



FERTILIZER AND PESTICIDE AUTHORITY

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MAY 2021

"FPA@43: Ensuring Food Safety Through Resilient Regulation of Fertilizer and Pesticide Products."

PUBLIC INFORMATION

MAY 3, 6, & 12



To continuously uphold the vision of the organization, the FPA Region XI conducted three PhilGAP Trainings with DA RFO-XI. This was spearheaded by FPA Region 11 Officer-In-Charge Ms. Marrisa G. Napalit and Provincial Officers Ms. Imelda Q. Rasay and Mr. Rustom Gain A. Tanduyan. The trainings were held in different provinces namely: Davao City, Davao Oriental, and Davao del Sur last May 3, 6, and 12, 2021 respectively. The training focused on Environmental Management, Worker's Health, Safety, and Welfare.

MAY 6, 11 , & 24



As part of the commitment of FPA to educating and informing the public on the safe and judicious use of pesticides, several ASD Trainings were conducted in Benguet, to wit:

- May 06, 2021 at Lorenzo Residence, Bahong, La Trinidad, Benguet
- May 11, 2021 at Benguet FPA Provincial Field Office, Capitol, La Trinidad, Benguet
- May 24, 2021 at Gloriosa Hall, TDC, OPAg Nursery, Puguis, La Trinidad, Benguet.

The speakers are Mrs. Rowena F. Bilig, FPA Representative, Mr. Vicente Tadao, Dealers' Association (BBMPAA, Inc.) representative, 2 personnel from PNRC-Benguet Chapter Volunteers, and Mr. Jenver Kimbungan of Encam Agri Marketing as the Agro-Chemical Representative. The said trainings were attended by 20 participants. As of May 31, 2021, 2 establishments completely submitted new applications as a license to operate dealer of FP products. Others will submit upon completion of the requirements.

MAY 6



FPA Provincial Officer Noel Negre facilitated the Strategic Planning, Workshop and Awarding Ceremony in Cebu Province and Component Cities at Efren Saniel Training Center, Bayabas, Adlaon, Cebu City, Cebu.

The event was supported to Cebu Agro Technician Association (CATA) and dealer and distributor awardees.

Dep. Director Romirose Padin OIC-Deputy Director for Pesticide served as guest speaker who shared the importance of compliance with FPA's rules and regulations.

During the activity, Mr. Eugene Tabas, CATA President. Planning, introduced the strategic collection of empty pesticide bottles through "Baylo Basiyo Program", the future activities of CATA, and the discussion of Facts and Figures for Provincial Profiling. The importance of unity and leadership among its members and the core values was also highlighted.

Quality Control and Monitoring

MAY 7

FPA-XII Provincial Officer Joey B. Pascua together with Acting FPA Regional Officer-XI Mariz C. Napalit and Provincial Officer Junette Cano assisted the Department of Agriculture-RFU XII Bids and Awards Committee (BAC) Technical Working Group in conducting fertilizer sampling as part of their Post Qualification Activity in Davao City last May 07, 2021. This is one of the courses of quality control activities of FPA through fertilizer sample collection and subjecting these to laboratory analysis.



Administration of Accreditation Examinations

MAY 10



FPA Region II facilitated the Accredited Responsible Care Officer (ARCO) Examination held at FPA-R2 Regional Office last May 10, 2021.

MAY 10

FPA CAR administered the ARCO examination of Mr. Sanchez and Mr. Omrie Tukaki of Aldiz Corporation who participated in the Accredited Responsible Care Officer Training, at Ben Palispis Hall, Benguet Provincial Capitol, La Trinidad, Benguet. Mr. Bryan Mang-oy of the Information Technology Division assisted the two examinees to assure that the internet connection was stable while they were taking the exam. The two examinees passed the ARCO examination as posted on the FPA website.

