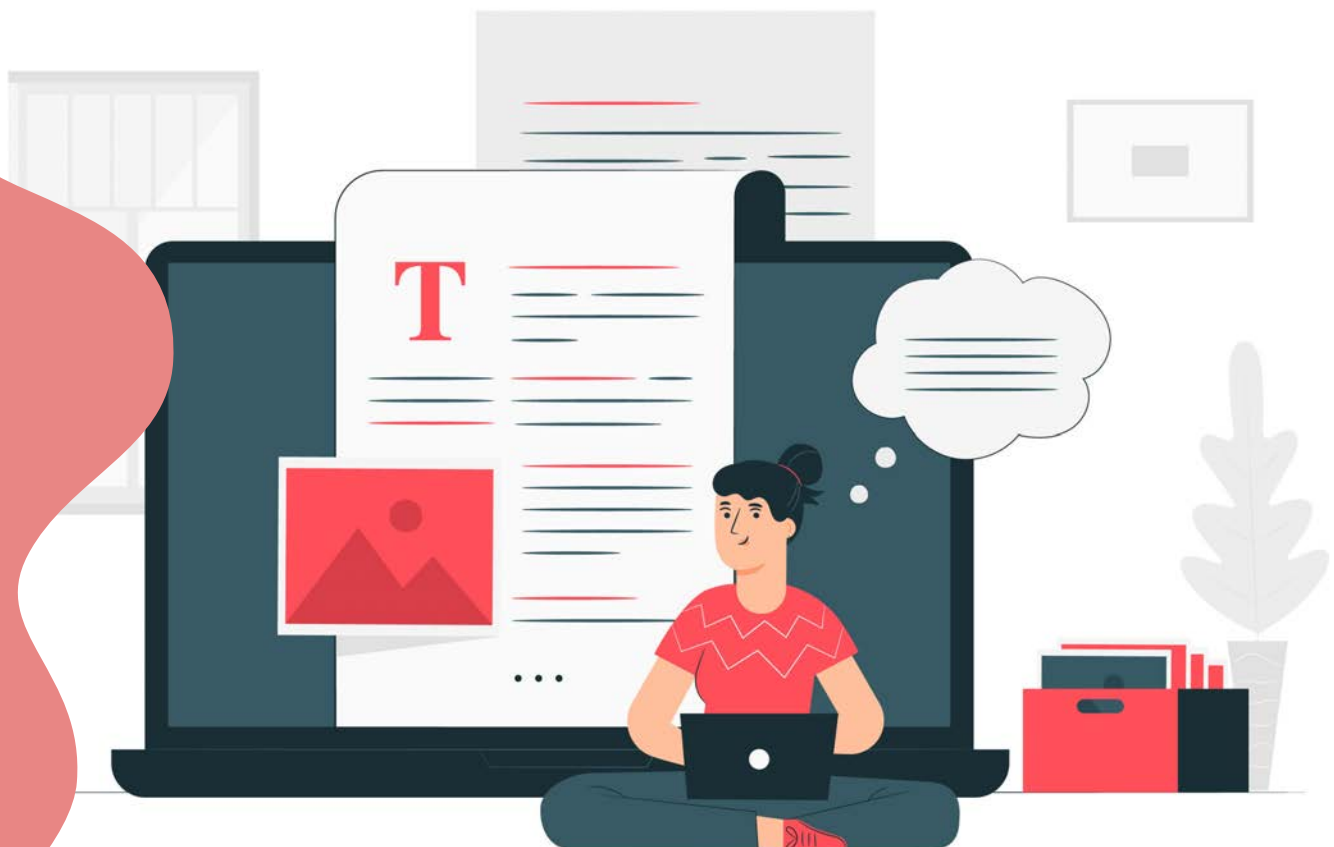


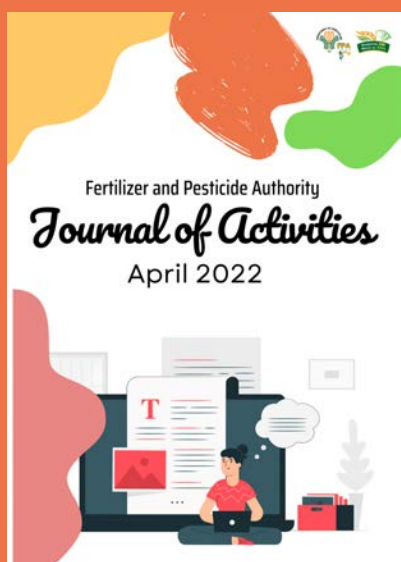


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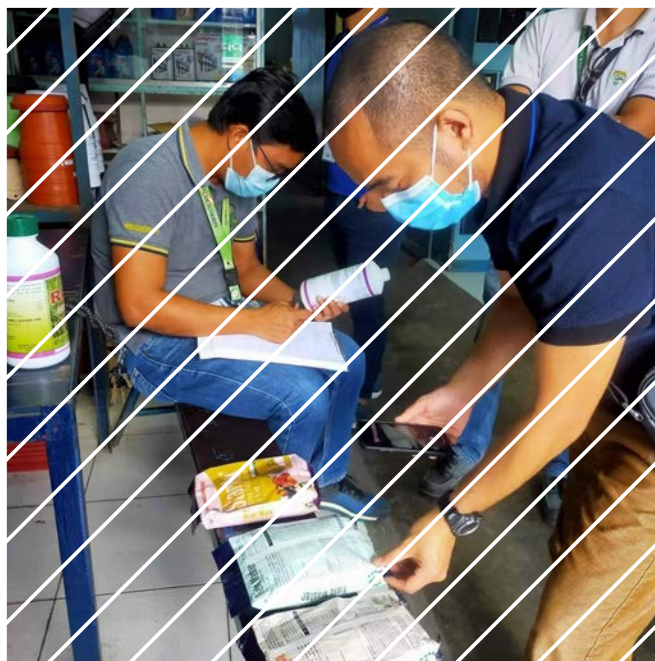
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ENFORCING FPA'S MANDATE IN THE FIELD



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

FPA Western Visayas - April 1, 2022

Provincial Officers (PO) Ryan Gelladula and Raymund Alfor inspected the fertilizer bagging being done by the improper La Filipina Uy Gongco in La Filipina Port, Incore, Lapaz, Iloilo City.

The fertilizer grade is 21-0-0 (Amigo Planters) with 125,000 bags originated from China.



FPA Ilocos Region - April 4, 2022

Provincial Officer (PO) Noel Tablada inspected the Dennis L. Ang warehouse owned and managed by ULPI Currimao Branch at Currimao, Ilocos Norte to check its compliance with good house keeping and following minimum health and safety operation standards.



FPA Western Visayas - April 4, 2022

PO Francis Felimon Villamon monitored the fertilizer bagging operation of Urea Prilled from Indonesia by La Filipina Uy Gongco for brands Amigo Planters & Planters Gold.

However, due to unfavorable weather condition, the bagging operation was temporarily stopped.



FPA Western Visayas - April 5, 2022

The FPA Western Visayas and the Legal Team filed a case against the violator of Section 8 of PD 1144 in relation to Section 3 of the FPA Accredited Safety Dispenser Rules and Regulation No. 1, series of 1977 at the Office of the Provincial Prosecutor, Province of Aklan.



FPA SOCKSARGEN - April 6-7, 2022

Regional Officer (RO) Alita Bornea and Provincial Officer (PO) Joey Pascua conducted a Risk Appraisal Assessment and Product Monitoring, for Franpac Agri Business Inc., RP Bahrain Harvest Inc., and Dana Fresh Agri Development Inc. The activity's objective is to ensure that the Plantation's Occupational Health and Safety Program is regularly implemented to maintain a safe working environment and that fertilizer and pesticide products are handled, stored, and used safely, following the applicable rules and regulations on product labeling.



FPA Ilocos Region - April 7, 2022

FPA Ilocos Region conducted an EUP inspection/monitoring from the National Tobacco Administration on the label expansion for tobacco of the product "New Inorganic NEB plus" owned by Enviro Scope Synergy, Inc. The inspection is being done to see if the conducted field trial meets the FPA's standard protocols for bioefficacy testing.



