



FERTILIZER AND PESTICIDE AUTHORITY

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PUBLIC INFORMATION

JULY 5



Agriculturist II Rowena F. Billig of FPA-CAR co-facilitated/attended the CropLife Action Network (CRAN) Benguet meeting with Mr. Wagner Annogue, CropLife Phils., Inc. (CPL) coordinator in Benguet areas, at Dap-ayan Restaurant, BSU Compound, Balili, La Trinidad, Benguet. Eleven (11) males had attended the meeting, representing six companies. One hundred fifty (150) information campaign posters on pesticide container – triple rinsing was distributed by Mr. Wagner Annogue to the company representatives to be posted within the farming areas. Mr. Omrie Tukaki of Aldiz Corporation is the new president of CRAN Benguet, while the vice president is Mr. Jawardson Abiasen of Corteva Agriscience. CRAN Benguet action plan for July 2021 – July 2022 includes: clean up drive prior the hauling of empty pesticide containers; request for training of trainers (company staff) on Mode of Actions through CPL; and conduct of dealers' seminar on Mode of Actions by cluster (3 clusters).

JULY 7

FPA Provincial Officer Mr. Andy Cornell G. Bornillo discussed the importance of following the prescribed pre-harvest interval (PHI) to cucumber farmers in the Municipality of Trinidad, Bohol.

Pre-harvest interval (PHI) is the minimum amount of time between the last application of a pesticide and when the crop can be harvested which is stipulated in all pesticide labels.



JULY 8



Agriculturist II Rowena Billig of FPA-CAR, was the resource speaker on safe and effective use of fertilizer and pesticide products during the Package of Technology on Mango cum Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) and Mango Contractors Training at Brentwood Apartelle, Leonard Wood Road, M. Roxas, Baguio City. There were fifteen (15) Mango growers - participants from Tuba and Itogon Municipalities of Benguet. The activity was organized and funded by DA-CAR through its High Value Crops Development banner program.

JULY 12-16



FPA Cagayan Valley conducted series of activities to ensure the quality of different grades of fertilizer being distributed in the region.

- July 12, 2021 - Fertilizer and Warehouse Audit and Stock Inventory, visit and coordination at FMC, and field school;
- July 13, 2021 – Clean up drive at Nueva Vizcaya Agricultural Terminal, Nueva Vizcaya; and
- July 14-16, 2021 – training and campaign on the Safe and Judicious Use of Pesticide at Balete, Kayapa

JULY 12-23



The FPA Central Office conducted a two-week internal audit in preparation for the incoming ISO 9001:2015 accreditation on September 2021. Different divisions were subjected to a meticulous online interview via zoom by the members of the Internal Quality Audit (IQA) Team. The IQA Team was spearheaded by Ms. Suzettie M. Alcaide.

JULY 13

FPA Cagayan Valley along with the One-DA family, RCPC R2, DA Soils Lab, and the DA Regulatory Division were invited to conduct a training on Food Safety. The FPA team discussed the safe and judicious use of pesticides. This activity was initiated by the Local Government of Bagabag in Nueva Vizcaya through the Office of the Municipal Agriculturist headed by Mr. Charles Fernandes Jr.



JULY 14



Mr. Leonardo A. Bangad, OIC of FPA Cagayan Valley and FPA Food Safety Coordinator participated in a meeting to discuss the upcoming Food Safety Month celebration this coming September 2021. The DA RFU2 and the LGU of Nueva Vizcaya also participated in the meeting.

The newly promoted Regional Technical Director for Research and Regulatory, Ms. Rose Mary G. Aquino, Director III facilitated the meeting together with the NVAT Manager, Mr. Gilbert Cumila.

Lastly, FPA Cagayan Valley in coordination with MAgrO Kayapa will hold the first Food Safety Caravan in coordination with the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Regulations. The activity is expected to be conducted for the next coming months.



JULY 14-16

As a response to the public advisory of Hon. Elizabeth D. Balasya to use pesticides judiciously to avoid having high pesticide residues on harvested vegetables, the FPA Cagayan Valley, through the initiative of MAgrO Kayapa, conducted a training on the Safe and Judicious Use of Agricultural Pesticides (TRUAP) at the far-flung barangay of Balete in Kayapa, Nueva Vizcaya last July 14-16, 2021.

Kayapa is known to be one of the major vegetable producing municipalities of the region, thus, the inevitable pesticide application by farmers.

The endeavor which is being jointly implemented by FPA Region 2, LGU Kayapa, and DA RFU 2 will continue until most of the farmers are informed and educated on the safe and judicious use of agricultural pesticides.



ENFORCING FPA'S MANDATE IN THE FIELD

JULY 15

Provincial Officer, Mr. Joey Pascua spearheaded the monitoring of fertilizer and agricultural pesticides in one of the FPA's license dealer in Alabel, Sarangani Province. Weekly fertilizer prices and top most sold crop protection products were also monitored including the proliferation of suspected fake agricultural inputs to assure the safe and affordable supply of fertilizer and crop protection products in the province.