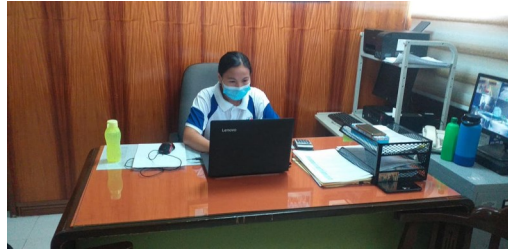


MAY 10-12

FPA Region-XII headed by Regional Officer Alita C. Bornea served as proctors during the Accredited Responsible Care Officer (ARCO) and Certified Pesticide Applicator's (CPA) Examination held at FPA Regional Office, Koronadal City on May 10-12, 2021. The accreditation program for pesticide handlers is designed to update and upgrade the technical knowledge of commercial users and distributors in the application of crop protection products.



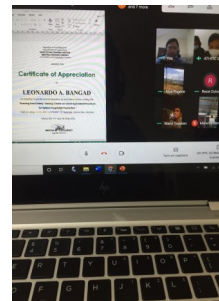
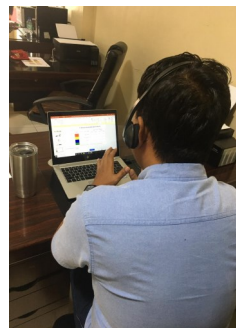
MAY 11



FPA Provincial Officer for Ilocos Norte Noel Tablada facilitated the Agricultural CPA-Fumigator examination of Ms. Cherrylin M. Ramos of NFA at the National Food Authority, Laoag City Branch Office, Ilocos Norte.

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MAY 11



The FPA Cagayan Valley conducted a Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) Training held virtually last May 11, 2021. The topic on the Safe and Judicious Use of Agricultural Pesticides was discussed by Mr. Leonardo A. Bangad. The said virtual seminar's goal was to promote the province of Nueva Vizcaya as a GAP certified and to be recognized in the safe application of pesticides for food production since the province is considered as the *Vegetable Bowl of the Region*. The participants were farmers and agricultural technicians from the province of Nueva Vizcaya.

EXTENDING AID TO THE FAR-FLUNG COMMUNITIES

MAY 11



The Fertilizer and Pesticide Authority XII headed by Regional Officer Alita C. Bornea and Provincial Officer Maricel Tabigue supported the Department of Agriculture Region 12 in bringing its agricultural services closer to the far-flung communities in Makilala, Cotabato. Through the Barangay Extension Service Operation (BESO) Outreach Program, start up kits such as food packs, corn and vegetable seeds, fertilizers, assorted fruit trees seedlings, sets of garden tools, bags of compost soil, dairy products, sheep, carabao, and training manual on mushroom production and food processing, were turned over to the thirteen members of the People's Organization (PO) in the community. The event was conducted with the assistance of the 39th Infantry Battalion.

ENFORCING FPA'S MANDATE IN THE FIELD

MAY 12



In line with FPA's vision of increasing agricultural productivity and increasing farmer's income using safe and appropriate fertilizer and agricultural pesticide products, FPA Provincial Officer Mr. Joey Pascua conducted random weighing and collection of fertilizer samples to be subjected for laboratory analysis in one of the FPA Licensed Dealer in the province. The activity was conducted last May 12, 2021, in General Santos City.

MAY 12



Amidst the pandemic situation, the FPA Caraga conducted a clean-up drive operation in the different F/P handler's establishments in the province of Agusan del Sur. The handlers were also educated on the regulatory function of FPA in accordance with P.D. 1144 and its IRR.

UPDATING THE KNOWLEDGE OF INDUSTRY PROFESSIONALS

MAY 12



To continuously educate and inform the public on the safe and judicious use of F/P, the Office of the Municipal Agriculture (OMAg) - Tuba, Benguet, and Brgy. LGU - Taloy Sur organized an activity to train local farmers on Good Agricultural Practices (GAP). The FPA was invited to discuss the rules and regulations cum Safe and Effective Use of Fertilizer and Pesticide Products at Brgy. Hall, Tayloy Sur, Tuba, Benguet. 30 farmers attended the training. During the event, the PTV 4 interviewed the organizers and FPA representative regarding the importance of conducted such training. The panelists were the Punong Barangay of Taloy Sur - Mr. Sibayan Juan; Ms. Michelle Saingan - Agricultural Technologist of OMAg - Tuba; and Mrs. Rowena B. Billig - FPA personnel. The results of the interview were aired on PTV news last May 14, 2021.