FPA Davao Region - April 19-20, 2022

Thirteen (13) establishments were issued a Notice of Violation (NoV) during the clean-up drive operation conducted in Davao de Oro and Davao Oriental on April 19-20, 2022 for selling fertilizer and pesticide products without a license to operate. These establishments were advised to obtain a permit and accreditation from the agency and attend the ASD training by the FPA RFU XI Team led by RO Marris Napalit.

There were four (4) dealers and dealer-repackers in New Bataan, four (4) in Davao de Oro's Maragusan, and five (5) in Lupon, Davao Oriental issued the said NoVs. Moreover, Stop Use, Move, Sale (SUMS) orders were issued to three (3) establishments for selling unregistered and expired agricultural inputs. The FPA has confiscated 400 items in total.

A clean-up drive operation is a regular enforcement activity in the field to determine whether fertilizer and pesticide handlers and the products they sell to the public and the warehouses comply with existing FPA rules and regulations.



FPA CARAGA - April 19-20, 2022

FPA CARAGA conducted field monitoring of banana plantations in Surigao del Sur.



FPA Bicol Region - April 19-21, 2022

A team from the Fertilizer Regulations Division (FRD) composed of Mr. Marlo Deblouis; Engr. Jesson Garcia; and Mr. Mike Cuento conducted a spot monitoring/inspection of manufacturing plants and dealers in the Bicol Region. The activity aims to monitor their compliance to FPA standards for quality, safe handling, industrial/ occupational health, and safety in fertilizer manufacturing plants and stores, and impose penalties and sanctions for violations of rules and standards.

The FRD team was also accompanied by POs Engr. Christopher Nunez, Engr. Ardon Ryan Nee-Estuye, and Engr. Cris Legaspi.



FPA Bicol Region - April 19-22, 2022

During the 14th National Rice Technology Forum (NRTF) held on April 19-22, 2022 at SARFC, San Ramon, Bula, Camarines Sur, the Camarines Sur PO Engr. Christopher Nunez observed the drone spray demonstration conducted by New Hope Precision Agriculture Corporation with the use of pesticide product from Syngenta Philippines, Inc. and foliar fertilizer from Yara International. The 14th NRTF showcases the use of drones for seeder and spray application of fertilizer and pesticide.



FPA Northern Mindanao - April 19-22, 2022

FPA Northern Mindanao, led by RO Ma. Sonia Calleja, along with the FPA Legal Team, conducted a warehouse audit of Del Monte Philippines, Incorporated (DMPI) in Camp Philips, Manolo Fortich, Bukidnon.

Ms. Charmaine Pailagao, DMPI Pollution Control Officer, presented the DMPI's historical background and the measures to protect the environment and soil health from the harmful effects of pesticides and fertilizers.

FPA Northern Mindanao and the Legal Team found out that the repacking area is vulnerable to air disturbances especially to formulated pesticides. They recommended to enclose the area to avoid air disturbances and possible pesticide contamination.



FPA CARAGA - April 20, 2022

FPA CARAGA led by RO Danilo Negre met with the company's corporate director to discuss the concerns related to storage, handling, and application of agrochemicals in their banana plantation. The director of the company promised to settle the matter accordingly.



FPA Cagayan Valley - April 21, 2022

To monitor compliance and ensure operational safety standards of Fertilizer and Pesticide Handlers and Institutional Pesticide Users, PO Robert Salvador conducted a warehouse inspection in Brgy. of Nappacu, Reina Mercedes, Isabela.

The said warehouse was owned and operated by Universal Leaf Philippines Incorporated (ULPI). During the inspection, it was observed that most of the operational safety standards were being followed however, there were some recommendations given to improve the operations and make their warehouse a better and safer place to work.



FPA Davao Region - April 21, 2022

FPA Davao conducted a banana plantation inspection in the municipality of Pantukan in Davao de Oro and in Lupon, Davao Oriental with RO Napalit and POs Rustom Gain Tanduyan and Junette Cano.

The activity highlights the ocular inspection of its chemical mixing facilities especially on the functionalities of the equipment, disposal of excess waste, safety of the chemical handlers during chemical operations and more. Moreover, the team inspected the warehouses of fertilizers and pesticides, and their good housekeeping practices, and its order.



FPA CARAGA - April 21, 2022

FPA CARAGA led by RO Danilo Negre conducted random fertilizer sampling and weighing to different F/P handlers in Bayugan City, Agusan del Sur to ensure that the quality and quantity of fertilizers being sold in the local markets are within the FPA's specified standards.



