

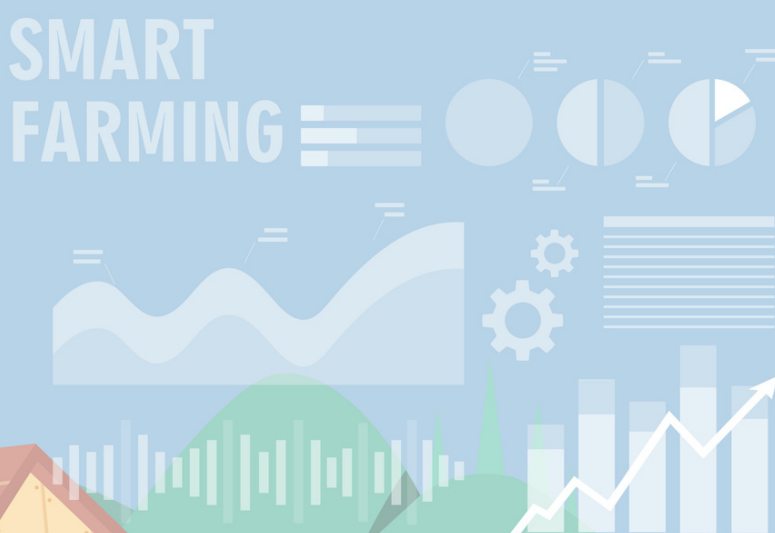


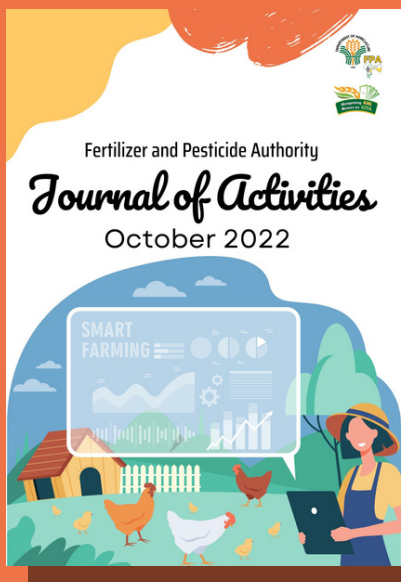
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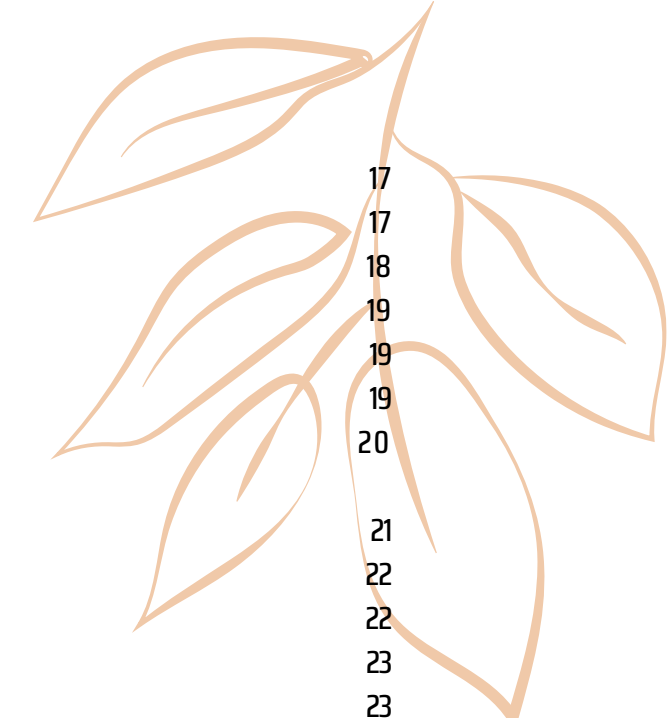

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ENFORCING FPA'S MANDATE IN THE FIELD



Accounts on:

- Ensuring the quality and safety of products
- Monitoring handlers, products, and programs related to fertilizer and pesticide
- Collaborating with other agencies to provide better service to the people

ILOCOS REGION



FPA RFU I - October 19-20, 2022

LA UNION | October 19-20, 2022 - Team FPA RFU-01, under the supervision of Regional Officer Joseph Andre John Martinez, conducted a series of warehouse inspections and random weighing of fertilizer bags on four (4) fertilizer handlers on October 19-20, 2022 in La Union. These handlers were Swire Soiltect Agricultural Products Corp., FEREX Agrochem Development Corp., PPCI Danat Fert. Corp., and Atlas Fertilizer Corp.

The warehouse-in-charge or authorized representatives of each company witnessed the said activities.