MAY 13

FPA Region VII conducted a Safe Use for Fertilizer and Pesticide Training at Brgy. Balaban, Dimiao, Bohol, organized by the Office of the Municipal Agriculturist headed by Mr. Jayrell G. Adanza. Enasia International represented by Mr. Fred Angga and Mr. Nerias Acodili, and Planter Products Incorporated represented by Mr. Crispin Renos.



MONITORING OF THE BIO-EFFICACY

MAY 13



FPA CAR monitored the bio-efficacy trials of 3 approved Experimental Use Permits (EUPs) of an agro-chemical company at Timoy, Longlong, Puguís, La Trinidad, Benguet.

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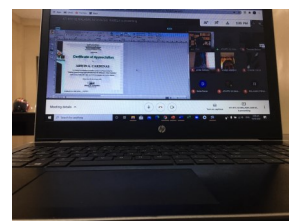
Tobacco is a fast-growing industry in Cagayan Valley. Such growth significantly increased the requirement for pest control operation and fertilization. Hence, the FPA Cagayan Valley inspected fumigation and pesticide application activities, licenses, and equipment of Universal Leaf Phils. Inc (ULPI) at Reina Mercedes, Isabela.. The ULPI is considered the biggest tobacco processor in the region.



UPDATING THE KNOWLEDGE OF INDUSTRY PROFESSIONALS

MAY 18

Provincial Officer Arwin A. Cardenas served as resource speaker on the Responsible Use of Agricultural Pesticides to agricultural technicians and onion farmers in Nueva Vizcaya through the initiative of ATI-RTC, Region 02.



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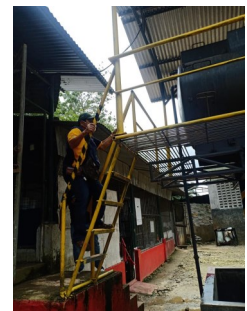
MAY 18-20



One of the functions of the Fertilizer and Pesticide Authority is to monitor and conduct safety audits in warehouses on the implementation of proper Occupational Health and Safety Program. Thus, after pesticides and fertilizers are registered, FPA has the authority to conduct activities in order to ensure that they are in accordance with the applicable rules, regulations, and product labeling. In line with this, the FPA-RFU XVII headed by Regional Officer Alita C. Bornea and Provincial Officer for Sarangani and General Santos City, Mr. Joey B. Pascua conducted warehouse inspection and audit in Five (5) Banana Plantation Warehouses in the province including One (1) Distributor in General Santos City. The result of the inspection and evaluation was discussed with the management.

MAY 19

Danny Salas Negre headed the inspection of a plantation's chemical facilities and awarded the Certificate of Good Housekeeping & Warehousing Practices for consistently observing good practices in handling fertilizers & pesticides last May 19, 2021.



EDUCATING THE TRAINERS OF AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION WORKERS (AEWs)

MAY 18-21



The 3rd batch of trainers from Agricultural Extension Workers (AEWs) of Kalinga and Apayao have undergone 3-day training on GAP and Farm Inspection sponsored by ATI-CAR. FPA Provincial Officer in Benguet. Rowena F. Bilig discussed about the FPA rules and regulations cum Safe and Effective Use of Fertilizer and Pesticide Products. Several speakers were likewise invited namely: Mr. Santiago Doweno of DA-CAR, Mr. Samuel Fontanilla of BPI-PPSSD, and Ms. Cristine Esnara of ATI-CAR. The training was held online via zoom at Sab-atan Function Room, ATI-CAR, BSU Compound, La Trinidad, Benguet. There 22 AEWs who attended the said activity.