FPA Cagayan Valley - April 26, 2022

PO Keith Vincent Mabanag, conducted a plant and warehouse inspection of MISCHA Agro Industrial Corporation in Cauayan City, Isabela to monitor compliance and observed processes in the formulation and production of locally formulated fertilizers in the region.



FPA CALABARZON-MIMAROPA - April 27, 2022

The FPA CALABARZON-MIMAROPA team, together with Ms. Lovely Luar-Perez, Senior Agriculturist from PRD, observed the re-works of BASF Philippines, Inc. for their eight products. The activity was held in Carmona, Cavite.



FPA Davao Region - April 27, 2022

PO Louie T. Palarao conducted an inspection on product re-works of pesticides at ILAECO Warehouse, Brgy. Ilang, Davao City. The re-works is for updating the shelf-life extension of the said pesticides based the results of storage stability test.

This activity was supported with FPA-approved documents prior to the updating of the pesticide's shelf-life making it ready to be sold again in the market.



FPA Davao Region - April 27, 2022

RO Napalit and PO Imelda Rasay joined a planting activity of cavendish banana plantlets at the Hagonoy Trial Hub Crop Protection Development in Hagonoy, Davao del Sur.

The activity served as starting ground for the company's operation to conduct its EUP for the new crop protection technology in form of pesticide that would hopefully make a breakthrough in controlling Furasium Wilt Disease.



FPA SOCCKSARGEN - April 27-28, 2022

To ensure the quality and to safeguard the worker's social and economic well-being as well as the physical safety and health, the FPA Region XII headed by RO Bornea with PO Pascua, conducted a Plantation Audit and Warehouse Inspection at Sumifru Philippines Corporation and Dole Philippines Inc. located at T'boli, South Cotabato

During the inspection, it was found that the plantation is compliant with good housekeeping. All the equipment are in good condition, readily accessible, and can contain spill and fires. Ventilation and tidiness were also good. As well as the storage of products are neat, stable, easily accessible and compliant to healthy and safety protocols.



FPA Davao Region - April 29, 2022

RO Napalit together with the FPA Legal Team monitored fertilizer and pesticide handlers in Davao City.

The activity focused on the inspection of warehouses and some dealers in the city. FPA Legal Team took this opportunity to situate and look for more options especially on-ground operations of FPA Field Officers as they fulfill the mandates in the field considering these Field Officers as law enforcers.



ACCREDITATION TRAININGS AND SYMPOSIA



Accounts on:

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

FPA Northern Mindanao - April 1, 2022

FPA Northern Mindanao led by RO Ma. Sonia Calleja conducted "safe and judicious use of pesticide" training to the employees of CDT Pest Control and Services in Cagayan de Oro City to equip chemical handlers on the knowledge of proper handling of pesticides during transport, mixing, application and disposal.



FPA Zamboanga Peninsula - April 4, 2022

In cooperation with the Department of Agriculture (DA) Special Area for Agricultural Development (SAAD), the Fertilizer and Pesticide Authority (FPA) Deputy Executive Director for Fertilizer (DEDF) Myer Mula visited different commodity projects in the municipalities of Piñan and Mutia on April 04, 2022.

Along with FPA Zamboanga Peninsula's team, Dr. Mula listened to the insights shared by the farmers regarding the volatility of fertilizer prices and their effects on their current lives.

In response, Dr. Mula informed them of the Balanced Fertilization Strategy (BFS), a current program of the Department of Agriculture, which involves the application of inorganic and organic fertilizer in the soil depending on the nutrients that the soil needs. He further explained that BFS caters to specific crops, maintaining healthy soil and farm produce, which will result in lesser dependency and usage of imported fertilizer.

The FPA team lectured on the safe and effective use of fertilizer and pesticides. They also informed the attendees that a training workshop will be scheduled soon. The workshop shall focus on the responsible use of crop protection products and a step-by-step guide on BFS. The FPA Zamboanga team was composed of RO Alex Paalisbo and POs, Mark Bohol and Charlie Limbag.