CENTRAL LUZON



FPA RFU III - October 18, 2022

SAN RAFAEL, BULACAN | October 18, 2022 - Fertilizer and Pesticide Authority RFU III conducted an inspection of the warehouse and product label at Leads Animal Health in Brgy. Sampalok, San Rafael, Bulacan. Mr. Roel Valdez of FPA Bulacan cited the importance of the correct label, including the mode of action of the pesticide and expiration date. As a result, Ms. Nina Cabiao, Leads Animal Health and Natural Solutions, Regulatory Specialist, said it will be the top priority of their company to follow FPA's precepts and protocols.



FPA RFU III - October 19, 2022

SAN JOSE DEL MONTE, BULACAN | October 19, 2022 - FPA Bulacan Provincial Officer Mr. Roel P. Valdez conducted a series of inspections and consultative meetings. Representatives of R.R Calugcucan Company and the consultant of JTO Pest Control Services were present in this activity.

FPA RFU III October 19, 2022

FPA granted Happy Home a License to Operate as a fumigator after passing the evaluation of their warehouse.



CENTRAL VISAYAS



FPA RFU VII - October 12, 2022

Fertilizer and Pesticide Authority Region 7 conducted a surprise inspection and random weighing operation in the warehouse of Ong Kin King & Co. Inc., located at Plaridel St., Cebu City last October 12, 2022. Fortunately, the establishment and its products were found compliant with the FPA rules and regulations.

Regional Officer Arnulfo Arausa, Jr. supervised the activity, along with Provincial Officers Sunday Flores and Jesus Muring.

It was in line with the region's continuous effort to assess the supply and quality of fertilizers available in the market. FPA will issue a Notice of Violation and impose penalties and sanctions on handlers and products that violate rules and regulations.

DAVAO REGION



FPA RFU XI - October 5, 2022

DAVAO CITY | October 5, 2022 - A total of 250 bags of five (5) fertilizer grades were inspected during the massive random weighing conducted on all major importers and distributors in Davao City on October 5, 2022.

The Fertilizer and Pesticide Authority conducted their random weighing operation in the Yara warehouse located at Ilaeco Bldg., Brgy. Ilang and in the Davao city port at TEFASCO, both in Brgy. Ilang, Bunawan District Davao City. During the operation, the team weighed fifty (50) bags per fertilizer grade, including YaraMila Winner, Yara Viking Prilled and Granular, YaraLiva Tropicote, Yara Liva, Yara Mila, Swire 14-14-14, and Swire 21-0-0.

The team was composed of Regional Officer Ms. Marrisa G. Napalit and Provincial Officer Mr. Louie T. Palaraos.

FPA RFU XI- October 12, 2022

KAPALONG, DAVAO DEL NORTE | October 12, 2022 - Fertilizer and Pesticide Authority (FPA) Davao team conducted a blended inspection of a Field Experimental Station/Trial Site as well as On-Site facilities in Kapalong, Davao del Norte last October 12, 2022.

During the inspection, FPA checked the occupational health, industrial hygiene, safety and security, and organizational aspect of the facility, if the company conformed to the standards set forth by the agency.

Subsequently, the experimental field station passed the inspection, and the Pesticide Regulations Division would send the final result for further examination since the findings serve as a prerequisite for the issuance of the certificate and the renewal of the license to operate.

Regional Officer (RO) Marrisa Napalit spearheaded the activity along with Provincial Officer (PO) Cheery Agrade, while personnel from the Pesticide Regulations Division attended via Zoom. Representatives from Bayer Crop Science assisted the team.





FPA RFU XI October 5 & 20, 2022

DAVAO DEL SUR | OCTOBER 5 & 20, 2022 - FPA Davao del Sur Provincial Officer Ms. Imelda Q. Rasay witnessed a series of pull-out activities following the FPA Memorandum issued last August 25, 2022.

Since the products did not meet the required guaranteed analysis as specified on the product label (off-specs), a total of 151 bags were pulled out from the different stores. A SUMS order (Stop Sale, Move, Order) has been issued to these fertilizers until the companies satisfy the deficiencies within the given period stipulated on the said FPA memorandum.

FPA RFU XI - OCTOBER 21, 2022

MONTEVISTA, DAVAO DE ORO | OCTOBER 21, 2022 - Twenty-five (25) bags of 21-0-0 fertilizer were issued Stop Use, Move, Sale (SUMS) Hold during the random weighing operation in Brgy. Poblacion, Montevista, Davao de Oro on October 21, 2022.



FPA RFU XI - OCTOBER 26, 2022

DAVAO CITY | OCTOBER 26, 2022 - FPA XI Team, headed by Regional Officer Ms. Marrisa G. Napalit with Deputy Executive Director for Pesticide Mr. Eric C. Divinagracia, conducted a clean-up drive activity in Brgy. Malabog, Paquibato District, Davao City.