UPDATING THE KNOWLEDGE OF INDUSTRY PROFESSIONALS

MAY 19

A one-day ASD Training was conducted by FPA Region IV headed by OIC, Regional Officer, Mr. Mark Nicky S. Larga, together with Provincial Officers, Allan Jade V. Rojo and Edmar C. Bundalian. The training is a primary requirement for those who wish to sell as dealers of fertilizer and pesticide products. The training was held at A&A Hotel and Resort, Laylay, Boac, Marinduque. A total of six participants successfully passed and completed the said activity.



STRENGTHENING ENGAGEMENTS WITH GOVERNMENT PARTNERS

MAY 19

FPA Provincial Officer of Zamboanga del Norte attended the monthly meeting of the Provincial Agricultural and Fishery Council (PAFC) at the Office of the Provincial Agriculturist (OPAg) Upper Turno, Dipolog City. Also present during the said meeting were the different Municipal AFC's coordinators, City AFC, representative from Regional AFC and other line agencies. Different issues and concerns confronting the Agriculture and Fisheries sectors were discussed.

The FPA representative shared about FPA's mandates and functions and its role in agricultural sector. He also tackled some important issues including updates on fertilizer prices, Inventory status and monitoring activities conducted within the province.

The participants were advised to report any illegal activities like distribution of fake fertilizer and pesticide products in the community to FPA.



ENFORCING FPA'S MANDATE IN THE FIELD

MAY 20

Provincial Officer Jesus A. Muring conducted an inspection/risk appraisal at KAM-G Negros Isle Inc. Warehouse in Dumaguete City, Negros Oriental to ensure that FPA guidelines were met.



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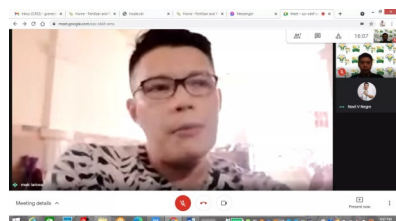
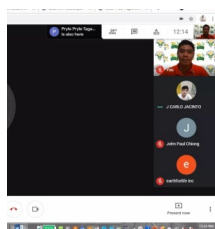
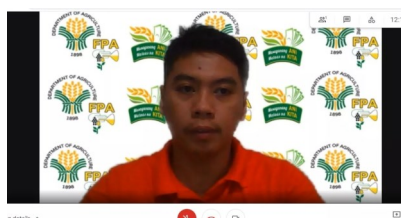
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An alternative ASD training was conducted as a pre-requisite in applying for an FPA License to Operate as Dealer of Pesticide and Fertilizer held at Pag-ibig Bldg., Apokon, Tagum City, Davao del Norte. The activity was spearheaded by Officer-In-Charge Ms. Marrisa G. Napalit, Dep. Dir. For Fertilizer Mr. Eric C. Divinagracia, Product Stewardship Manager Ms. Catherine Sumagaysay, and Mr. Jovencio Buntag, President of Fertilizer and Pesticide dealers Association of Davao del Norte Inc. (FAPDADI).



PUBLIC INFORMATION

MAY 20



FPA Region 7 Provincial Officer Noel Negre facilitated the 1st and 2nd batch of Non-Traditional Product Manufacturers Virtual Orientation which was attended by eight product registrants operating in Cebu Province and Component Cities.

The participants were introduced to the different FPA frontline services and had a walkthrough of the FPA Citizen Charter.