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Agriculturist II Rowena F. Billig of FPA-CAR, was the resource person on safe and effective use of fertilizer and pesticide products during the Benguet Agri Pinoy Trading Center (BAPTC) Encounter and GAP Orientation at Cabuyao, Poblacion, Tuba, Benguet. Participants are 22 (13 females and 9 males), in collaboration with LGU Tuba – Office of the Municipal Agriculture. The BAPTC personnel presented their trading system and how will the farmers benefit from the center.

JULY 19-20



In collaboration with the LGU – Kibungan through the Office of the Municipal Agriculture Office and with Chemical Companies – Corteva AgriScience and Transworld Marketing, Agriculturist II Rowena F. Billig of FPA-CAR, conducted Accredited Safety Dispenser (ASD) training at the Municipal Nursery Building / Farmers Information & Technology Service Center (FITSC), Poblacion, Kibungan, Benguet. Nine individuals had completed the training.

There will be two new fertilizer and pesticide dealers in the area (Poblacion, Kibungan). Empty pesticide container management system was also discussed with the OMAg and Mayor's Office staff. Accordingly, the matter will be discussed further during their Municipal Agriculture and Fishery Council Meeting.

JULY 21

Agriculturist II Rowena F. Billig celebrated her birthday as resource person on safe and effective use of fertilizer and pesticide products during the GAP training on vegetables at Macbas, Cattubo, Atok, with sixteen (16 - 14 females and 2 males) vegetables growers. The activity was organized and funded by the Macbas Community Multipurpose Cooperative in coordination with the LGU Atok through the Office of the Municipal Agriculture Office.



JULY 22



Agriculturist II Rowena F. Billig of FPA-CAR, presented and discussed topics on safe and effective use of fertilizer and pesticide products during the Package of Technology on Coffee (2nd batch) cum GAP Training on July 22, 2021 at Brentwood Apartelle, Leonard Wood Road, M. Roxas, Baguio City. Participants are 43 females and 9 males from the municipalities of Itogon and Tuba, Benguet. The activity was organized and funded by DA-CAR through its HVCDP.

ENFORCING FPA'S MANDATE IN THE FIELD

JULY 22



To assure the agricultural sector on the adequate supply of quality fertilizer and pesticide, FPA Provincial Officer Mr. Sunday B. Flores conducted store visit and product monitoring of different handlers from the 3rd district in the Province of Bohol.

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JULY 22

FPA Region 7 together with Cebu Agri Technician's Association (CATA) initiated the "Baylo Basiyo (Palit Basyo) Program." The activity aimed to collect empty containers for proper disposal and to teach and remind the farmers on the proper use and disposal of pesticide. The activity was held at Mantalongon National High School Covered Court, Brgy. Mantalongon, Dalaguete, Cebu last July 22, 2021. 175 farmers attended the activity and a total of 30 sacks of empty pesticide containers were collected and will be disposed of properly.



JULY 22

RFU 6 held its first virtual regional meeting attended by Provincial Officers in Western Visayas. Mr. Eric Divinagracia, Deputy Executive Director for Fertilizer served as the motivational speaker during the meeting and inspired the participants to strengthen the relationship as co-workers. He also emphasized the importance of communication especially in this time of pandemic.



JULY 23



FPA CAR educates Tabuk farmers on understanding pesticide label and fertilizer price situation. Moreover, they conducted an Information, Education, and Communication (IEC) lecture to 46 TESDA scholars who are currently undergoing Farmers Field School (FFS) on Production of High Quality Inbred Rice and Seed Certification and Farm Mechanization at Bacayan's Rice-based Integrated Farm School at Tannubong, Ipil, Tabuk City, Kalinga.

The discussion focuses on two topics: 1) understanding the pesticide label which aimed to enable the participants to properly interpret the color brands, the icons/symbols and warnings found in pesticide labels; and 2) fertilizer price situation to allow the participants to understand the factors behind the current increase in fertilizer prices both local and global.

The activity was held in collaboration with Engr. William Gonayon, Jr. from the Office of the City Agricultural Services of Tabuk City.

JULY 23

In response to the request of the farmers, FPA Regional Officer Mr. Arnulfo L. Arausa, Jr. together with Provincial Officer Mr. Andy Cornell Bornillo visited a farm at Dagohoy, Bohol to provide technical assistance concerning pest control and nutrient management.



ENFORCING FPA'S MANDATE IN THE FIELD

JULY 23



To assure adequate supply and quality of fertilizers at reasonable prices, the FPA Region 11 conducted a warehouse inspection at Davao City. Deputy Executive Director for Fertilizer, Mr. Eric Divinagracia and Regional Officer, Ms. Marrisa Napalit joined the inspection of fertilizers.

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Executive Director Dennis Palabrica was invited by FPA Caraga in their Capacity Development Program as lecturer for the Safe and Judicious Use of Pesticide. The participants were rubber farmers and was held at Gateway Hotel, Butuan City.