A total of 14 F/P handlers and establishments were inspected and received a notice of violation for selling F/P without a license to operate as dealers. FPA explained the rest of the details regarding the issuance of the said violations.

This activity aimed to monitor the possible trades of fertilizers and pesticides (F/P) happening in distant agricultural areas.

SOCCSKSARGEN



FPA RFU XII October 4, 2022

Sultan Kudarat FPA Provincial Officer Cherubin M Alonzo conducted a random weighing of different fertilizers at Angel Farm Supply, Isulan, Sultan Kudarat on Tuesday, October 4, 2022.

It was part of the regular monitoring activity of FPA to assure the farmers of quality fertilizers.

FPA RFU XII October 4, 2022

FPA Provincial Officer Joey B. Pascua conducted a random weighing of different fertilizers at Angel Farm Supply, PSJ Agri Supply, JMB Agri Supply, and LDA Agri Marketing in General Santos City last Tuesday, October 4, 2022.



FPA RFU XII - October 5, 2022

SOCCSKSARGEN | October 5, 2022 – In addition to the pullout conducted last September 28, 2022, FPA Field officers pulled out another 157 50-kg bags of Turbo Prime 14-14-14 and 23 50-kg bags of Turbo Prime Multi Elements from 7-licensed dealers in the province of North Cotabato last October 5, 2022.

FPA Regional Officer Alita C. Bornea supervised the activities, along with Provincial Officers Jennie M. Basilio and Maricel P. Tabigue.



FPA RFU XII - October 6, 2022

FPA Provincial Officer Cherubin M. Alonzo witnessed the pullout of 147 (50 Kg) bags of Turbo Prime Complete 14 and 202 (50 Kg) bags of Turbo Prime 16-20-0 from a licensed dealer in Isulan, Sultan Kudarat last October 6, 2022.

The said products failed to meet the required guaranteed analysis based on the results from FPA Laboratory Services Division and DA XII Regional Soils Laboratory.

The concerned fertilizer products received a Stop Use, Move, Sale (SUMS) Hold Order by PO Alonzo from August to September 2022.

FPA RFU XII - October 13, 2022

FPA Regional Officer, Alita C. Bornea and Provincial Officer, Joey B. Pascua witnessed the pullout of 274 bags (50 Kg) of Turbo Prime Complete Granular Fertilizers last October 13, 2022 from the Municipalities of Maasim and Malapatan, Sarangani and in the Municipality of Tupi, South Cotabato.

The said fertilizers received a Stop Use, Stop Move, and Sale (SUMS) Hold Order by FPA on September 27, 2022, since the product did not conform to its guaranteed analysis based on the result from FPA Laboratory Services Division.



FPA RFU XII - October 13, 2022

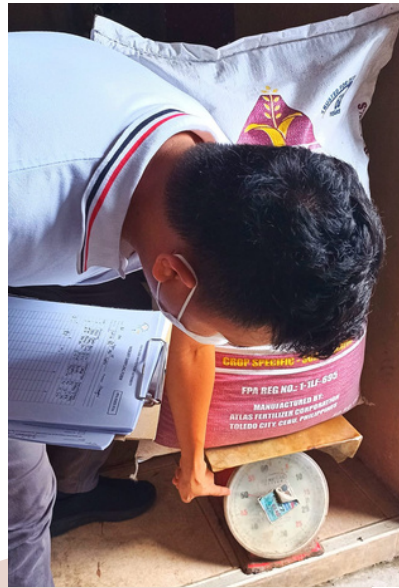
FPA Sultan Kudarat Provincial Officer Cherubin M. Alonzo enforced a random sampling of different brands of fertilizer to R2G2 Farm Needs at Brgy. Dukay, Esperanza, Sultan Kudarat on Thursday, October 13, 2022.

It was part of the regular monitoring activity of FPA to assure the farmers of quality fertilizers.

FPA RFU XII October 19, 2022

GLAN, SARANGANI | October 19, 2022 - FPA Sarangani Provincial Officer Joey B. Pascua conducted a random weighing of different fertilizers at E and Y Agri Supply- a licensed dealer of fertilizers in Glan, Sarangani last October 19, 2022.

The activity was in line to the mandates of FPA to assure the farmers of quality and available fertilizers.



FPA RFU XII October 19, 2022

SURALLAH, SOUTH COTABATO | October 19, 2022 - FPA South Cotabato Provincial Officer Jennie M. Basilio conducted a random weighing of Fertilizers at Surallah, South Cotabato on October 19, 2022. This is to assure the farmers of quality fertilizers.

FPA RFU XII - October 20, 2022

FPA North Cotabato Provincial Officer Maricel P. Tabigue inspected the manufacturing plant and warehouse of VIA Fertilizer Manufacturing at Barangay Singao, Kidapawan City last October 20, 2022.