PACKAGE OF TECHNOLOGY TRAINING ON GOOD AGRICULTURAL PRACTICES (GAP) FOR UPLAND VEGETABLES

MAY 20



HVCDP – DA-CAR together with the Office of the Provincial Agriculturist (OPAg) – Benguet organized a training about Package of Technology on Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) for Upland Vegetables. Mrs. Rowena F. Billig discussed the FPA rules and regulations cum Safe and Effective Use of Fertilizer and Pesticide Products last May 20, 2020. Speakers from DA-CAR and Ms. Delinia Juan, OPAg- Benguet Staff were also present to share their knowledge about the said topic. The training was held at Brentwood Apartelle, M. Roxas, Baguio City and was participated by 23 farmers coming from Buguias, Benguet, and Baguio City.

PROVISION OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

MAY 20

FPA-Camarines Sur Provincial Officers Engr. Christopher M. Nuñez & Mr. Winsor L. Nueva served as resource speakers during the Seminar para sa "Kaaraman kontra Tungro" held at Brgys. Ubaliw, Agos, Ponso, Alnay & Napo, Polangui, Albay.



These activities were initiated by Cong. Joey Sarte Salceda 2D Albay, Agriculture Committee Chair BM Jesciel Salceda & ABC President Adrian Salceda in partnership with FPA-Albay & Leads Agri.



LOCAL LEADERS OF LA TRINIDAD, BENGUET TOGETHER WITH THE OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL AGRICULTURIST (OMAG) ORGANIZED ACTIVITIES AS PART OF THE CELEBRATION FOR FARMER'S DAY AND INDIGENOUS PEOPLE'S DAY

MAY 21



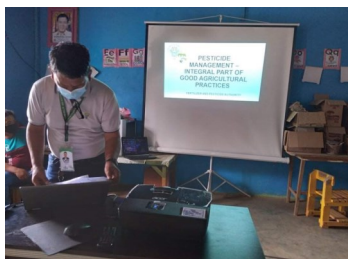
As part of the celebration for Farmer's Day and Indigenous People's Day, Brgy. Alapang and the Municipality of La Trinidad through the Office of the Municipal Agriculturist (OMAg) organized an activity to further educate the members of the community including the farmers. The organizers invited Mrs. Rowena F. Bilig to discuss the FPA rules and regulations cum Safe and Effective Use of Fertilizer and Pesticide Products last May 21, 2021 held at Don Pulas Elementary School, Alapang, La Trinidad, Benguet. She also served as the judge in their activities such as face mask designing and poster making contests. The said activities were co-sponsored by Corteva Agriscience, Sinochem Philippines, Encam Agri Marketing, and CropLife Philippines. A total of 60 participants attended the said event.

Apart from the activities mentioned, Barangay Kagawad Alvin Morales, Committee Chair on Agriculture together with the farmers of Alapang initiated the emptying of pesticide containers as part of their advocacy to promote a clean and eco-friendly environment in the place. Moreover, Mr. Wagner Annogue from CropLife Phil. assisted by various agrochemical companies distributed prizes and incentives to farmers and delivered the pesticide containers at Caponga, Tublay.

UPDATING THE KNOWLEDGE OF INDUSTRY PROFESSIONALS

MAY 21

As part of FPA's mandate to educate and inform the farmers and other stakeholders on the safe and judicious use of pesticides, the FPA Cagayan Valley served as a resource speaker in the conduct of Good Agriculture Practices (GAP) Training held in Brgy. Kimbutan, Dupax del Sur last May 21, 2021. The training aims to enable the participants to become knowledgeable on the safe and responsible use of pesticides to avoid high pesticide residue on agricultural produce and assure the safety of food, farmers, and the environment.

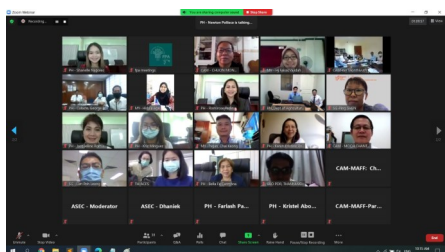


FPA HOSTS 25TH ASEAN EWG MRL MEETING

MAY 24



The Philippines through the Department of Agriculture - Fertilizer and Pesticide Authority hosted the 25th Meeting of the Expert Working Group on the Harmonization of Maximum Residue Limits (EWG-MRLs) of Pesticides among ASEAN Countries on 24-25 May 2021.



