Olongapo City.


## June 24, 2019

## FPA's continuous IEC campaign thru radio program

Live on air, FPA CAR Supervising Agriculturist Reynaldo Segismundo discussed FPA's campaign on the safe and judicious use of fertilizers and pesticides through a radio guesting at Over Broadcast Media-JOY FM Radio 103.7, the official radio station of the province of Abra, located at Casamata Hill, Bangued, Abra. Dr. Expedito Villaruz, Abra Provincial Agriculturist, joined the program discussion.


## June 25, 2019

## Institutionalization of product steward program

Through the joint efforts of FPA Region IV led by Provincial Officer Romulo Crucillo and Bayer Cropscience Phils Inc., a training on product stewardship program was conducted at the Max Restaurant, San Pablo City, Laguna. It was attended by 35 farmers who shall exercise the responsible use of fertilizer and pesticide products.


## June 25-26, 2019

## Public information

R
egion XIII Provincial Officer Joey Pascua discussed the Safe and Judicious Use of Fertilizer and Pesticides during the Training on Philippine Good Agricultural Practices for Corn facilitated by the Department of Agriculture Region XIII held at Family Country Hotel, General Santos City.


## June 25, 2019

## Product quality and adherence to safety

Executive Director Wilfredo Roldan, together with FRD Chief Julieta Lansangan, Senior Agriculturist Maribel Querijero, and Chemist II Sierlene Nicole Binobo, conducted an on-site inspection of theliquid coating and bagging operation of Yara Fertilizer Philippines. The company was established in 2004 in Marivelez, Bataan,and has been offering its premium fertilizer products to Filipino farmers.


## June 25-27, 2019

## Working towards an improved FPA Quality Management System

To provide a clear framework of the operations of the agency, a workshop on QMS Documentation was facilitated by the Development Academy of the Philippines (DAP) on June 25-27, 2019 at the 4th Floor Training room FPA Building.

The workshop enabled FPA to draft its Quality Manual, which contained all the relevant and interdependent processes within the organization.

The following Offices/Committeewere tasked to determine such processes:

- QMS Secretariat - Agency profile, organizational structure, scope, and coverage
- Management process- OED
- Core operations- FRD and PRD
- Support process- by FAD, LIS, and PMID
- List of interested parties' requirements and risk opportunity registry and action plan- QMS Risk Management Team
- Control of external providers - FRD, PRD, FAD, LSD, and PMID
- Reference Matrix- OED
- Improvement Plan-PMID

Learning outcomes from the workshop was shared by Thea Oliveros, FAD Supervising Agriculturist during the flag-raising ceremony on July 1, 2019. Specifically, she mentioned that there are operational procedures for the control of the documents, records, internal quality audit, nonconforming output, and corrective action.


## June 26, 2019

## Inter-agency cooperation on the safe use of pesticide

To educate the farmers on the proper use, handling, and storage of crop protection products, FPA Region XII was invited by the Department of Agriculture- Philippine Good Agricultural Practices(PhilGAP) Program to serve as resource persons for their training titled "Gabay sa Responsable, Tamang Paggamit at Pamamahala ng mga Pestisidyo." Provincial Officer Joey Pascua discussed the safe and judicious use of fertilizer and pesticide products. The training was held at Greenland, San Jose, General Santos City.


## June 26-27, 2019

## Updating the knowledge of industry professionals

FPA Region VIII led by Supervising Agriculturist Francis Salvador Acosta facilitated the Accredited Safety Dispenser's Training in Sophia's Way, Leyte Park Hotel, Tacloban City, attended by thirty (30) participants. Topics discussed included 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 products.


## Institutionalization of product steward program

Through the combined efforts of FPA Region II led by Provincial Officer Leo Bangad, Municipal Government of Dinapigue, and the M.A.O. Chemicals Marketing and Training and Tagchem Dragon Corporation, a training on the Responsible Use of Agricultural Pesticide was conductedat Digumased, Dinapigue, Isabela. It aimed to educate and inform the farmers on the proper use of agricultural pesticides, and reinforce the food safety campaign in the region.


## June 27, 2019

## Consultation meeting with the Korean delegates

FPA welcomed Korean delegates composed of fertilizer and pesticide industry players and representatives from the $^{\text {th }}$ Korean government. During the consultation, the Korean delegates was familiarized with the requirements for the registration of fertilizer and pesticide products, and the feasibility of marketing Korean f/p products in the country. Another agenda discussed was the strengthening of cooperation for the development of eco-friendly farming materials between the Philippines and Korea.


## June 27-28, 2019

## Updating the knowledge of industry professionals

FPA caraga supervising Agriculturist Danilo Negre facilitated a two-day Accredited Safety Dispenser (ASD) training attended by fifty participants.


## FPA hosts NALECC-SCFAEC 4th meeting

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PA hosted the 4th meeting of the National Law Enforcement Cooperation Committee Sub-Committee on Firearms, Ammunition, and Explosives Control (NALECC-SCFAEC). Among the tackled agenda included the discussion of the importation of Nitrate, users of Nitrate, and the role of FPA in monitoring Nitrate.

Accordingly, Nitrate is an indispensable element in the development of explosives, which needs heightened control and monitoring when being transported, delivered, and mixed as input for industrial and agricultural products.


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R
egion III OIC-Supervising Agriculturist Romeo Val Suguitan, Jr. did several monitoring and field inspections in the province to ensure that the quality of life for Filipinos Filipino farmers will receive adequate and quality fertilizers from the stakeholders.

The inspection was led by FRD Senior Chemist Maribel Querijero, Agriculturist II Maria Regina Lagance, Chemist II Sierlene Binobo, and RFU Provincial officers.

The locations for the inspection are the following: RICHFIELD AGRIFARMS INC. and FEACO CORPORATION in Mabalacat, Pampanga, and AGROTIGER PHILS. CORP, TEXICON AGRIVENTURES CORPORATION, and MERSAN AGRI DEV INC. in Bulacan.