FPA CAR - April 4, 2022

As part of the month-long celebration of the 13th Eco-Agri Tourism and Bindigan Festival, the Fertilizer and Pesticide Authority (FPA) in the Cordillera Administrative Region (CAR) collaborated with the Local Government Unit (LGU) of Kabayan, Benguet to conduct an alternative Accredited Safety Dispenser (ASD) training at Pine Cone Lodge Function Hall, Palenas, Poblacion, Kabayan on April 12, 2022. Inocencio Bernard, the GAP focal person of the Office of the Benguet Provincial Agriculturist, gave a lecture on Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) during the training. A total of 44 Benguet farmers benefited from the training.

RO Rogelio Tanguid and PO Rowena Billig represented the FPA CAR team. Municipal Agriculturist Geoffrey Binaliw of the Office of the Municipal Agriculture led the LGU team (OMAg). In addition, the VALAP Incorporated contributed to the activity by providing fertilizer samples and prizes that were raffled off before the session ended.



FPA Bicol Region - April 13, 2022

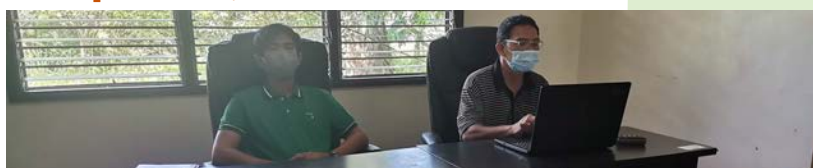
PO Engr. Nunez conducted a 4-hour alternative Accredited Safety Dispenser training at FPA-R5 Training Room, 2nd floor Farmer's Hall, DA-RF05 Cmpd., San Agustin, Pili, Camarines Sur, to prospected fertilizer and pesticide dealers who want to secure their FPA dealership license and be knowledgeable on the safe handling and dispensing of fertilizer and pesticide products.

The training was attended by 6 participants.



FPA Central Visayas - April 19, 2022

PO Andy Cornell Bornillo facilitated the online examination for a Certified Pesticide Applicator (CPA) - Exterminator administered in Bohol Provincial Office.



FPA CALABRZON-MIMAROPA - April 20, 2022

A total of 20 fertilizer and pesticide dealers from different municipalities in Quezon attended the stakeholder's meeting conducted at Quezon Agricultural Research and Experiment Station (QARES), Tiaong, Quezon.

The meeting was held to discuss the fertilizer industry situation in the Philippines and factors affecting the price of fertilizers. FPA RFU IV led by RO Suzettie Alcaide also introduced the concept of the BFS Program and encouraged the dealers to be the FPA's partners in promoting the said program to the farmers. Further, new policies and guidelines were also presented to the attendees. It was also emphasized during the meeting that the dealers should be FPA's partner in helping our Filipino farmers.

Present in the meeting was Mr. Rolando P. Cuasay, APCO-Quezon, who welcomed the participants.



FPA SOCKSARGEN - April 20, 2022

FPA SOCKSARGEN, led by RO Bornea, trained 84 individuals as an Accredited Safety Dispensers of fertilizer and pesticide products at Palm Pavilion in Tacurong City.



FPA Cagayan Valley - April 21, 2022

FPA Cagayan Valley attended the regular meeting of PAFC-Nueva Vizcaya where RO Leonardo Bangad discussed the reasons for the fertilizer price hike and the implementation of the Balanced Fertilization Strategy (BFS) as a coping mechanism to lower the cost of farm inputs while not sacrificing the yield.

The meeting was attended by MAFC Chairman of Nueva Vizcaya and hosted by the PAO of Nueva Vizcaya.



FPA CALABARZON-MIMAROPA - April 22, 2022

A total of 28 participants from the provinces of Cavite, Laguna, and Batangas completed the training for Accredited Safety Dispenser for fertilizer and Pesticide at Hotel Dominique in Tagaytay City.

The training was facilitated by FPA RFU IV headed by RO Suzettie Alcaide and her POs Allan Jade Rojo, Mark Nicky Larga, Edmar Bundalian, Georlene Orbista. The team also invited Mr. Bong Baral of Savers Alliance Trading Corp who serves as one of the speakers during the training.



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

FPA Western Visayas - April 4, 2022

FPA joins the National Techno Conference organized by the Planters Product, Inc.