The activity was for the company's renewal of its FPA License to Operate as a manufacturer and distributor.

On the same day, PO Tabigue conducted an inspection and random weighing of fertilizers, as well as the monitoring of pesticide products at various FPA-licensed dealers in Kidapawan City.



CARAGA REGION

FPA CARAGA - October 7, 2022

Provincial Officer of FPA Caraga Engr. Yzredin O. Bacongus, together with Mr. Marjun Medrano of the Municipal Agriculture Office, conducted an inspection and monitoring of FPA-licensed dealers in San Miguel, Surigao del Sur last October 7, 2022.

The team inspected the fertilizer and pesticide products and the establishments' good housekeeping, as well as conducted a random weighing of fertilizer to ensure its compliance with Presidential Decree 1144 and its Implementing Rules and Regulations.



FPA CARAGA - October 13, 2022

FPA Caraga Provincial Officer Engr. Yzredin O. Bacongus and Mr. Adrian Collen Guillen of the Municipal Agriculture Office conducted an inspection and monitoring of FPA-licensed dealers in Madrid, Surigao del Sur last October 13, 2022.

On the same day, Engr. Bacongus also issued Notice of Violations - Verbal Warning to four unlicensed dealers, two from Madrid and one each from nearby municipalities of Cantilan and Carmen, for selling fertilizer and pesticide products without an FPA license. These establishments were advised to comply by attending ASD Training and securing their FPA dealership license.



FPA CARAGA - October 7, 2022

BUTUAN, AGUSAN DEL NORTE | October 7, 2022 - FPA Provincial Officer of Agusan del Norte Jeyson S. Atillo witnessed the pullout of 327 bags of Turbo Prime 14-14-14 Complete fertilizers from JMFS in Butuan City on October 7, 2022.

The said fertilizer products were off-specs, hence received Stop Use, Move, Sale (SUMS) Hold Order and order of withdrawal from FPA CO as directed by Dr. Myer G. Mula, OIC/Exec. Director of FPA.

ACCREDITATION TRAININGS AND SYMPOSIA



Accounts on:

- Trainings, workshops, and other learning activities initiated by FPA
- Trainings with FPA Accredited Training Association (FATA)

CAGAYAN VALLEY



FPA RFU II - October 4-7, 2022

Mr. Keith Vincent Mabanag of FPA RFU 02 served as the resource speaker at the Training of Trainers (TOT) on Pest and Nutrient Management - Batch 4 conducted by PhilRICE Region 02 in Cagayan Valley Research Center (CVRC), San Felipe, City of Ilagan, Isabela last October 4-7, 2022. He discussed the safe and judicious use of pesticides as an integral part of Good Agricultural Practice.

Through this, FPA enforces the management of pests and diseases by enhancing pesticide use judiciously and appropriately by equipping field extension workers.



FPA RFU II - October 11-12, 2022

Dupax Del Sur, Nueva Vizcaya | October 11-12, 2022 - Fertilizer and Pesticide Authority (FPA) Cagayan Valley discussed the safe and judicious use of agricultural pesticides during the Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) training for more than 120 farmers in Barangay Biruk and Kimbutan, Dupax Del Sur, Nueva Vizcaya on October 11-12, 2022.

Through this training, FPA aimed to educate the farmers in the production of safe and internationally accepted foods since this is a prerequisite to passing the GAP certification and the agency, with attached agencies, is willing to assist the farmers with the applications for GAP certifications. The training was a joint effort of the Local Government of Dupax Del Sur, FPA Region 02, DA Region 02, and two chemical companies Biostadt Philippines Inc. and AVC Chemical Corporation.



FPA RFU II - October 13, 2022

AMBAGUIO, NUEVA VIZCAYA | October 13, 2022 – The Fertilizer and Pesticide Authority (FPA) Cagayan Valley conducted a seminar on the safe and judicious use of agricultural pesticides for 40 vegetable farmers in Barangay Salingsingan, Ambaguio, Nueva Vizcaya on October 13, 2022.

The training was made possible with the help of LGU Ambaguio through its Municipal Agriculture Office, headed by Mr. Dick P. Dinunzon, and Zhengbang Crop Protection Philippines, represented by Mr. Ericson Taberna.



FPA RFU II - October 19, 2022

IGUIG, CAGAYAN | October 19, 2022 – Fertilizer and Pesticide Authority Provincial Officer (PO) Arwin Cardenas discussed the responsible use of agricultural pesticides with local farm technicians on October 19, 2022 at DA-SCRC, Minanga, Iguig, Cagayan as one of the partners in developing and training the farmers' trainer.

Philippine Rice Research Institute (PhilRice) led and initiated this series of training that aims to capacitate trainers of farm schools, farmer-leaders, and other Extension Service Providers in the region. There were more than 30 participants, including agricultural technicians, farmer leaders, and local farmer technicians. They will serve as agents of technology transfer to farmers to make them more competitive and develop skills in decision-making.