FPA EMPLOYEES UNDERGO ANNUAL PHYSICAL EXAMINATION

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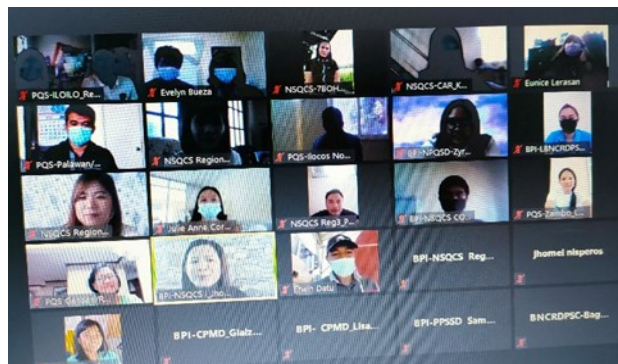
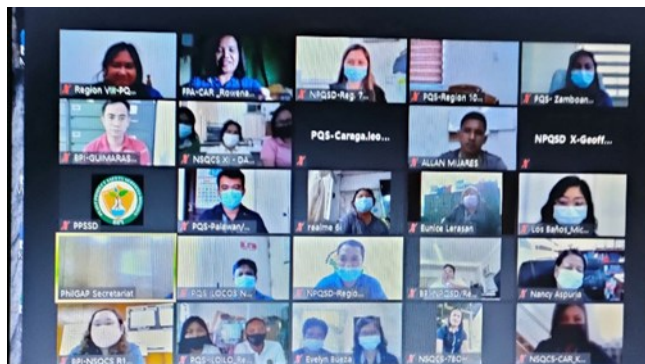


FPA Central Office employees in partnership with LEADS Diagnostics being the service provider underwent annual physical examination for them to keep updated on their health condition. The exam also included swab testing to monitor employees with COVID-19 infection.



FPA PROVIDES TA DURING RETOOLING/CAPACITATION OF BUREAU OF PLANT INDUSTRY – PLANT PRODUCT SAFETY SERVICES DIVISION (BPI-PPSSD) AS PHILGAP INSPECTORS

May 25



As a response to the call of the agency to enhance and further improve the implementation of BPI PhilGap inspection, the BPI-PPSSD organized an activity participated by the 46 BPI-PPSSD personnel nationwide. The activity was held last May 25, 2021 via Zoom at La Trinidad, Benguet. The organizers invited Mrs. Rowena F. Billig, FPA Provincial Officer for Benguet, to discuss the FPA rules and regulations cum Safe and Effective Use of Fertilizer and Pesticide Products.

PUBLIC INFORMATION

MAY 24-25

FPA Region 1 team facilitated a 2-day ASD training at the OPAG conference Hall, Provincial Agriculture Office at the Province of Ilocos Norte. The participants came from various Municipalities of the Province.

ASD training is a pre-requisite requirement in securing FPA License to Operate (LTO) as Dealer of Fertilizers and Agricultural Pesticide.



MAY 24



As a way of giving back to the community and promoting the spirit of 'bayanihan' during this time of pandemic, FPA donates goods and grocery items to Maginhawa Community Pantry in Diliman, Quezon City.

Accordingly, donated goods at the #MaginhawaCommunityPantry drop-off center will be distributed to recipient barangays in QC.

MAY 30

FPA Region 8 team in partnership with C.B.EC Eagles Club (Philippine Eagles), the Agro Chemical Industry in Eastern Visayas (Aldez, Team Agro, and FMC) and Local Government of Dagami Leyte, conducted training on the proper use of F/P inputs and disposal of empty Pesticide Containers, to educate local farmers in Barangay Tin-ao, Dagami, Leyte. PPE's were given to the said farmers sponsored by C.E.B.C Eagles Club, at the end of activity.



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