RO Noel Negre was one of the invited resource speakers who discussed the FPA rules and regulations. He shared the private and government have a common goal – to serve the farmers. He also shared the benefits of the product stewardship program wherein it educates the agriculture sector/farmers on the safe and judicious use of pesticides.

This activity was participated in by district managers and field technicians of the chemical companies.



FPA CARAGA - April 5, 2022

RO Danilo Negre was invited to lecture on the Balanced Fertilization Strategy (BFS), safe handling of pesticides, effects of pesticides on humans, animals, insects, and the environment, and insecticides resistance management to 32 DA LGU-AEW at PhilRice Research Complex in RTR, Agusan del Norte.



FPA Western Visayas - April 6, 2022

RO Noel V. Negre had an interview via phone in RMN Iloilo radio station and DA R6 Regional Broadcaster Center.

He discussed the present scenario on the recent spike in fertilizer prices in Western Visayas especially in the Province of Negros Occidental. Moreover, he informed the public that the FPA monitors fertilizer prices on a weekly basis and conducts inventory, random weighing, and sampling to assure that the quality and quantity of fertilizer are within the FPA's prescribed standards.

He also discussed the program of the government under the OneDA Reform Agenda to help mitigate the impact of fertilizer prices thru the Balance Fertilization Strategy. He encouraged the farmers to adopt organic fertilizer to enhance microorganisms, improve soil condition, and coordinate with the DA-Regional Soils Laboratory for a soil analysis to determine the available nutrients and its recommendation.



FPA Central Visayas - April 6, 2022

Aldiz Incorporated and Enasia Import Export Corporation in partnership with FPA Region 7 conducted a Product Stewardship Program held in Baucan Norte, Balilihan, and in Riverside Bilar, Bohol with Deputy Executive Director for Pesticide Eric C. Divinagracia as Guest of Honor.

The Product Stewardship Program is a requirement for all pesticide companies/registrants wherein they are made primarily responsible for the conduct of training of handlers and the public on the safe and judicious use of pesticides and dissemination of information materials.



FPA CAR - April 8, 2022

PO Rodell Goha-od served as a resource speaker to DA - CAR Package of Technology (POT) cum Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) training on Upland Vegetables at Green Amkaweng Inn and Restaurant, Bauko, Mt. Province.

He discussed the safe and judicious use of fertilizer and pesticides in vegetable production, contributory factors to the fertilizer price increase in the market, and the BSF of the Department of Agriculture.

The training was attended by 42 participants from different farmers' organizations in Bauko, Mt. Province.



FPA Bicol Region - April 8, 2022

To discuss the fertilizer supply & price situation in both local & national settings, RO Gabriel Atole served as a resource person during the 1st Quarter Meeting of Municipal/City Agriculturists and Rice Report Officers in the Bicol Region at Villa Caceres Hotel, Naga City.



FPA Davao Region - April 8, 2022

FPA Davao Region represented by PO Lorie Palaras was invited by the Department of Agriculture Philippine Good Agricultural Practices (PhilGAP) as a resource speaker for GAP training on vegetable production held, at the Food Terminal Inc., Dalião, Toril, Davao City.

Thirty (30) farmers participated in the seminar. PO Palarao discussed two (2) GAP modules specifically Environmental Management and Workers' Health, Safety and Welfare.

For his discussion of Environmental Management, PO Palarao tackled the potential environmental hazards or negative environmental impacts that occur on and off the property as a result of the production, harvesting, and postharvest handling of fruits and vegetables.

For worker's health, safety, and welfare, he pointed out steps to managing the risk of hazards to worker health, safety, and welfare by assisting in the identification and assessment of the risk, as well as controlling, monitoring, and reviewing the hazards.



FPA CAR - April 11-13 2022

RO Rogelio B. Tanguid and PO Rowena F. Billig lectured on safe and effective use of fertilizer and pesticide products to 18 vegetable growers from Baguio City and four members of Kabataang Agribusiness from Itogon, Tuba, La Trinidad, and Baguio City.

The activity was held during the training on Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) for highland vegetables and fruits conducted by the HVCDP, DA-CAR at Eco-Lodge Magsaysay Ave., Baguio City.