CENTRAL LUZON



FPA RFU III - October 11-12, 2022

Fertilizer and Pesticide Authority conducted an Accredited Safety Dispenser (ASD) of Fertilizer and Pesticide Training at Emshienell Beach Resort & Event Place in Brgy. Amungan, Iba, Zambales last October 11-12, 2022. There were 43 participants from different establishments in the province of Zambales.

The said activity was a pre-requisite and mandatory for those who want to be a dealer of F/P products and a requirement as well for every establishment to have a trained ASD.

The training was supervised by FPA Regional Officer Romeo Val R. Suguitan, Jr.

BICOL REGION

FPA RFU V

October 11-12, 2022

CAMARINES SUR | October 11-12, 2022 – Forty-one (41) participants from Camarines Sur, Camarines Norte, and Albay attended the Accredited Safety Dispenser (ASD) training held at Cooperative Development Authority (CDA) Building, Airport Road, San Jose, Pili, Camarines Sur on October 11-12, 2022.

The team was headed by Regional Officer Mr. Gabriel B. Atole, FPA-Albay Provincial Officer Mr. Winsor L. Nueva, FPA-Cam. Sur and Catanduanes Provincial Officer Engr. Christopher M. Nuñez, FPA-Cam. Norte Provincial Officer Engr. Cris L. Legaspi, FPA-Sorsogon Provincial Officer Engr. Ardon Ryan E. Nee-Estuye and Regional Staff Ms. Rosie T. Malazar.



FPA RFU V

October 19, 2022

MASBATE CITY, MASBATE | October 19, 2022 – Forty-seven (47) mango farmers/growers attended the 1st Mango Contractor's Training conducted by Fertilizer and Pesticide Authority (FPA) Bicol Region in collaboration with the Office of the Provincial Agriculturist – Masbate and Leads Agricultural Products Corporation on October 19, 2022 at Cherish Resort, JM Robredo Road, Espinosa, Masbate City.



CENTRAL VISAYAS

FPA RFU VII - October 19-21, 2022

BOHOL | October 19-21, 2022 - The Fertilizer and Pesticide Authority (FPA) Region 7 conducted a series of training on safe and judicious use of fertilizer and pesticide (F/P) to the three established Adaptation and Mitigation Initiative in Agriculture (AMIA) villages in Brgy. Buenos Aires, Carmen, Brgy. Paraiso, Mabini and Brgy. Taming, Danao in the province of Bohol last October 19-21, 2022.

This training was in collaboration with the Department of Agriculture 7 and Bohol Agricultural Promotion Center thru Adoption and Mitigation Initiatives in Agriculture (AMIA) Program which aimed to increase the farmers' level of awareness in the proper and responsible use of F/P. Ninety-eight (98) participants were in attendance.



EASTERN VISAYAS

FPA RFU VIII October 5-6, 2022

CATBALOGAN, SAMAR | October 5-6, 2022 - Fifty (50) aspiring dealers in the region of Samar attended the Accredited Safety Dispenser (ASD) training in Cocina de Carbral, Catbalogan, Samar, last Oct. 5-6, 2022.

The said training was organized by FPA Regional Field Unit VIII headed by Mr. Francis Salvador Costas, along with the Provincial Officers Eric C. Castañas, John Mar L. Nosura, Gary De la Cruz, Claudette Mae Terceño, and Loreto Macabio Jr.



ZAMBOANGA PENINSULA

FPA RFU IX October 19, 2022

FPA Regional Officer Mr. Alex S. Paalisbo and FPA Provincial Officer of Zamboanga del Norte Mr. Dionn Mark M. Bohol were invited by the DA-SAAD Area Coordinator Ms. Catherine Aranton to be the resource speaker on the safe, effective and responsible use of fertilizer and agricultural pesticide in Brgy. Buenavista, Sergio Osmeña, Zamboanga del Norte last October 19, 2022.

Also present was the Field Representative of FMC Pesticide Company, who presented the Crop Protection and Nutrition topics.

Twenty (20) vegetable farmers of the said barangay attended the activity.



NORTHERN MINDANAO



FPA RFU X - October 28, 2022

CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY | October 28, 2022 - FPA Northern Mindanao Successfully conducted Accredited Safety Dispenser (ASD) training on fertilizer and pesticide to 41 participants last October 28, 2022 held at Harbor Lights Hotel, Cagayan de Oro City.

DAVAO REGION



FPA RFU XI - October 12, 2022

DDIGOS CITY, DAVAO DEL SUR | October 12, 2022 – Fertilizer and Pesticide Authority (FPA) Davao del Sur, together with the Top Agro Products Co. and Barangay Local Government Unit (LGU), conducted a “Farmer’s IEC Campaign” in Brgy. Dulangan, Digos City on October 12, 2022.