ENFORCING FPA'S MANDATE IN THE FIELD

JULY 27



FPA Caraga together with the Philippine Rubber Research Institute (PRRI) lead by Executive Director Dennis Palabrica, and Regional Crop Protection Center (RCPC) of DA – RFO13 conducted an on-site validation and inspection of rubber plantation at Rosario, Agusan del Dur.

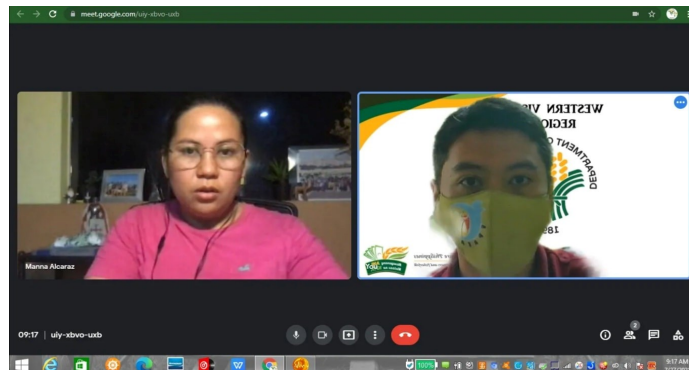
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Mr. Jelmo More, FPA Provincial Officer in Capiz inspected the compliance of the warehouse storage of Digmar Agricultural Technology and Services.



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Mr. Noel Negre, Regional Officer of FPA Western Visayas attended the virtual meeting conducted by the Fertilizer Regulatory Division (FRD) spearheaded by Ms. Julieta Lansangan, Chief of FRD. Mr. Eric Divinagracia, Deputy Executive Director for Fertilizer, presided the meeting pertaining to the increase of fertilizer prices nationwide. Mr. Negre assisted the virtual inquiry from a client in the determination of their product category for FPA registration.

DA RFU 2 together with FPA Cagayan Valley hosted a consultation meeting with the LGU and other stakeholders for the implementation of Food Safety Program in Nueva Vizcaya. Hon. Elizabeth D. Balaysa, Dr. Pepito D. Balgos and other provincial and municipal agriculturists and members of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Nueva Vizcaya attended the meeting.

The agency recommended the LGU to draft ordinances that would institutionalize the proper disposal of pesticide container, wearing of PPE's during spraying, and the safe and judicious use of pesticide.

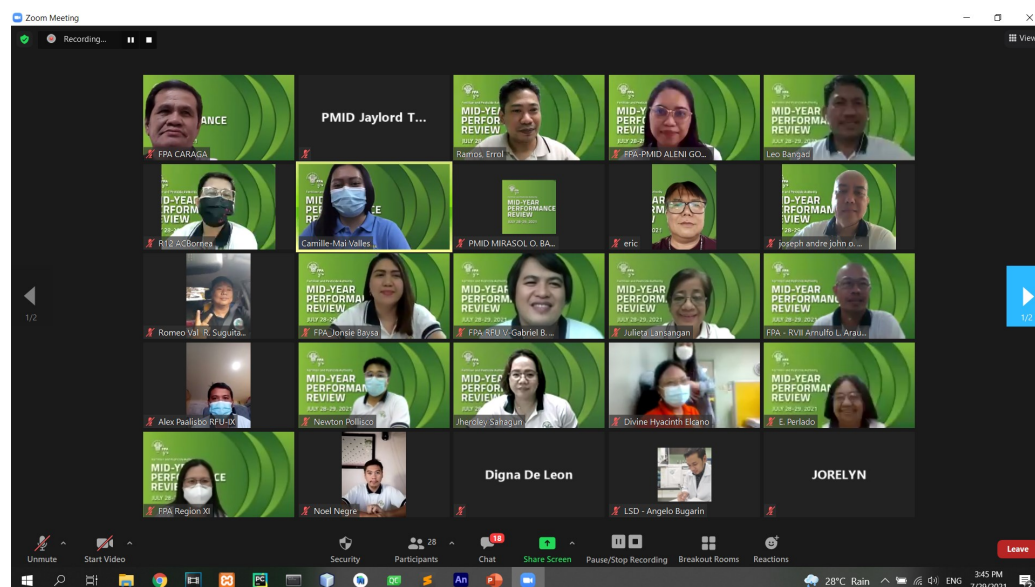
Additionally, to regulate the entry of unregistered and smuggled pesticide in the province, it was proposed that all peddlers will register their product at the LGU – MAGRO Office before they proceed in selling and marketing their products.

The province of Nueva Vizcaya will be the first province in the Philippines to implement the Food Safety Program of the government.

JULY 27



JULY 28-29




The Planning, Management and Information Division together with the Finance and Administrative Division spearheaded the conduct of virtual mid-year assessment of financial and physical performance for the period January to June 2021.


The activity aims to provide feedback to the management on the performance and progress in the implementation of the various programs and projects specifically in terms of meeting the physical commitment and budget utilization. This was also a venue for the management to address concerns on the unmet targets and catch up plans.


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