FPA Bicol Region - April 12, 2022

RO Gabriel Atole served as resource person & discussed the topic of "Balanced Fertilization Strategy (BFS) Program: FPA Commitment on OneDA Approach" during the "Webinar on Farm Diversification with High-Value Crops: Key to Recovery & Sustained Growth" which is part of the 2022 High-Value Crops Week conducted by the Department of Agriculture-RF05.



FPA Ilocos Region - April 13, 2022

POs Medardo Santiago and Noel Tablada, in coordination with the Municipal Agriculture Office of Cabugao, Ilocos Sur, headed by Mr. Edgar Balangatan, discussed the proper disposal of pesticide and unsound fertilizer to the members of the Free Farmers' Cooperative and Farmer leaders of farming communities from the different barangays of Cabugao.

Also present during the event was the Manager of the Cooperative, a representative from Atlas who donated 1200 bags of fertilizer to the attendees, and Atty. Errol John Ramos of the FPA Central Office.



FPA Western Visayas - April 19, 2022

PO Raymund Alfor presented the factors affecting the price hike in the global scenario and the BFS program implemented by DA and FPA during the sectoral meeting initiated by the Provincial Agri-Fishery Council (PAFC) at Roxas City, Capiz. PO Alfor also highlighted the role of FPA and its mandate.



FPA SOCCKSARGEN - April 19, 2022

RO Bornea and PO Jennie Basilio discussed the mandates and services of FPA during the Corn Field Day and Farm Services Showcase and Demonstration at South Cotabato. RO Bornea emphasized the safe and judicious use of agricultural pesticides and discussed the factors influencing the uptrend fertilizer price in the country and the adaption of BFS to address land degradation issues and preserve soil health.

The event was organized by the Green Mindanao Producers' Cooperative (GMPC)



OTHER ACTIVITIES



April 18, 2022

To continually ensure the quality of services of FPA Regional Field Unit V (RFU-5), a team from Fertilizer Regulations Division (FRD) composed of Mr. Marlo B. Deblois; Engr. Jesson E. Garcia; and Mr. Mike P. Cuento conducted an audit of the process of issuance of licenses in compliance with P.D. 1144, its IRR, and ISO 9001:2015 standards.



April 19-22, 2022



The FPA legal team visited Northern Mindanao to give updates on the laws and issuances (2022).

This aims to supplement the field officers in the implementation of the directives issued by the agency to fulfill its mandates. Moreover, to exercise the appropriate enforcement procedures in the field.

April 22, 2022



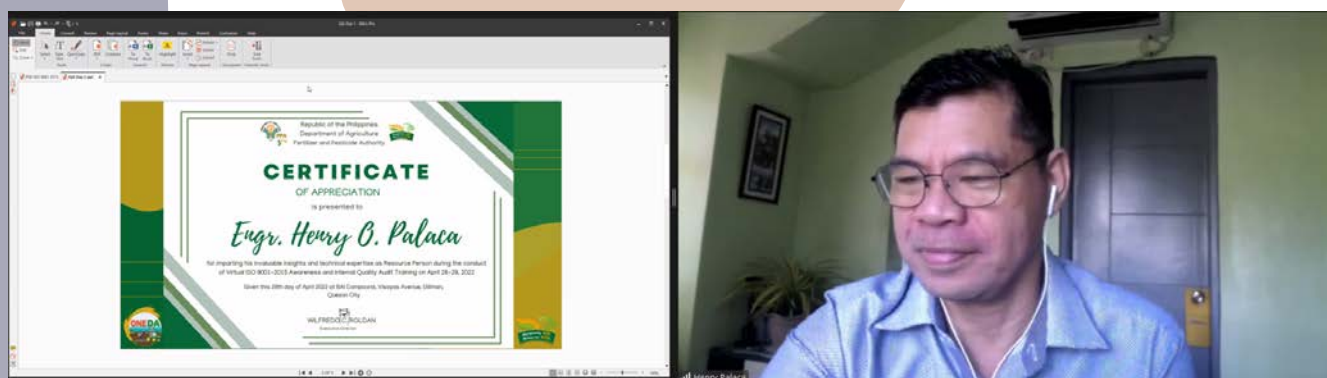
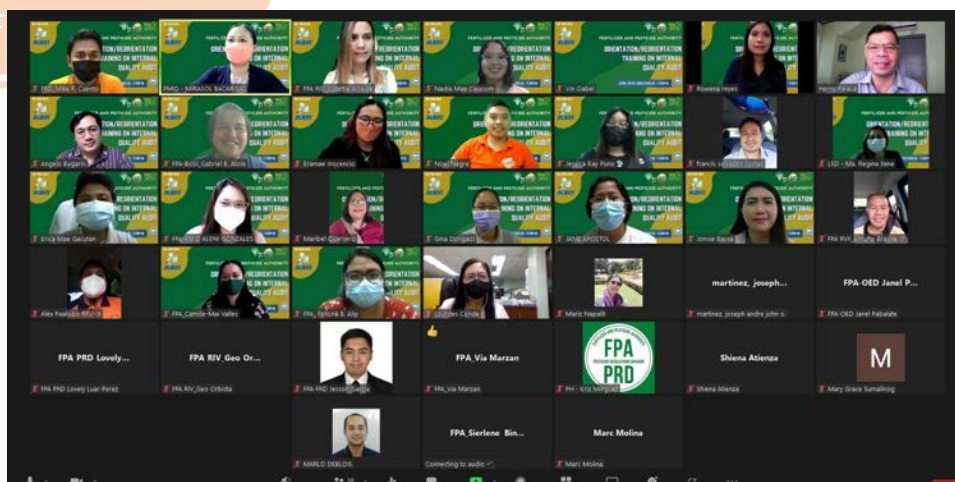
RO Noel Negre being the Collection Officer of Region VI submitted himself to the cash examination by the Commission on Audit held at the FPA Regional Office, Parola, Iloilo City.