The campaign focused on updating the farmers on the current development of technology on farming techniques associated with pesticide problems and aimed to reach out to the farmers on the proper and safe use of crop protection products. In line with this, FPA provided awareness and other technical know-how on safe and judicious use of pesticides during the discussion.

PO Imelda Rasay, Top Agro Products General Trade Manager Mr. Chito Eltagonde, and the rest of the Barangay LGU spearheaded the said Information, Education, and Communication (IEC) Campaign where 30 Brgy. officials and members of Dulangan Mango Farmers Association attended.

SOCCSKSARGEN



FPA RFU XII October 6, 2022

POLOMOLOK, SOUTH COTABATO | October 6, 2022 - FPA South Cotabato Provincial Officer Jennie M. Basilio conducted an information drive campaign on the safe and judicious use and handling of pesticides to 17 members of Tibud Sa Katibawasan Multi-purpose Cooperative (TSKMPC).

The activity was held at Tibud-SKMPC Training Hall in Brgy. Poblacion, Polomolok, South Cotabato on Thursday, October 6, 2022.

FPA RFU XII October 12, 2022

Forty (40) participants attended the one-day fertilizer and pesticide training and accreditation program conducted at Venue 88 Resort and Events Place, General Santos City last October 12, 2022.

The participants were individual business operators (IBO) and personnel of dealer stores selling fertilizer and agricultural pesticides.

The said training was organized by Fertilizer and Pesticide Authority Region 12 through the supervision of Regional Officer Alita C. Bornea.



FPA RFU XII October 20, 2022

SANTO NIÑO, SOUTH COTABATO | October 20, 2022 - South Cotabato FPA Provincial Officer Jennie Basilio informed the eight (8) storekeepers of different F/P dealers on the safe handling and storage of pesticides, including the proper handling of fertilizers.

The said activity was conducted in Santo Niño, South Cotabato last October 20, 2022.

CARAGA REGION



FPA RFU CARAGA - October 19-20, 2022

FPA CARAGA conducted an Accredited Safety Dispenser's (ASD) training for 15 aspiring licensed dealers for agricultural inputs and a seminar on the safe use of pesticides for 22 Agricultural Extension Workers (AEW) at the municipal agriculture conference hall in the municipality of La Paz, Agusan del Norte last October 19-20, 2022.

The activities were made possible by the full support and initiation of the Department of Agriculture of La Paz.

PUBLIC INFORMATION



Accounts on:

- Interactions of FPA Officials with farming communities
- Informing the public of FPA activities and the regulations on fertilizer, pesticide, and other agri-chemicals

CAGAYAN VALLEY



FPA RFU II - October 25, 2022

FPA Regional Officer Mr. Leo Bangad served as a resource person in the "Training of Trainers on Site Specific Nutrient Management (SSNM) Nutrient Expert for Maize" at ATI, San Mateo last October 25, 2022.

He attended a Farmers' Cooperatives and Associations (FCAs) meeting to discuss the process of applying for a license to import fertilizer to the newly created Federation of Cooperatives. The main purpose of the cooperative is to directly import fertilizer from foreign sources to ensure supply and lower prices.



FPA RFU II - October 26, 2022

FPA Provincial Officer Arwin Cardenas served as a resource speaker for Training of Trainers, conducted by Philippine Rice Research Institute (PhilRice) at DA - SCRC, Iguig, Cagayan on October 26, 2022.

Mr. Cardenas discussed the general information on pesticides and its safe handling to farmer leaders in the province of Cagayan.

CENTRAL LUZON

FPA RFU III - October 13, 2022

ERMITA, MANILA | October 13, 2022 - FPA Bulacan Provincial Officer Mr. Roel Valdez served as a Resource Person to a seminar facilitated by the Bureau of Plant Industry.

Twenty-five (25) participants, including the inspectors from Luzon to Mindanao (Chemists, Agriculturists), attended the discussion relating to Pesticide Management and Good Agricultural Practices.

Mr. Valdez quote the importance of One DA agenda/collaboration in disseminating information to the farmers in combating fake selling of pesticides and educating them.



FPA RFU III - October 14, 2022

PAMPANGA | October 14, 2022 - FPA Region 3 June Ryan De Leon served as resource speaker in Regional Bantay Presyo Monitoring Team (RBPMT) meeting at OTEL Pampanga.

The activity was initiated by DA Region 3.

FPA RFU III - October 14, 2022

IBA, ZAMBALES | October 14, 2022 - FPA Provincial Officer Quirino T. Baterna introduced the functions, mandate, and activities of FPA and delivered a short lecture on the judicious and safe use of pesticides at the Product Stewardship Program of FMC Agro Philippines, Inc. in Tanyaw Beach Resort, Brgy. Amungan, Iba, Zambales last October 14, 2022.

A total of 32 participants, mostly end-users of fertilizers and pesticides in rice production, attended the day activity.

The activity was headed by one of FMC Agro Phils., Inc. Field Supervisor Mr. Sean Biagtan, with his Field Technologists Marvin Bernardo, Jonathan Magbitang, Arvee Neil Liquiran, and Arjay Dela Cruz.



CALABARZON-MIMAROPA



FPA RFU IV - October 25, 2022

LIPA CITY, BATANGAS | October 25, 2022 - Fertilizer and Pesticide Authority Regional Officer (FPA RO) Ms. Suzettie M. Alcaide presented the region's accomplishment at the 4th Quarter Regional Management Committee (RMC) Meeting last October 25, 2022 at DA LARES Conference Room, Maraouy, Lipa City, Batangas.

During the meeting, RO Alcaide reported that the FPA RFU-IV CALABARZON managed to monitor 678 (77% of the target) handlers/establishments and a total of 4,331 products as of September 2022. Additionally, the CALABARZON team (excluding Rizal) has issued a total of 221 licenses from January to September 2022 and was able to conduct a total of three (3) trainings.

RO Alcaide was accompanied by Ms. Georlene P. Orbista, FPA Provincial Officer of Batangas in attending the said meeting.

BICOL REGION



FPA RFU V - October 7, 2022

LIGAO CITY, ALBAY | October 7, 2022 – Fertilizer and Pesticide Authority Bicol Region attended the PhilRice Bicol Farmer's Field Day to address the farmers' concerns on fertilizer price hike at the PhilRice Bicol Station, Batang, Ligao City on October 7, 2022.

The said activity was facilitated by the Rice Specialists' Training Course (RSTC) participants and also attended by different partner agencies such as the Philippine Crop Insurance Corporation (PCIC), Philippine Center for Postharvest Development and Mechanization (PhilMech), and Bureau of Plant Industry - National Seed Quality Control Services (BPI-NSQCS). Before the end of the program, the facilitators provided an open forum "Palaytalakayan" to address the concerns of farmer participants.

The farmers in attendance were from barangays of Sta. Cruz, Binanowan, Bongoran, Ligao City and Balogo, Oas, Albay.



FPA RFU V - October 11, 2022

LIGAO CITY, ALBAY | October 11, 2022 – Regional Officer (RO) Gabriel B. Atole attended Lakbay Palay: Bukid Tipid Tips, Subukan! on October 11, 2022, at the Department of Agriculture Philippine Rice Research Institute (DA-PhilRice) branch station, Batang, Ligao City.

DA-PhilRice organized the event, and 392 farmers from the provinces of Albay, Camarines Norte, Camarines Sur, Masbate, Sorsogon, and Northern Samar were in attendance.

In addition, DA Regional Field Office 5 presented the different programs of the Department of Agriculture that will alleviate the farm productivity and income of the farmers. They also promoted different banner programs and projects such as seed distribution, fertilizer discount vouchers, financial assistance, fuel subsidy, and provision of farm machinery throughout the activity.



ZAMBOANGA PENINSULA

FPA RFU IX October 18, 2022

SAN MIGUEL, ZAMBOANGA DEL SUR | October 18, 2022 - FPA Regional Officer Mr. Alex S. Paalisbo and Zamboanga del Sur Provincial Officer Mr. Michael P. Tuico served as resource speakers on Integrated Nutrient and Pest Management training for farmer leaders and facilitator of Yamang Lupa Scale-Up Program in Zamboanga Peninsula at San Miguel, Zamboanga del Sur.



DAVAO REGION



FPA RFU XI - OCTOBER 14, 2022

DIGOS CITY, DAVAO DEL SUR | OCTOBER 14, 2022 - Fertilizer and Pesticide Authority (FPA) Provincial Officer (PO) Imelda Rasay discussed safe pesticide handling on DXKL 97.5 Radyo Astig last October 14, 2022.

The radio guesting was part of FPA's commitment to providing knowledge-based awareness on the safe and judicious use of agricultural inputs and updates. FPA will continue to guest on the program every 2nd Friday of the month on DXKL 97.5 Radyo Astig in Digos City, Davao del Sur. The said radio program was co-sponsored by the United Top Agro Products with General Trade Manager Mr. Chito Eltagonde, which was also live-streamed on Facebook.



FPA RFU XI - OCTOBER 18-20, 2022

DAVAO ORIENTAL | OCTOBER 18-20, 2022 - Fifty-four (54) dealers joined the 2-day cluster meetings initiated by the Davao Oriental Fertilizer and Pesticide Dealers Association Inc. (DOFPDA Inc.) Officers in Mati City and the 11 municipalities in Davao Oriental.