April 21-22, 2022

In order to equip the FPA Risk Management Team (RMT) with knowledge on risk management implementation, assessment and treatment options, which form part of the compliance of the FPA in its ISO 9001:2015 Certification requirements, the RMT members composed of Digna De Leon, Angelo Bugarin, Ma. Theresa Oliveros, Sharmaine Tecson, Marlo Deblois, Edward Allen Calapatia, Aleni Peach Gonzales, and Jayar Rivera attended a 2-day risk management webinar organized by the Quality Plus Management Consulting Co..



April 28-29, 2022



To ensure conformity and effective implementation and maintenance of the FPA Quality Management System (QMS), the Internal Quality Audit Team headed by its Audit Team Leader Ms. Suzettie Alcaide is spearheading an Orientation/Reorientation Training on Internal Quality Audit via Zoom.

The training is facilitated by Engr. Henry Palaca, President of QualityPlus Management Consulting Co. and an Organizational Management Expert. A total of 50 personnel attended:

1. Incumbent IQA Members - 19 personnel
2. Prospective IQA Team members - 17 personnel
3. Regional Field Unit's Representatives - 14 personnel

The training/workshop enables the participants to learn the ISO 900:2015 principles, concepts, and auditing requirements, understand the entire audit cycle from planning to follow-up audit, and execute an effective internal audit for continual improvement of the FPA QMS. This IQA training also is conducted in preparation for the internal quality audit of the agency to be scheduled for June 2022 and the ISO surveillance audit in August 2022.

April 29, 2022



The PGIN welcomes the Honorable Secretary of the Department of Agriculture, Dr. William Dar as he led the the awarding and distribution of DA interventions in the Province of Ilocos Norte. Various Farmer organizations, fisherfolks and other stakeholders were the recipients in this activity.

As an Agency under the the umbrella of the Dept.of Agriculture, the FPA Ilocos Norte Provincial Office represented by Mr.Noel M. Tablada attended the said activity as support to the OneDA reform agenda /framework.

April 29, 2022



FPA Legal Team joined the FPA XI field officers in the actual monitoring and inspection of fertilizer and pesticide handlers in the area.

Atty. Janel Aquino Pabalate, FPA Legal Officer also shared some heads up on the directives (Memo Circulars, Office Circulars, Department Circulars) and other technical know-how every field officer should know especially when it comes to law enforcement and fulfilling the mandates in the field.

The lectures shared by the FPA Legal Team will help every field officer to have a better gauge, a clear picture, and get updated on what should be done in and out of the office as a field officer.





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