The target of the cluster meeting and visitation was to maximize the presence of DOFPDA to all its members as one association and for the association to grow. DOFPDA was established in 2018 with its official registration with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) in January 2020.

Furthermore, the DOFPDA looks forward to conducting its General Assembly this coming December, where the rest of the topics, new FPA updates, and recreational activities will be discussed.

FPA RFU XI - October 18 & 20, 2022

DAVAO DEL SUR | October 18 & 20, 2022 - Fertilizer and Pesticide Authority (FPA) joined the consultation meeting conducted in Brgy. Matti in Digos City (October 18, 2022), and Brgy. Leling in Hagonoy (October 20, 2022) to discuss the regulations governing mango spraying and the banning of some practices that affected the lives of the nearby communities.

Overall, 23 participants were in attendance, including the Barangay LGU, City Agriculture, City Health, City Environment and Natural Resources Office (CENRO), and FPA, together with the respondents, mango contractors, and residents of said barangays.



SOCCSKSARGEN

FPA RFU XII

October 13, 2022

SARANGANI | October 13, 2022 - Fertilizer and Pesticide Authority Regional Officer (RO) Alita C. Bornea and Provincial Officer Joey B. Pascua paid a courtesy visit to the Municipal Agriculture Office (MAO) of Maasim through its Municipal Agriculturist, Susan B. Baya.

FPA distributed IEC Materials and brochures like Gabay sa Tamang Paggamit ng Pestisidyo, Gabay sa Tamang Paggamit Ng Abono, and the List of Banned and Restricted Pesticides in the Philippines to the MAO to display in their Farmers' Information and Technology Services (FITS) Center.



CARAGA

FPA RFU CARAGA

Oct. 11, 2022

FPA Caraga was invited by San Francisco Farmers Federation in their monthly meeting to discuss FPA's P.D. 1144 and its implementing rules and regulations.

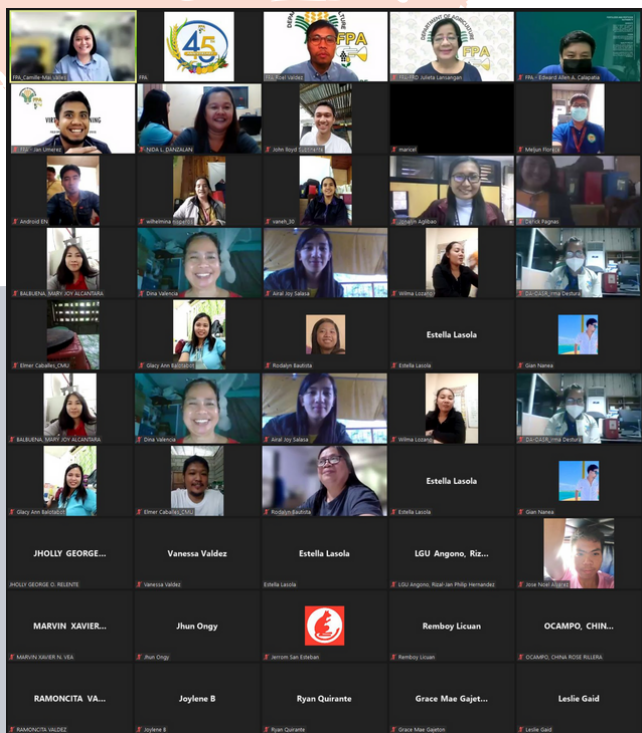
Provincial Officer Abraham Ligan lectured on the safe and proper handling of pesticides to 62 farmers participants at the department of Agriculture conference hall in San Francisco, Agusan Del Sur last October 11, 2022.



OTHER ACTIVITIES



FPA Central Office - October 25, 2022



The Fertilizer and Pesticide Authority conducted a webinar entitled: "Proper Usage of Fertilizer and Pesticide" in cooperation with the Department of Agriculture – Food Safety Focal Group, wherein 41 participants attended on Zoom last October 25, 2022 (1:30 - 4:30 PM).

The webinar was in line with the theme of Food Safety Awareness Week: Sapat at Ligtas na Pagkain, Ating Adhikain, Sa Hapag ng Bawat Pamilyang Pilipino, Ating Siguruhin that aimed to highlight the proper usage of these inputs from handling up to its disposal to safeguard the public from the risks it poses.

Provincial Agriculturist Mr. Roel Valdez served as the guest speaker in the webinar.

FPA Central Office - October 26-27, 2022

The Philippine Association of Entomologists, Inc. (PAE) conducted its 1st Training Workshop for Bioefficacy Researchers of Veterinary disinfectants, IGRs, veterinary insecticides and other agricultural chemicals in animal facilities via Zoom Platform last October 26-27, 2022. A total of 27 participants attended the said activity.



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